

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
February 27, 2018
3:10 pm-4:00 pm in RFK 202
Minutes

Faculty Executive Committee Members Present: Edmund Clingan, Margot Edlin, Marvin Gayle, Ted Rosen and Alicia Sinclair

Faculty Executive Committee Members Absent: Philip Pecorino (Chair) and Cheryl Spencer

Parliamentarian Edmund Clingan, serving as Acting Chair in the absence of the Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

- Proposed Agenda
The proposed agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee (“the Committee”) meeting of February 15, 2018 were approved by a vote of 3 to 0. Marvin Gayle and Alicia Sinclair abstained.
- Treasurer’s Report - The Treasurer, Margot Edlin, presented three reports: (i) Treasurer’s Report Faculty Association Account dated February 27, 2018 for the period from October 25, 2017 through February 16, 2018; (ii) Treasurer’s Report Faculty Association Account Food Pantry Transactions dated February 27, 2018 for the period from October 25, 2017 through February 16, 2018; and (iii) Treasurer’s Report for FEC Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Copies of these three reports are attached hereto collectively and made a part hereof as Attachment A.
- Report on the FEC website – Webmaster Marvin Gayle reported that the website is current and up to date. The Committee’s meeting agendas have been posted on the website and the minutes of the Committee’s meetings have been posted on the website up through and including the minutes for the Committee’s January 23, 2018 meeting.
- Spring 2018 FEC Run Elections – The schedule of the upcoming elections to be run by the FEC was discussed. Cheryl Spencer had prepared and sent out an email to members of the Committee with a test ballot.
- Possible changes to the Governance Plan and Faculty By-Laws – Ted Rosen and Edmund Clingan reported to the Committee that they have met and have started to discuss possible changes to the Governance Plan and the Faculty By-Laws. There was a discussion as to whether the proposed changes to the Governance Plan and the By-Laws to be recommended by the Committee should be a comprehensive attempt to improve language and eliminate ambiguities and uncertainties in the Governance Plan and the By-Laws or should it instead focus only on a few specific points of significance. The Committee agreed that pending further review and discussion of specific items, the Committee should undertake a comprehensive review of the Governance Plan and By-Laws in an effort to provide comprehensive recommendations to improve the language and eliminate ambiguities and uncertainties in these documents.
- Update on FEC Matters – The Committee discussed various additional matters including:
 - Guidelines on Flyers – There was discussion of the issue of clarification of the applicability of the Guidelines on Flyers previously issued by the Administration. Dr. Joel Kuszai, the Chair of the Academic

Senate Steering Committee and Dr. Julian Stark, the Chair of the Academic Freedom Committee, had an inconclusive meeting on this issue with Vice-President Sherri Newcomb. The issues requiring clarification have not yet been resolved. Another meeting is to be scheduled.

- FEC Action re: Statement on Predatory Outlets - There was discussion of when the statement on the issue of "Predatory Journals" which the Committee had previously approved will be submitted for a vote to the faculty.
- FEC Action on Ending the FEC's Relation to the Food Pantry as Receiver of Funds for the Food Pantry – Ted Rosen stated there will be an upcoming meeting , tentatively scheduled for March 14th, with those faculty involved with the food pantry where the issue of the food pantry being organized as a 501C3 entity will be discussed and reviewed.
- CUNY Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita Rabinowitz and CUNY Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Annemarie Nicols-Grinenko have declined the invitation to participate in the panel discussion on Assessment of the Pathways to Promotion at the CUNY Community Colleges, scheduled to be held during the March 21, 2018 faculty meeting, stating that each CUNY college sets its own standards for reappointment, tenure and promotion within the guidelines set by the BOT and also that CUNY has recently asked all CUNY colleges to review their policies, procedures and communications regarding reappointment, tenure and promotion.
- Old Business – There was no other old business matters discussed.
- New Business – The Acting Chair inquired of the members of the Committee whether there were any new business matters to discuss.
- There was discussion of various computer programs, including Skype, Go to Meetings and Zoom Conferencing, pursuant to which on-line meetings of the Committee could be conducted.
 - There were no other new business matters discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Rosen,

Secretary