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Faculty Caucus Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 17th, 2020

12:17 pm - 1:01 pm, Web Virtual Meeting

Present:

Chairperson: A Barnes.

S. Abrahams, M. Adams, L. Amaghionyeodiwe, X. Bai, L. Beaton, N. Buxenbaum, A. Costley, L. D'Alotto, N. Donohue, S. Fearnley, V. Garcia-Marin, E. Henry, P. Massimino, D. McGee, E. Meddeb, R. Misir, R. Nath, A. Profit, M. Sharpe, A. Silva, T. Simpson, J. Yuan.

23 members were present including Chairperson A. Barnes.

Guests:

Zena Cooper: Teacher Education

John Kolmos: Department of Business and Economics

Efstathia Korkou: Department of Business and Economics

Joseph Sesay: Department of Business and Economics

Thitima Srivatanakul: Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Larry Tung: Department of Fine Arts

Radoslaw Wojciehowski: Chairperson College Curriculum Committee

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: A quorum was achieved and the meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm. Chairperson Barnes welcomed everyone.

2. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the meeting of October 20th. All in favor, none against, none abstain.

3. Faculty Caucus Chair’s Report and Discussion

* A letter was sent to the President and Provost with questions about a proposed idea about “reserving” a certain percentage of Spring courses; courses that are not shown to students, but will be revealed as other sections become filled. The information received is that this is just an idea, not currently enacted.
* Wilkins Cerda, President of Student Government, may ask to amend the SGA Charter regarding the membership of certain committees, to be more flexible.
* There will be training for handling Title IX, and non-Title IX complaints.
* CUNY is providing opportunities for professional development, for online classes to be more objective and performance based.
* The York College Senate Committee on Instruction and Professional Development has ongoing projects to revise the student survey for teacher effectiveness, and the peer observation report. These should be available next semester for the faculty caucus to review, before being presented to the College Senate for approval. The union needs to review this as well.

4. Election of New Parliamentarian

* Senator L. D’Alotto is unable to continue in the role of Parliamentarian, and a new election is needed.
* There were no nominations for the position of Parliamentarian.

5. Curriculum Report: Radoslaw Wojciehowski Chairperson College Curriculum Committee

* Three proposals were passed in the College Curriculum Committee meetings.
  + New courses were proposed for the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and the Department of Business and Economics.
  + Course changes were proposed for Teacher Education, and Business and Economics.
  + A course withdrawal is proposed for the Department of Fine Arts which will be replaced by other courses.
  + The deadline for submitting curriculum changes is tonight at midnight, and is the last one for the year.

6. Provost Visit – Update and Q&A

* The Provost did not attend due to a schedule misunderstanding.
* Chairperson Barnes will follow-up with the Provost.

7. New Business

* N. Donahue reported that the Faculty Affairs Advisory Board is implementing a mentoring program in the summer, more information is available on the CUNY Academic Commons. Also, an initiative is underway to provide students with credit for prior learning, for passing relevant exams, and for work/life experience. Lucinda Zoe is the person to contact for more information about this initiative. [Addendum: Lucinda Zoe is the University Dean for Undergraduate Studies]
* There is concern about the rigor of OEM courses, and whether, and to what extent the University is encouraging these courses.
* Who makes the decision about when CUNY will return to traditional (rather than distance) learning?
* X. Bai reported that the Teacher Education Department has just been named a 2020 recipient of the “Frank Murray Leadership Recognition Award”. York College is one of the fewer than 10% of accredited institutions during the past year that received the award. The award letter states, “Your institution, faculty and students truly have demonstrated a commitment to equity and excellence in educator preparation through the effective use of self-study procedures and evidence-based reporting”. Congratulations to the Teacher Education Department.

8. Adjournment

* A. Barnes, chairperson of the Faculty Caucus, thanked everyone.
* A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, all in favor, none against, none abstain.
* The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by P. Massimino