

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
March 28, 2017
3-4pm in President's Office
4-5pm in H-217
Minutes

Members Present: Philip Pecorino (Chair), Edmund Clingan (Acting Secretary), Anthony Kolios, Jenny Maan Lin,, Alicia Sinclair

Absent: Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, David Humphries

Present for Administration: Diane Bova Call (President), Sherri Newcomb (Senior VP)

Part I: Meeting with President Diane Bova Call A-502

The meeting began at 3:06 pm.

1. Item of President Diane Bova Call:

Update on faculty work on conversion from 15 weeks semester to 12/6 semesters

The President was curious as to faculty views and what progress and timetable there would be on this.

The FEC Chair responded that the UFS Executive Committee met with Vice-Chancellor Rabinowitz; she sees that the retention level seems to be higher at Kingsborough and LaGuardia where they have gone over to the new calendar. Hostos has asked faculty, Bronx CC is observing progress. BMCC has a working group. The FEC has not yet reached out to the Faculty; it did post information from the UFS blog. Questions need to be answered: how is it working elsewhere? Will it be a decision of the faculty? What will be the expected impact? There needs to be an ample opportunity on campus for discussion and the FEC mailbox is not adequate for that because it does not allow for cross-discussion. The Faculty list is opt in and most have not joined.

The President proposed a timetable. There is little time left in the Spring semester but people should start considering the matter. They could use the fall to raise and answer questions. She opined that the last faculty meeting was the best this FEC has done in three years. Calendar discussion could be re-launched in the Fall at events such as the Welcome Back, Department meetings, etc.

The FEC Chair repeated an FEC request to the President to consider restoring access to the department listservs and to create a dedicated mailbox for this issue where all faculty would be included.

Items of FEC:

2. QCC Food Pantry

The FEC Chair stated that VP Sherri Newcomb has said that the President objects to using FEC funds to buy items for the pantry. VP Sherri Newcomb said the College cannot be involved in such transactions. The President said that the agreement creating the pantry does not involve the College; it is strictly voluntary; to involve College accounting office in any way would be intolerable workload creep. The CHAIR noted that the FEC put its funds under the college

during Marti's administration in return for a half-page ad in the Partners in Progress journal. The FEC Chair inquired if the President opposes their withdrawal?

The President replied that the funds are faculty funds," it's their business but you should ask the entire faculty since it's their money. You can spend the money as you want."

VP Sherri Newcomb said that the College's name cannot be used on an independent account. The President followed up by stating that relations with independent entities are carefully delineated. The College has indemnity insurance and that it is hard to get 501 (c) certification.

3. E-Mail: recent changes and threats

The President objected to the word "threat." Stop making speeches. "People" are watching every word, especially defamatory words. She then cut off further discussion.

4. Issues raised by Professor Eugene Harris/ Policy issues related to College P & B

The President stated that these are personnel matters that could only be discussed in College P & B and cut off further discussion.

5. CLTs in ACC

The FEC Chair noted that some of these CLTs have academic titles; They should be made members of a department so they can enjoy rights and protections.

The President responded that she met with the CLT representative on College P & B. When the new VPAA starts next week, they will meet with the ACC. 13-3-b, CCE or civil service protections are adequate. Changing status would mean they would have to reapply for their jobs. Some of the jobs require a BA that the current employee lack. This is the only college where CLTs are faculty. CUNY wants to standardize.

6. Adjuncts with 3-Year Contracts

The President admitted that the initial rollout was bumpy but discussion should be with the PSC at a Labor/Management meeting, not here.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Part II: Regular Meeting resumed at 3:50pm in H-217

Present: Philip Pecorino (Chair), Edmund Clingan (Acting Secretary), David Humphries, Anthony Kolios, Jenny Maan Lin,, Alicia Sinclair

Absent: Wilma Fletcher-Anthony

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 pm.

1. Minutes of February 28, 2017

Approved without objection.

2. Treasurer's Report:

After the faculty meeting, we have about \$4500.

3. Chair's Report

FEC will proceed to open an off-campus account. KOLIOS observed that this is much harder with the 9/11 rules. Faculty don't have a Tax ID#.

Fellowship Leave policy: no official response. Chairs are working.

No response on COACHE survey results.

No movement on the remediation changes.

Document of the Board of Trustees bundling the appointment of VPs Newcomb, Di Deo, and Lynch raises troubling questions.

The FEC elections are proceeding and will conclude on April 3.

The Committee decided to continue its policy that no member should post through the FEC mailbox without its approval.

4. Student Tech Fee Committee

Anthony Kolios reported that the students declined to vote on the proposal. He urged them to work with the FEC and the Academic Senate Computer Resources Committee.

5. Tech Plan Committee—no meeting

6. FEC Website—in progress.

7. Community Building—no meeting

8. Faculty Meeting Followup;

The meeting went off well and the guest were well received. The long period of silence at the point in the program where faculty were invited to speak to the topic of Free Speech at the College was noted as a "free speech demonstration." Indicating that there are problems and there is an atmosphere that is threatening to the exercise of freedom of speech.

9. Faculty Meeting for Fall: the possible topic might be the change in semester structure

10. Old Business

Edmund Clingan reported on the PSC's mini-Labor/Management meeting on March 16 with the administration and Howard Apson, CUNY Director of Health, Safety, and Risk Management. The meeting was unsatisfactory. CUNY will only test when the water has reached a point where the water appears or smells foul or human beings have already become ill. This led to the FEC action to send a resolution to the QCC Governing Body to set a College Policy requiring the testing of water on a regular schedule..

The meeting adjourned around 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Clingan,

Acting Secretary