

FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Remote Meeting of January 25, 2022
Minutes

Present: Phil Pecorino (Chair), Edmund Clingan, Beth Counihan, Marvin Gayle, Pete Mauro, Ted Rosen, Julia Rothenberg

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

1. The **agenda** was approved without objection.
2. The **minutes** of November 23 were approved without objection.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

We now have \$1,339 in the checking and \$4,907 in the money market accounts. Money was transferred to avoid checking charged.

There will be a call for dues with two years added to everyone's membership.

Discussion followed about the proposed thank-you event. We will get an estimate of the people invited from Liza and then determine the space.

4. **Website**

Gayle reports that the Website is up to date except for the last two agendas and the November minutes.

5. **Chair's Report**

a. The Chair has not asked for a meeting with the President this month, but did talk to the Interim Provost.

b. There has been no acknowledgment of the ARC Guide that FEC sent. In a month, Rosen should reach out to Palmer about the appeal procedure.

c. Update on the Verification of Enrollment: the Chair doesn't think the administration will respond to the advice given. Before we send out an advisory to the faculty, Counihan suggests consulting with the Chairs.

d. Adjunct appointments of retired faculty. Phyllis Pace of Business has also been appointed at the rank of Adjunct Assistant Professor. Joe Culkin has refused the appointment at this rank. Every other CUNY school allows retired professors to retain their rank when appointed as adjuncts. The PSC may file a grievance.

e. Student evaluations. The Chair proposes evaluations be offered for spring and fall terms, but faculty should be allowed to opt out. The current system generates a digital file generally with a small sample size. The Chair reports that out of sixty students in his classes last term, only five responded. Not surprisingly, the few who participate are highly polarized. Department P & B committees can look at that file. It only goes on the permanent record when there is a review process. Counihan says the files have to be released by HR; they are not available upon general request. Mauro says that is also the case in his department. Clingan suggests that the Senate should start from scratch with an electronic-friendly form.

f. Grade Appeal process. The memo from the CUNY Registrar was never approved by the Board of Trustees. It makes no sense—if faculty can reject the recommendation, why bother? The QCC administration wants to stick with the old policy.

Should we publicize this backdown? Clingan and Gayle say no, we don't need to boast. Rosen, Counihan and Rothenberg want to seek a joint public statement with the administration.

g. The Academic Freedom Committee has forwarded a proposal protecting the teaching of matters concerning race and other controversial topics.

6. By-Laws and Governance Changes

We will start the election process by informing the faculty that the vote is coming.

7. Faculty Elections

There are two positions open for the University Faculty Senate and Academic Review Committee. Clingan has received Fellowship Leave and announced his intention to resign, so there will be an election for a position on the FEC as well.

Counihan has put together an e-mail urging faculty to run for these positions. The Chair says she should be ready to send out nomination forms. He relates considerable difficulty recently in recruiting candidates to run in the PSC chapter.

8. Revised Governance Calendar.

9. COVID Mandates

They are not in place yet, but the Governor has announced they soon will be. Faculty can submit their vaccination information on CUNY First. Surveillance testing is also going on.

10. Dean of Faculty Search

The search failed. Margot Edlin has been appointed Interim Dean.

The Committee adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Edmund Clingan,
Secretary