

NYC College of Technology
The City University of New York
300 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2983

Minutes for the NYCCT College Council (CC) General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 12:45-2:20

Conducted: Virtually on MS Teams

Next meeting date: Dec 14 next meet

NOTE: Documents for agenda items found in shared folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d0jeVeHaBaArfEFMDWh-6klXN0NgD-9V>

Excused absence: Interim Provost Pam Brown

1. Attendance taken on “Attendance and Voting” Channel. Quorum reached at about 12:59 pm.
Call to Order.

2. Minutes from October 4 approved

4. Agenda Items from Standing Committee Chairs (with voting results)

Legislative Committee (Chair Caner Koca)

a) Vote on Personnel Appeals Committee term limits (Approve 65 Reject 0 Abstain 2)

b) Student Tech Fee Committee: Vote on members from School of Tech and Design.

- Akm Rahman (Mechanical Engineering Technology) 17
- Mohammad Razani (Electrical and Telecommunications Engineering Technology). 37
- Abstain 10

Note: Boyan Kostadinov (School of Arts and Sciences) and Laura Andreescu (School of Professional Studies) were elected, uncontested, because they were the only candidate from their respective schools.

c) Appeals Committee for Resolution of Student Complaints About Faculty—Nominations requested

- Clarity sought about who can serve and details about the position
- Phillip reports it is one year term and full-time, tenured, Associate level or higher faculty are eligible.
- Three nominations: John McCollough, Khalid Laccheb and Phillip Anzalone
 - o They are appointed by acclamation since there are three open positions.

Curriculum Committee (Chair Anne Marie Sowder presented each proposal)

a) 3 major proposals

- [20-10] LAS Specializations in Bio, Chem and Physics.
 - o Discussion of “specialization” designation
 - o (Approve 67, Reject 1, Abstain 1)
- [21-02] CST 4734 Advanced Topics in Non-Relational (NoSQL) Technologies
 - o Question about difference with other DB course
 - o **Approve 68** Reject 0 Abstain 1
- [21-08] Microcomputer Business Systems Program Deregistration
 - o **Approve 66** Reject 0 Abstain 3

5. Provost’s Report

- No Provost Report

6. President’s Report

- President Hotzler reports on return to in-person in Spring 2022.
- CUNY going forward with random testing for COVID-19.
 - o 5% of faculty and staff selected to be tested.
 - o Testing facility on NYCCT campus.
 - o Federal requirement to be fully vaccinated by Dec 8, 2021
- President thanks participants involved in Virtual Open House and Research Day
- Marlene Sohn, Director of EDGE program, to replace Vincent Roach
 - o Registrar and Admissions & Transfer to report to Marlene
- Chairs may have more difficulty lining up spring MCF.
- Enrollment down about 18%. Will hopefully see a boost as labs and programs reopen.
 - o There is significant concern about enrollment.
 - o Large drops for Associate Degree programs, especially.
 - o CUNY asking for help from City and State.
 - o Borough President provides \$500K a year to invest in equipment.
- CUNY Community colleges have suffered up to 25% enrollment losses.
- Jay street entrance is about to reopen, probably around Thanksgiving.
 - o There is a mid-block crossing as well for safer passage across the street.
- Questions about more course online offerings, and federal funding for retention.
 - o Of 31 million, 15 mil went towards stabilizing budget, and to offset loss of revenue from enrollment. 16 million went directly to students based on TAP and PELL.
 - o Robin Hood Foundation provided grant for “loss of learning.”

7. University Faculty Senate Report (UFS Vice Chair Kerin Coughlin)

- Reports on meetings with CUNY Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Sapienza
- Cautiously optimistic about budget.
 - Hopefully 1075 new faculty lines.
 - Enrollment a concern.
 - University wide enrollment numbers not being provided by admin.
- At October 28 Plenary Dan Lemons, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost presented on vax mandate and 70/30 attendance goal.
 - He was also queried about who has the authority to decide this. Answers not that satisfactory.
- Resolution on Ammendment to General Policy to meaningfully involve faculty in emergency response situations.
- Next plenary Dec 7, all are welcome, budget issues will be an issue. CFO will take questions.

8. Good and Welfare

- Lubie Alatraste reports on Robin Hood funding and support for First Year Writing Program had some support.
- Khalid Laccheb announces Humanities Department Works in the Works event on Nov. 18th:
 - Annette Saddik, English Department, presents "Clowning Around?: Reimagining Political Transformation in Late-Twentieth- Century Grotesque Theatre"

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
David Lee