

Minutes of the 173rd Meeting of the Faculty Senate

Thursday, May 16th, 2024 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in person (1P-119) & virtually.

Faculty Senate (FS) Members in Attendance:

Zaghloul Ahmed, Comfort Asanbe, Alan Benimoff, Jason Bishop, Vandana Chaudhry, Cynthia Chris, Andrew Colbeck, David Curcio, Deborah DeSimone, Christine Flynn Saulnier, Valerie Forrestal, Kenneth Gold, Patti Gross, Roshen Hendrickson, Susan Holak, Burnett Joiner, Wilma Jones, Catherine Lavender, Alfred Levine, Timothy Lynch, Lisa Manne, Lee Papa, Michael Paris, Jonathan Peters, Greg Philips, Sarah Pollack, Don Selby, Susan Smith-Peter, Carles Solà Belda, Michael Steiper, Thomas Tellefsen, John Verzani, Simone Wegge, Siona Wilson, John Wing, Mark Zdziarski, and Sarah Zelikovitz.

FS Members via Zoom:

Gene Fellner, Rosane Gertner, Yumei Huo, Mark Aaron Polger, Mark White, and Cindy Wong.

Guests In-Person:

Cheryl Adolph, Michael Anderson, Karen Arca-Contreras, Warrick Bell, Maria Bellamy, Jennifer Calvra, Sharon Christian, Jessica Collura, Brian Cortijo, Lynne Curbelo, Danna Curcio, Rafael de la Dehesa, Nina Del Gatto, Michael Dreher, Aleks Dudek, Valkiria Duran-Naruki, Jennifer Durando, Emmanuel Esperance, Katrina Fama, Stephen Ferst, Glenn Garbe Sheehan, Linda Goffin, Hernan Green, Neila Green, Michel Hodge, Danielle Hunton, Steven James, Marianne Jeffreys, Patty Kahn, Anna Lambert, Jacqueline Lamberti, Michael Lederhandler, Michael Levitas, Mark Lewental, Carey Manifold, Susan Massara, Tara Mastroilli, Mary Murphy, Magalie Pantermarakis, Ralf Peetz, Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Terri Sangiorgio, Donna Scimeca, Alex Scott, Suzy Shepardson, Jessica Stein, Amy Stempler, Rosemary Vitale, and Robert Wallace.

Guests via Zoom:

Anjail Ameen-Rice, Marta Cabral, Thomas Chen, Barbara Cohen, Linda Conte, Cheryl Craddock, Celeste del Maestro, Clarissa Domingo, Catherine Ferrara, Stephanie Gonzalez Allen, Doriann Hyland, Michele Karpeles, Jane Kisto, Koby Kohulan, Lisa Korchma, Lynne Lacomis, Thomas Lauria, Marie Levine, David Maxon, Ananya Mukherjea, Edward Patri, David Pizzuto, Angelina Raio, Bethany Rogers, Anna Romano, Janine Scotto, Joyce Taylor, Brenda Valentin and Bryan Webber.

Meeting called to order at 3:33pm by Chair Susan Smith-Peter.

I. Approval of the agenda.

Motion seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate of April 18th, 2024.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Report (Appendix A)

Comment from body: the committees of the Faculty Senate should be able to decide the modality of their own meetings, as opposed to administration, or the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Prof. Michael Paris will bring forward a resolution in the Fall to bring forward a vote by the body on the matter. Discussion followed on whether curriculum committees are decision-making bodies and therefore whether or not they come under the rule of the New York open meetings law. Chair Smith-Peter has recommended this issue be taken up by the bylaws committee, as allowed by Robert's Rules, in Fall 2024. (Please note that the September 2024 Faculty Senate **will** be held in person.)

IV. Provost's Report:

1. Ceremonial acceptance of the official list of over 2000 candidates for graduation for CSI's class of 2024
2. Reminder to get grades in ASAP
3. Fall enrollment is ½% up, but the goal is 4% growth. The goal for Fall 2024 is 11,193 new students and 400 re-enrolled.
4. PSC CUNY awards cycle 55: 70 applicants and 54 awards from CSI
5. Individual faculty accomplishments
6. The EdD in community based leadership is graduating its first class. Dissertation advisors were Ruth Silverberg, Bethany Rogers, David Allen, Katie Cumiskey.
7. Congratulations to Neila Green on her retirement, with applause from the body

V. Consent Agenda

DEGREE CHANGES

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Department of Media Culture
 - a. Change in existing degree: Communications BS: Media Studies
2. Department of Economics
 - a. Change in existing degree: Economics BA
 - b. Change in existing degree: Economics BS
 - c. Change in existing degree: Economics BS: Business
 - d. Change in existing degree: Economics BS: Finance

3. Department of Nursing
 - a. Change in existing degree: Nursing BS – RN to BS completion

GRADUATE

4. Department of Nursing
 - a. Change in existing degree program: DNP Adult Gerontology NP and DNP Adult Gerontology CNS

NEW COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Department of World Languages and Literatures
 - a. New course: ITL/LNG 139 Made in Italy
2. Department of Nursing
 - b. New course: NRS 101 Holistic Self-Care of the Nurse and Nursing Student
 - c. New course: NRS 204 Pharmacology and Medical Dosage Calculations for Nurses
 - d. New course: NRS 208 Foundations of Nursing
 - e. New course: NRS 301 Adult Health Nursing I
 - f. New course: NRS 302 Adult Health Nursing II
 - g. New course: NRS 306 Psychiatric Nursing and Mental Health Wellness
 - h. New course: NRS 401 Adult Health Nursing III
 - i. New course: NRS 412 Nursing Leadership, Management and Care Coordination
 - j. New course: NRS 414 Family-Centered Maternity and Neonatal Nursing
 - k. New course: NRS 415 Nursing Care of Children
 - l. New course: NRS 424 Transition to Professional Practice

GRADUATE

3. Department of Nursing
 - a. New course: NRS 775 Nursing Research Methods
4. Department of Accounting and Finance
 - b. New course: BDA 7XX Drones & Remote Sensing for Commercial and Research Applications

CHANGES IN EXISTING COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Department of Media Culture
 - a. Change in existing course: COM 203 Theories of Communications
 - b. Change in existing course: COM 450 Senior Seminar in Communications Research
2. Department of Nursing
 - a. Change in existing course: NRS 310 Interpersonal Dynamics for Professional Nurses
 - b. Change in existing course: NRS 320 Health Assessment and Physical Examination
 - c. Change in existing course: NRS 410 Community Health Nursing
 - d. Change in existing course: NRS 303 Seminar in Profession
 - e. Change in existing course: NRS 423 Issues in Healthcare and Professional Nursing

GRADUATE

3. Department of Curriculum & Instruction
 - a. Change in existing course: EDD 695 Teacher Research Seminar
Consent agenda moved, seconded, and passed.

- VI. Reports of the Committees of the Faculty Senate
 1. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:
 - a. New degree: Nursing BS – Four-Year degree program
Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- VII. University Faculty Senate Report (Prof. John Verzani)
 1. Recently passed UFS resolutions:
 - a. Resolution for Financial Support toward Student Use of MTA Mass Transit
(<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/committees/plenaries/2024-may/#mta>)
 - b. 2024 Freedom of Expression Resolution
(<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/committees/plenaries/2024-may/#FoE24>)
 - c. Resolution Urging Governor Hochul to Make New York State a National Leader in College Affordability (<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/committees/plenaries/2023-december/#NYSbudget>)
 2. Proposed changes to CUNY bylaws:
 - a. UFS response on proposed changes to the Duties of Chairpersons
(<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/2024/05/15/ufs-response-on-proposed-changes-to-the-duties-of-chairpersons/>)
 - b. UFS Response on Proposed Changes to the Bylaws, part II
(<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/2024/06/17/ufs-response-on-proposed-changes-to-the-bylaws-part-ii/>)

- VIII. Old Business
 1. COACHE survey results presented by Tara Mastrorilli
 - a. Discussion about changes over time (last survey was 2019 and next will be 2025)
 - b. Question about item-by-item breakdown to identify factors that pretenure individuals are less happy at relative to posttenure (contact Tara Mastrorilli for various breakdowns of the data; Bryan Weber mentions there is data in the appendix for those who'd like to look at the numbers.)
 - c. 3 areas of focus for improvement: facilities, governance, and associate professors

- VII. New Business - none

- IX. Announcements - none

- VI. Adjournment. Motion made, seconded, and passed at 4:32 pm

Appendix A: Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report

On May 7, 2024, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with the provost. As mentioned earlier, Faculty Senate will be meeting in person. I should note that Senate falls under the Open Meetings Law, which states that only those with a qualified disability or an emergency will be able to access a special zoom link. All others will need to be in person. The curriculum committees will be meeting in person starting in September.

The provost noted that the administration has already started to reach out to those in the education and health sciences schools in order to discuss what new structure might result from a possible merger or other change.

There was a general discussion about the Freshman Year Experience. The provost noted that one third of the freshman class leaves, something he wants to prevent. The plan is to come up with coordinated services that provide a sense of belonging. These will include advisement and other services. We talked about how the needs of both AA and BA students could be met.

The provost stated that St. George continues to run on a two day schedule and, at the time of the meeting, the college was still looking for a sub-lessee.

There was a discussion about the departmental ceremonies of HSS departments, including about actions taken to make sure that students felt special.

We raised the problem of the CUNY Macaulay commencement being scheduled opposite CSI's commencement. The provost stated that he was aware it wasn't fair to CSI students in Macaulay Honors and that he had made his displeasure known.