

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
May 10, 2018
3:15 pm-4:30 pm in RFK 206
Minutes

Faculty Executive Committee Members Present: Philip Pecorino (Chair), Edmund Clingan, Margot Edlin, and Ted Rosen

Faculty Executive Committee Members Absent: Marvin Gayle, Alicia Sinclair and Cheryl Spencer

Other Faculty Members Present: Professor Julian Stark, Professor Eugene Harris and Professor Simran Kaur

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

1. Proposed Agenda
The proposed agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee (“the Committee”) meeting of April 24, 2018 were approved by a vote of 4 to 0.
3. Treasurer’s Report - The Treasurer, Margot Edlin, presented three reports: (i) Treasurer’s Report Faculty Association Account May 10, 2018 for the period from October 25, 2017 through May 8, 2018; (ii) Treasurer’s Report Faculty Association Account May 10, 2018 Food Pantry Transactions for the period from October 25, 2017 through March 27, 2018; and (iii) Treasurer’s Report for FEC Meeting Thursday, May 10, 2018. Copies of these three reports are attached hereto collectively and made a part hereof as Attachment A.
4. Request to Be Heard - Professor Julian Stark, Professor Eugene Harris and Professor Simran Kaur requested to be heard, which request was granted. Professors Stark, Harris and Kaur asked the Committee to address two questions to President Diane Call. These two questions were:
 - A. Whether it was proper for faculty members who have published in questionable (predatory) journals to continue to serve as chairpersons of academic Departments of the College?
 - B. How can the Administration allow faculty members who have published in questionable (predatory) journals and who have previously been recipients of the College’s Faculty Excellence Award be allowed to continue as past recipients of such award?

After discussion, the Chair advised Professor Stark, Professor Harris and Professor Kaur that the Committee would consider and discuss their request and would advise them subsequently of the Committee’s decision with respect to such request.

5. Faculty Website: Status Report – There was no report.

6. Chairperson’s Report –

The Chairperson presented his report as follows:

- Draft of CUNY Cloud Service Policy – Update - There was discussion of the draft of the CUNY Cloud Service Policy. The Chair reported that CUNY has formed a group of senior administrators and staff that will work through the summer to prepare a revised policy that will seek to address the problems and concerns that were raised in regard to the previous draft policy. The group will include CUNY’s Vice-Chancellor for Legal affairs working with CUNY’s Vice-Chancellor of Research and also CUNY information technology officials.
- Teaching Load Reduction and Reassigned Time – There was discussion of the status of the proposed plans to implement the teaching load reduction. There was discussion of statements made by PSC President Barbara Bowen that all faculty will receive reassigned time in connection with the implementation of the teaching load reduction and reassigned time policy pursuant to the most recent contract. There was discussion that implementation of the policy, which has not been funded, would be made at the college level.

- Referendum on Academic Integrity – Results - The results of the poll on academic integrity conducted by the Committee have been released.
 - Whether There Has Been Appointment of Certain Faculty at QCC in Disregard of Criteria and BOT Requirements – The issue of whether there have been faculty appointments of certain individuals made at QCC which have disregarded criteria and BOT requirements was discussed.
7. Communication to PSC re Email Access – There was discussion of the draft contract provision that had been prepared regarding email access. The committee voted to send this draft provision to Deborah Bell of the PSC for consideration in connection with the ongoing contract negotiations.
 8. Faculty Meeting – Planning for Fall 2018 – There was discussion regarding planning by Alicia Sinclair for the Fall 2018 faculty meeting. Possible discussion topics for the meeting are being considered.
 9. Update- Elections Run by the FEC in 2018 – There was discussion of the elections that are presently being run by the FEC. Voting will continue with regard to these elections through noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018, after which there will be a viewing of the results. There was also discussion of the May 3, 2018 email sent by the Chair to Vice-President Sherri Newcomb containing the FEC’s proposed protocol for the operation of future elections.
 10. Communication from Dean Liza Larios – There was discussion of the May 2, 2018 communication sent to the Committee by Dean Liza Larios and a possible response to this communication by the Committee. It was decided to put off consideration of whether or not to send a response to this communication because three members of the Committee were not present.
 11. Revision of Governance Plan and By-Laws: Review of Documents with items to consider – Discussion and consideration of the revision of the Governance Plan and Faculty By-Laws were put because of the absence of three members of the Committee.
 12. Old Business – The following items were brought up:
 - The Schedule of the Committee’s Meetings for the 2018-2019 Academic Year – There was discussion of whether the Committee would meet once or twice a month in the upcoming 2018-2019 Academic Year. It was suggested that the Committee schedule a meeting each month on the first and last Tuesdays of each month, respectively, with the understanding that on the meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month, the Committee would discuss and decide whether or not to cancel the meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday of the following month. It was also discussed that the Committee would try to reserve a classroom in which it could meet and which would be available and could be reserved for every Tuesday at 3 pm throughout the academic year.
 - QCC Director of Security John Triolo – It was discussed that QC Director of Security John Triolo would be invited to speak with the Committee at its next meeting. Possible topics to be discussed with Director Triolo were discussed.
 - Guidelines for Posting of Flyers – The Guidelines for Posting of Flyers have been revised. The revised Guidelines do not apply to flyers or posters prepared by faculty in connection with their classes.
 13. New Business – The Chair inquired of the members of the Committee whether there were any other new business matters to discuss. There were no new items discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Rosen, Secretary