

Date: 17 July 2015

TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Beth Counihan

Subject:

The 387th Plenary Session  
of The University Faculty Senate  
of The City University Of New York  
The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue  
Room 9204/5/6  
Tuesday, 5 May, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30pm.

I. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved by voice vote

II. Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2015

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III. New Business: Kay Conway announced that the UFS Fall 15 proposed Conference topic will be the problem of k-12 underpreparation; Emily Tai announced a new UFS committee to be formed: Higher Education in the Prisons Committee

IV. Nominations and Elections for Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee (candidates' statements available online; 2 minute speeches are also given by each candidate)

Results: Barker (Medgar Evers), Barnhart (Kingsborough), Conway (BMCC), Fernandez (LaGuardia), Pecorino (Queensborough), Tai (Queensborough), Weiser (Baruch)

V. Reports

A. Standing Committee Annual Reports

Academic Freedom: investigating the issues around academic freedom and assessment and accreditation; encouraging faculty to be active and take a lead role in matters of assessment

Libraries and IT: Institutional Repository established at the Graduate Center library. working on issue of intellectual property in online and hybrid courses

Status of the Faculty: concerned for part-time faculty: adjuncts should be listed on department websites; reviewing CUNY policies on office space for adjuncts. COACHE results available mid July

Student Affairs: working with University Student Senate (USS): issues of mentoring, Title IX Sexual Harrassment Policy. USS planning to meet with BOT regarding Pathways and working on fighting tuition increases.

B. Representatives to Board Committees--no reports (BOT did not meet between March and May UFS meetings?)

C. Chair: Martell advises all UFS reps to seek out USS support: "the communication channel is crucial" and thanked all chairs and members of UFS standing committees for their work

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.