York College

94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.

Academic Core AC-3D01 (In-person)

12:15-200pm

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Senate Plenary

Minutes

Present:

Administration: Eanes, Brazill, Williams K, Lindow, Davidson

Faculty: Alapo, Amaghionyeodiwe, Apkarian, Barley, Barnes, Birk, Chirico, Henry, McGee, Mohammadi, Diao, Hornung, McNeil, Parmet, Shearin-Patterson, Wani, Radhamohan, Thompson, Buxenbaum

Students: Ndengue Toumba, Obodo, Pierre, Polack, Ramdeen, Sinclair, Singh, Van Velzen, Williams R, Yegoryan, Persaud, Chan, Hatcher, Joseph Joah, Joseph Johanane, Kargbo, Khamis

Guests: Brite, Fellows, David, Demsen, Monarch, [Wojciechowski](https://www.york.cuny.edu/directory/rwojciechowski), Hoeffner, Platzek, Hsu, Rodgers, Wright, Alexandre, Beverly-Skinner, Rampersaud, Salnave, Rodriquez, Tribhowan, Becker, Grosskopf, Catinac, Vaignuer, Sanchez, Gay, Simons

1. Call to Order (Quorum 34)

2. Approval of Minutes for November 28, 2023, moved Williams, seconded Apkarian, and passed unanimously.

3. President’s Report (Eanes)

Thank you for your presence, this being my last opportunity to lead the Senate. Being a president during COVID calls for being nimble and graceful. Yes, we are celebrating Kwanza in the Atrium. You have been interesting and engaging. You advise students and help them to do what they need to do. In the past five years, York has increased full time by 15 percent. It’s hard to be York, but because of all of you I leave inspired and stronger. I did not know my two children would go through puberty during COVID while I was with you. I am grateful. You will have Track & Field venue that you did not have; you have a new WELOME CENTER. As you know not all was good, but when you look back on my tenure you will recall *she did somethings to remember*. To be a champion for any place is to be a leader. I encourage our students to strive for leadership. I am grateful that my sister president Schrader is coming to be with you. When I arrived, you were finishing a Strategy Plan. Thank to our consultant and Dr. Hoeffner for their leadership in this effort.

4. Faculty Caucus Report (Chirico)

The Faculty Caucus received the environmental assessment report for the MTA project on Site 9. It raises many questions related to matters of environmental impact and safety.

As mentioned in November, the Food Forest project has been given support by the administration and SGA’s president has expressed enthusiasm. For the project to move ahead, a letter is needed indicating the college’s support for the project.

The Faculty Caucus has required a report of appointments w/o searches and the relevant change in title.

The Faculty Caucus and SGA are working together toward enhancing the work of the Senate Committees. Messages have gone out to the committees reminding them of their charge and asking them for their status. There has been discussion of the committees that have not yet met.

That said, the Faculty Caucus looks forward to working together with President Chan and the SGA as York enters a new chapter.

On behalf of the Caucus, amid the chaos in the world, globally and locally, I hope everyone can find a few moments to reflect on the year past as you plan for the year ahead. And as we plan for the future of York.

5. Student Caucus Report (Chan)

Good afternoon, everyone. I happy to be here for this semester’s final senate meeting. I am honored to bring greetings from SGA that I have the opportunity to speaking on behalf on the vibrant and diverse student body at York College. I stand before you as a proud representative our journey of growth and cooperation. As you know the heartbeat of a college is its student body. SGA is a vibrant force fostering a sense of unity as a community. I express my gratitude to SGA for organizing its diversity, and SGA celebrates the cooperation of faculty, administration and the entire student body in this effort.

Since the start of the semester, SGA has taken part in a number of significant activities and projects that enrich the York College student experience. The Club Fair, Convocation, the SGA Retreat, SGA’s Special Election, the Halloween party, Grab & Go snacks, Diwali Event, Hot Cocoa Event, SGA Town Hall and most recently our annual SGA Thanksgiving dinner. Please acknowledge SGA-VP Rose for her efforts. We want to express our appreciation to each and every one who took part – it is our pleasure getting to know you! Holiday Party this evening in the Multipurpose Room in the HPEC.

SGA is busy working on its constitution: it is a work-in-progress. Our mission and vision are the word to represent advanced and inspire the student body by developing student leadership across the campus, forming alliances to improve the student experience and email the aspirations and ideas of York student body.

SGA’s goal is to prioritize the student community supported by engagement, access, and inclusivity. Above all the student government men uphold the rights of the students from all backgrounds, including social, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, and culture. We work hard to treat every student fairly, and would respect our campus, and our dedicated to dear all around development. All students have a voice on the student government platform, which also makes sure that their issues are heard.

Today as we gather here at our last senate meeting together with President Eanes, SGA expresses its gratitude and admiration for your support SGA, your contribution to the flourishing of SGA, your mentorship, and unflagging encouragement.

SGA wishes our, mentor, advocate and friend and nothing but continued success.

In closing, SGA is excited about the journey ahead as we work together to shape a bright of future for York College. Happy Holiday Season to everyone! We will look forward to a productive, collaborative and impactful semester and the year. Always remember, remember: We are ***One*** York! Always remember determination is the key to success.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Committee on College Curriculum (Rodriquez)

1. Revised major design

a. Revision of BS in Accounting to BBA Accounting; degree title to Business Administration (in preparation for addition 30 cr. for the 150 cr. for eligibility for the CPA). Multi-stage action with an effective date that will be announced.

b. Performance and Fine Arts administrative update changes to update course level changes

Motioned, seconded, unanimously passed.

2. Revised Minor Design

Presents newly created courses for Theatre Arts General Education offerings.

TA 105 Motioned, second, unanimously passed.

3. Course Changes

a. ACCT 351 from 4 to 3 cr. (responding to external body; meet 120 cr. limit)

b. TA 105 Scenic Design

c. TA 361

D. Latin 101 and Latin 102

Motioned, seconded, unanimously passed.

4. New Programs

a. Community Health Education (CUNY Online); supported by the CUNY Online Initiative.

b. 150 cr. BS in Accounting & Finance

Motioned, seconded and passed (with 1 No).

7. Guest Presentations

a. Strategic Plan Update (Pond)

[One York Strategic Plan Mid-Point Check-In - PPT for Senate](One%20York%20Strategic%20Plan%20Mid-Point%20Check-In%20-%20PPT%20for%20Senate)

Focus on the positive and generative.

2019 incepted the plan.

2023 Students, Faculty and Staff reflections: Highlights to be acknowledged.

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6-point increase in graduation in 4-yr graduation rate.

6+ point increased in transferer student graduation.

Licensure pathway established and functioning.

Professional staff development and accountability.

York Assessment is a national model.

Infrastructure and systems.

Tracking indicators of success.

Mid-Point Check Meeting: Identified Issues/barriers

Culture & people

Students specify needs.

Systems & structures issues

Financial and external factors

Recommendations:

a. Spread positivity.

b. Shared Gratitude

c. Provide opportunity for Development and Accountability

d. Foster transparency & Collaboration

b. Continuing Education Update (Greene, Simons).

[CPEC Update – Senate Plenary\_Revised\_10\_4.pdf](CPEC%20Update%20-%20Senate%20Plenary_Revised_10_4.pdf)

President welcomed Ms. Green offering the exhortation to focus on *what can*

*happen at York!* Let’s foster collaboration and partnership.

1. New registration system that allows York’s ACE is missing link (gateway payment and merchant ID number).

b. The new registration will assist in the scheduling and initiating Winter Sessions.

2. Working on ACE landing page connecting potential students to courses and opportunity to enroll and pay tuition.

3. In planning: summer camp session

Let’s foster collaboration and partnership.

c. Cafeteria (Lindow)

Update on Cafeteria: last week a final selection was made: MBJ Downtown.

Legal review is in-process.

d. Committee on Campus Environment and Facilities (Barley)

Jory Francoise is now the chair and Aarionna Mc Glashing is the secretary. Campus Environment and Facilities will report in February.

e. Food Forest (Buxenbaum)

Need letter of support from the College Administration to move forward applying for grants to support the effort.

Adjournment.