



The York College Senate

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Senate Plenary

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2021
3. Elections
 - VP
 - Secretary
 - Parliamentarian
4. President's Report
5. Faculty Caucus Report (Barnes)
6. Student Caucus Report (McGlashing)
7. Standing Committee Reports
8. COVID/Reopening (Trimboli, Lindow)
9. Spring 2022 update (Brazill)
10. Budget (Bozian)
11. Enrollment (Williams)
12. New Business- TBA
13. Adjournment at 1:51p.m. Motion: Silva, Second: Ogbuehi, all in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Minutes

Present: Adams, Ali, Amaghionyeodiwe, Apkarian, Bai, Barnes, Beaton, Brannon-Bey, Brazill, Buxenbaum, Chirico, Choumi-Ngassam, Costley, Davidson, Delva, Desamero, Diao, Eanes, Ellis, Fearnley, Garcia Marin, Gray, Griffith, Henry, Herel, Hutchinson, Jalili, King, Loyola, Maharaj, Massimino, McDonald, McGee, McGlashing, Meddeb, Moore, Mullings, Ogbuehi, Ortega, C. Perez, I. Perez, Ramdeen, Rampersaud, Remy, Rodgers, Ruiz-Carroll, Silva, St. Hillaire, Wang, Williams.

Absent: Abraham, Chery, Donahue, Delva, Dorvile, Herrera, Mawyer, Maxwell, Metellus, Misir, Neale, Robertson-Semple, Sonilal-Rambarran, Sylla.

Guests: Bozian, Cooper, Keiler, Lindow, Salek, Trimboli, Wojciechowski.

****See the Blackboard record of attendance in Appendix 1.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2021

Motion: Garcia-Marin, Second: C. Perez, all in favor, 0 no, 0 abstention

3. Elections

- VP
 - Nominations: Massimino – declined
 - Adams
 - Vote: 38 in favor, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- Secretary
 - Nominations: Beaton
 - Vote: 37 in favor, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- Parliamentarian
 - Nominations: Apkarian
 - Vote: 34 in favor, 0 no, 0 abstentions

4. President's Report

Strategic Plan

Thanks extended to all those who participated in developing the 2021/22 strategic plan priorities, which are highlighted on the York College website.

Thanks extended to the Institutional Effectiveness Committee, which is integral to the success of York College and the strategic plan.

One Stop Welcome Center

Congratulations extended to everyone involved in the development of the One Stop Welcome Center located near the main entrance of the academic core building. Special thanks to Claudio Lindow and the IT staff, who were integral in making the center a success.

Food Service

The Cardinal Café is open. The college is examining the possibility of having food trucks on campus for special occasions. CUNY is examining whether to have one university wide food vendor or to allow each campus to find its own vendor.

Facilities

Thanks extended to everyone involved in helping to create a clean and safe environment on campus. Several capital projects have been completed including the renovation of the faculty dining room and several lecture rooms and laboratories, the elevator/escalator project, and a great deal of painting. Thanks extended to everyone for their patience as these projects have moved forward. Funding for some of these projects was awarded to the college as early as 2006.

Strategic Enrollment Management

A Strategic Enrollment Management Plan is being developed through a committee that reflects the shared governance goals of the college, i.e. composed of faculty, staff, and students. Efforts are being made to understand how enrollment, retention, and graduate rates can be improved.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet on October 4, 2021.

Re-opening Update (Brazil)

The university has given guidance on how to implement the vaccination requirement for students. Colleges have been given limited flexibility in how to address who do not meet the vaccine requirements. College is creating standards to deal with two groups.

- (1) Students who are attempting to meet the vaccination requirements but, have been vaccinated but haven't uploaded their vaccination documentation, have been vaccinated but, haven't yet passed the 14 day post vaccination period, or have only had their first does of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.
- (2) Hybrid and hi/flex courses that will not meet on campus again this semester.

The college is working to develop a plan that will work best for students, faculty, and staff.

Reopening Update (Trimboli)

IT and Public Safety are working to ensure that everyone can access Cleared4 or the York College vaccination app.

CUNY is phasing out the use of the Everbridge symptom checker app. The app will be offline by the end of the week.

The Excelsior pass will not be accepted any longer.

To ensure that students meet the vaccination requirements before the deadline, the college has been communicating with students via text message, email, flyers, and Blackboard postings. A Johnson and Johnson vaccination van was in the parking lot to encourage students to get vaccinated.

Students have been helped to upload their vaccination documents.

Thanks extended to Marva Frederick and the Health Service Team who supported helped clear thousands of vaccination records.

Signing up in the Cleared4 app requires an agreement to participate in random testing. These tests are the same as those given to unvaccinated people entering campus and occur in the trailer located in the Path parking lot. Random testing is required because vaccinated individuals can still become infected and transmit the COVID19 virus. The university will send out more information about random testing in the next couple weeks.

Concerns about the sharing of medical information were noted in the chat. (Appendix 2).

The only medical records that are shared are vaccination records. Faculty and staff can choose not to share vaccination records but, then must submit to regular testing, just as if they were unvaccinated.

Concern raised that students are often late for class because of the time taken to enter campus. The new entry process may have caused students to be late but, should be better moving forward.

Reopening Update (Lindow)

Information uploaded to CUNYFirst is private. The only public information is whether or not an individual may enter the campus. Many students hadn't uploaded their vaccination cards resulting in entry delays as they were assisted with the upload and with recovering their Cardinal accounts.

An ongoing issue: Some students do not appear in the Cleared4 app. Tickets have been submitted to CUNY Central office. Fortunately, the students do appear on the York College vaccination app.

Question: Is faculty assistance needed to help inform students of the new entry process? Perhaps a standard message or a link to information on the college website could be provided. Response: Professors should let students know of the entry requirements and the consequences of non-compliance. Trimboli and Lindow will develop a very simple message that could be disseminated to students.

Spring Semester

Department chairs are working the spring schedule. The goal is to have more students on campus while maintaining safety standards and complying with guidelines set by CUNY and the state.

5. Faculty Caucus Report (Barnes)

Thanks were extended to the college staff, IT, and security for uploading and checking vaccination records and preparing the classrooms.

Thanks extended to Trimboli and Lindow for attending the Faculty Caucus meeting and answering questions about re-opening procedures

Thanks extended to Hansen for attending the Faculty Caucus meeting and providing an overview of PSC activities.

Reports of technology problems in classrooms, e.g. no audio communication with students in hi flex rooms. Lindow/Trimboli asked that the faculty provide the room numbers for any classrooms known to have technical problems in the chat.

Barnes is eager to engage in the discussion surrounding the flexibility given by CUNY in the implementation of the vaccine mandate.

Thanks were extended to the president and provost for the emphasis on shared governance as the college navigates the challenges presented by the pandemic.

The Senate Standing Committees were asked to meet and to elect a chair by the end of September. Not all committees have reported the results of elections. A request was made that the SGA president provide the list of student standing committee members and to encourage students to attend the meetings.

6. Student Caucus Report (McGlashing)

None.

7. Standing Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee (Wojciechowski) (Appendix 3)

1. Course Changes

1.1 Teacher Education

EDUC 280 Childhood and Adolescent Development for Teachers

Adding 5 hours of fieldwork.

Motion: Massimino, Second: Barnes, all in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

2. New Courses

2.1 Teacher Education

EDUC 319 Teaching Social Justice Through Health, Science, and Physical Education

Motion: Massimino, Second: Barnes, all in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

8. COVID/Reopening (Trimboli, Lindow)

Points were covered during the president's report.

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10. Budget (Bozian) (Appendix 4)

11. Enrollment (Williams) (Appendix 5)

12. New Business- TBA

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