

Minutes of the 168th Meeting of the Faculty Senate

Thursday, November 16th, 2023 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in person & virtually.

Faculty Senate (FS) Members in Attendance:

Zaghloul Ahmed, Comfort Asanbe, Alan Benimoff, Heidi Bertels, Jason Bishop, Vandana Chaudhry, Cynthia Chris, David Curcio, Christine Flynn Saulnier, Valerie Forrestal, Rosane Gertner, Kenneth Gold, Patti Gross, Orit Gruber, Roshen Hendrickson, Susan Holak, Burnett Joiner, Wilma Jones, Sylvia Kahan, Catherine Lavender, Alfred Levine, Timothy Lynch, Lisa Manne, Natalia Pankratova, Lee Papa, Michael Paris, Greg Philips, Sarah Pollack, Susan Smith-Peter, Carles Solà Belda, Michael Steiper, Sarolta Takács, Thomas Tellefsen, Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson, John Verzani, Simone Wegge, Siona Wilson, John Wing, Cindy Wong, Mark Zdziarski, Sarah Zelikovitz.

FS Members Via Zoom:

Deborah DeSimone, Yumei Huo, Sharon Loverde, Jonathan Peters, Mark Aaron Polger, Don Selby, George Wang, Mark White.

Guests In-Person:

Neo Antoniades, Warrick Bell, Jasmine Cardona, Thomas Chen, Sharon Christian, Jessica Collura, Veronica DiMeglio, Aleks, Dudek, Jennifer Durando, Stephanie Erichsen, Emmanuel Esperance, Stephen Ferst, Hernan Green, Neila Green, Anusha Harris, Sheila Harris, Michel Hodge, Patricia Kahn, Luke Katz, Koby Kohulan, Mark Lewental, Michael Levitas, Chase Licata, Susan Massara, Tara Mastroilli, Ralf Peetz, Keith Pisons, Angelina Raio, Carlos Serrano, Glenn Garbe Sheehan, Suzy Shepardson, Jessica Stein, Amy Stempler, Rosemary Vitale, Robert Wallace, Robert Yurman.

Guests via Zoom:

Manuela Alongi, Khadijah Akter, Winsome Alston, Marwh Alzandani, Cesar Arena-Mena, Bilal A., Alyson Bardsley, Carol Brower, Barbara Cohen, Celeste Del Maestro, Danielle Dimitrov, Clarissa Domingo, Katrina Fama, Brian Farr, Lena Hamad, Doriann Hyland, Susan Imberman, Michele Karpeles, Rolla Khass, Jane Kisto, Koby Kohulan, Lisa Korchma, Lynne Lacomis, Jane Marcus Delgado, Mary Murphy, Leonardo Pignataro, David Pizzuto, Mary Quezada, Terri Sangiorgio, Donna Scimeca, Caterina Scarimbola, Joyce Taylor, Miriam Zidan

*Please note that Jane Marcus Delgado was marked as absent for October's Faculty Senate (167), but was actually present via zoom.

Meeting called to order at 2:32pm by Chair Susan Smith-Peter.

- I. Approval the agenda.
Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - II. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate of November 16th, 2023.
Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - III. Executive Committee Report: Appendix A.
 - IV. Provost's Report: [forthcoming]
- Applause for the Chazanoff School of Business moving to the next stage of AACSB accreditation.
 - Brief discussion of campus maintenance projects. (For project updates, see: <https://www.csi.cuny.edu/faculty-staff/resources/campus-planning/projects>)
 - Question: Will the Provost back the Union if it requests formalizing CUNY's intellectual property policy* in the next contract?
Response: Provost defers, not having enough information, but is open to discussion of this issue.
*Link to policy: <https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/legal-affairs/policies-resources/intellectual-property/>
 - Happy Birthday shoutout to Provost Steiper!
- V. Reports of the Committees of the Faculty Senate: none

Consent Agenda for November 16th, 2023

AIII. DEGREE CHANGES

1. Department of Engineering and Environmental Science
 - a. Creation of concentrations: Engineering Science BS
 - b. Creation of ENGR Course Designation, Conversion of ENS to ELE, and Cross-listing of courses

AIV. NEW COURSES

2. Department of Marketing
 - a. New course: MKT 3XX Digital Marketing Analytics
3. Department of Engineering and Environmental Science
 - a. New course: ESC 2XX Environmental Application of GIS
 - b. New Course: ESC 3XX Introduction to Remote Sensing

AV. CHANGES IN EXISTING COURSES

4. Department of Computer Science
 - a. Change in existing minor: Computer Science
5. Department of Nursing
 - a. Change in existing course: NRS 110 Medical Surgical Nursing
 - b. Change in existing course: NRS 115 Nursing Therapeutics and Pharmacologic Management in Patient-Centered Care
 - c. Change in existing course: NRS 120 Medical Surgical Nursing II
 - d. Change in existing course: NRS 210 Medical Surgical Nursing III
 - e. Change in existing course NRS 211 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
 - f. Change in existing course: NRS 220 Family -Centered Maternity Nursing
 - g. Change in existing course: NRS 221 Child Health Nursing
 - h. Change in existing degree: Nursing AAS

Consent agenda moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- VI. University Faculty Senate Report (Prof. John Verzani) –
Governor Hochul asked retired Judge Jonathan Lipmann to investigate CUNY for policies as related to anti-Semitic activities and discrimination at large and there will be a report in the spring. No idea how this will affect CSI but the report will go to the Board and any changes would likely come our way next fall. CUNY created a website for reporting purposes. For more information read Prof. Verzani's article on the topic:
<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/2023/11/15/review-of-cuny-related-to-antisemitism-and-discrimination/>

There might be a budget meeting on Monday. There are 4 institutions in the red, but next year every single institution at CUNY is looking at red ink. There is still around \$100,000,000 of federal funds circulating throughout the system and there's an extension on how they could be spend but this college, York, Queens, and Kingsborough have expended all their federal funds and their deficits are such that they will have red ink this year. Our number is around \$8 million, which is not bad next to York's, which is around \$16 million. The Board may have budget suggestions as early as next Monday.

Question: What kind of definition for anti-Semitism is Gov. Hochul using for her report?

JV: Doesn't know, just that Hochul thinks CUNY has a particular issue with the efforts of some CUNY faculty that might tar the institution at large with an anti-Semitic label.

- VII. Old Business –
VIII. New Business –

Announcements: Upcoming events:

- **Poster Opening for Ukraine**
CSI History Professor Susan Smith-Peter will give a talk at 5:30pm on the international collaboration that led to the posters and the work of the World War Two Museum in documenting today's war. A reception will take place earlier, at 4:30pm, on the second floor of 1P. All are welcome. <https://www.csi.cuny.edu/poster-opening-ukraine>
- **International Education Week:** <https://csi.campuslabs.com/engage/event/9353296>
- **Provost's Tea**

IX. Adjournment. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously at 4:06 pm

Appendix A - Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report for 11/16/23

Faculty Senate Executive Committee report of meeting with the provost, November 16, 2023

On November 10, 2023, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with Provost Mike Steiper and the deans of the various schools. Because the COACHE survey results showed a high degree of dissatisfaction among faculty regarding the college's infrastructure, we decided to raise it as a faculty issue. There was a wide-ranging discussion about what steps are being taken to improve the campus, such as putting in new sidewalks. There was also discussion about the need to improve the walk from Parking Lot 6, which is where the public can park, but which has some difficult parts. Several people noted the problem of sidewalks ending in less than opportune places.

FS Deputy Chair Lisa Manne proposed the idea of a Willowbrook 5K to be held at the campus as a way to bring in more community members and to showcase the campus. This met with a great deal of support from administrators and discussions of practical next steps. I hope to see this project move forward, as it could help with community relations and serve as a focal point for infrastructure improvements.

We then discussed the question of how best to approach polarizing subjects, such as the Hamas/Israel war. The members of the executive committee noted that students are asking for more information about this. The provost feels that it is up to each faculty member to decide how to approach it. I brought up a resource sheet that Hunter College has put together for faculty and students about the war. After the meeting, I sent it around and several people said they found it useful. Dean of Science and Technology Ralf Peetz stated that the Graduate Center had done something similar. Valerie Forrestal, Faculty Senate secretary, agreed that she would put together a resource guide to materials on the war for the library so that students can be informed.

The provost reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that there is a chair of nursing from the faculty in the near term.

We had a continuation of the earlier discussion about CUNY Online. There had been some confusion about which programs are part of the specific CUNY Online initiative, which has come out of Executive Vice Chancellor Wendy Hensel's office and which is creating asynchronous-only online programs. The provost confirmed that only one program at CSI is part of this initiative – the Business MS in Healthcare Management. The other programs listed on the CUNY Online website are not asynchronous-only and are there in order to increase awareness about online programs in CUNY, which are 50 percent or more online, either synchronous or asynchronous. After a discussion, the provost affirmed that the CUNY Online business program would come before the Graduate Studies committee and Faculty Senate in order to go through governance

and have a discussion about the specific needs of asynchronous teaching. Dean Peetz expressed interest in creating a set of standards for asynchronous teaching. He noted that we should decide on the level of quality we want and live up to it. It would be useful to collect information on how other colleges and universities have approached this modality and see what issues there are so that they can be dealt with ahead of time. This would be useful for other programs who might be considering this.

We concluded the meeting with a brief presentation by Valerie Forrestal of student comments on Reddit, which provide a window into the student experience here. Several people noted that Tara Mastroilli has an excellent presentation about the demographics and other characteristics of CSI's student body that might be a good fit for a presentation to Faculty Senate.