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Minutes for the Senate Executive Committee

Date and Time: March 10, 2021, 3:34 pm - 5:37 pm

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Presiding: Ernest Ialongo, Chair of Senate

Present: Tram Nguyen, Vice-Chair of Senate, and SEC Senators Hector Soto; Natasha Yannacañedo; Thomas Beachdel; Carlos Rivera; Brian Carter and Isabel Neira Sanchez.

Excused Absence: Catherine Lewis

Unexcused Absence:

Guests: Profs. Sherese Mitchell, Matt Moses, Craig Bernardini

Minutes Prepared by: Hector Soto

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| **TOPIC (per SEC Agenda)** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| 1. Call to Order | Quorum established | Professor Ialongo called the meeting to order at 3:34pm  Newly elected members and first time SEC attendees introduced and welcomed. |
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| 2. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda  Proposed Agenda pre-circulated to SEC members. | Motion made to accept the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Agenda with proviso that Agenda item order may be interrupted by the scheduled guest presentations, Item No.7. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Tram Nguyen. | Motion approved unanimously. |
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| 3. SEC Minutes Approval    SEC meeting minutes of February 10, 2021 pre-circulated.  4. Senate Minutes Approval  Minutes of February 18th 2021 College-Wide Senate pre-circulated. | Corrections made regarding recorded absences, spelling of names, grammar and year.    Revision made to Item F concerning results of senate vote for the President Search Committee. The vote tally of Professor E. Ialongo included two ineligible votes. Outcome of Search Committee unaffected by vote tally change. | Motion was made to accept,  and post minutes as amended  on Senate website.  motion was seconded by Professor Hector Soto. Motion  approved unanimously.    Correct vote tally posted to minutes and an appendix with full clarification added to minutes for Senate review. |
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| 5. Chair’s Report | a. A new Senate meeting Recording Secretary is needed for the March, April and May meetings. Selection prompted by the resignation from the SEC of Senator Diana Macri. She nominated. Senator Thomas Beachdel to serve as Recoding Secretary starting in March. He accepted nomination. There were no further nominations.    b. With the re-election and return of Senator Natasha Yannacañedo to the SEC, the Chair asked if she would be willing to resume being the SEC meeting note-taker to take effective at the April meeting. Senator Yannacañedo so agreed.  c. The Chair updated the SEC on developments concerning the Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) and Committee.  Senate resolution allowing for SEC nomination of AIO candidates and Presidential confirmation does not conform to CUNY Manual of General Policy. Senate resolution needs to be revised to President appoints AIO in consultation with Senate Chair. The SEC was confused, owing to this new selection process, that the SEC’s candidates were not considered. Additionally, there was concern that the names submitted by President for AIC were also confirmed as available, as such the SEC was put in a position of possibly ‘rejecting’ a candidate that had been led to believe their selection was settled already.  d. Chair Ialongo informed that the pending Charter Amendments have been submitted to CUNY central for Office of General Counsel review.  e. Chair Ialongo announced that Provost C. Drago seeks input from the Senate regarding the proposed structure and housing of the Liberal Arts program in OAA and the proposed OAA Liberal Arts Advisory Committee. Issues and questions raised regarding the role of the Senate vis-a-vis governance. | Upon open vote, Senator Beachdel unanimously elected as Recording Secretary.    The SEC by acclimation welcomed the re-instatement of Senator Yannacañedo as SEC meeting note-taker.  Given the CUNY Policy Manual provisions, the Chair will follow up with College counsel Eugene Sohn on the final selection and certification of the AIC.  Chair to follow-up and advise SEC and Senate.  SEC concurred with the Chair that recommendation to  Senate that governance would be better served if the proposed  departmental representatives to the Committee are chosen by the college departments. Chair to follow-up with the Provost regarding process, and recommend the OAA proposal be distributed to Chairs for their input. |
| **TOPIC**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    6. SGA Statement on Credit/ No Credit  7. Presenting Guests  a. Prof. Sherese Mitchell, Chair of College-wide Curriculum Committee  b. Prof. Matt Moses, Senate Rep. on Reopening Committee  c. Prof Craig Bernardini, PSC  Chapter Chair  8. New Business  9. Approval of March. 18, 2021 Senate agenda | **DISCUSSION**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  SGA President Brian Carter presented the SGA statement in favor of having Hostos present the Credit/No Credit Policy as an option for students at the end of this semester. Seeking Senate support of statement.  Chair’s Report was interrupted at 4pm for the scheduled introductory meeting with the Chair or the CWCC, Professor Sherese Mitchell.  The Chair’s Report was interrupted at 4:15 for the  scheduled introductory  meeting with Prof. Matt Moses, the Senate’s representative to the College Reopening Committee.  Presented on the union’s Resolution on Simultaneous In-Person and On-line (hyflex) Instruction calling for reduced class size in accordance with all applicable guidelines and protocols with departments and programs able to select the best evidence-based teaching modality. Seeking Senate adoption of resolution.  Request made by SEC member H. Soto to have Service Learning & Civic Engagement Committee make announcement at Senate meeting concerning education on Ranked Choice Voting.  The Chair presented the proposed Senate Agenda for  March 18, 2021. | **DECISION/ACTION**   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Discussion noted that the decision is a University-wide decision not a college decision.  SEC endorsed presentation of SGA statement as Senate agenda item. SEC sentiment was in favor of SGA position.    Prof. Mitchell briefly reviewed curriculum items, and answered questions        Regarding the Reopening Committee Report, discussion of report raised issues and questions in need of clarification or more information before its presentation to the Senate. Vice Chair T. Nguyen to do follow-up with Prof Moses. The SEC endorsed Prof Moses report.  The SEC welcomed and thanked Prof Bernardini. Discussion ensued regarding the resolution especially as concerns “hyflex”. Subsequent to the discussion the SEC endorsed the PSC resolution and its presentation to the Senate.  Eunice Flemister, the Senate rep on the Service Learning & Civic Engagement Committee will present at the next Senate.  After duly made and adopted motion, the proposed agenda for the March 18th meeting was approved as presented. |
| 10. Adjournment | Upon motion properly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37p.m. |  |