

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

Remote Meeting of September 28, 2021
Minutes

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

Also present: President Christine Mangino.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

1. The **agenda** was approved without objection.
2. The **minutes** of August 24 were approved without objection.

3. Discussion with President

A. CUNY Student Vaccination Mandate

The President related the latest guidance from CUNY. Student vaccination information is being uploaded. There are still about 900 QCC students as of this morning not reported as vaccinated. For in-person classes, students in the process of vaccination may stay until October 7. For hybrid classes: if the in-person portion is completed, then the unvaccinated student can remain in the class. Instructors cannot change their syllabi. If they listed a final exam as being in-person, they must stick to that and require the student be vaccinated by then. Students dropped from a class will be assigned the grade of “Administrative Withdrawal.”

All students registered for the Spring term must be vaccinated.

B. Budget and enrollment

There will be a new presentation and the newly-formed committees will meet soon. Pecorino said that departments have been told that further enrollment drops could lead to nonstaffing. The President replied that we are down 30 percent from our enrollment peak. We need to work on retention.

C. Celebration of Service

The records indicate that there are nine fulltime employees plus one adjunct carried over from last year and twelve fulltime employees plus one adjunct eligible this year for the twenty-year celebration.

4. Treasurer's Report

We have \$9,629 in our account.

There was discussion on when the FEC Should start asking for dues again. Counihan suggested that we should start in the Spring at the in-person meeting and that we should have a gratitude party for the guards and others who stayed on campus in the months after classes were moved online. There was general agreement with these suggestions.

5. Website

Gayle reported that the Website is up to date.

6. Chair's Report

a. There was dialogue on the search for a Dean of Faculty. Dean Palmer will retire on December 30. The President suggested there might be a month-long transition. Rothenberg reported that out of 48 applicants, 20 lacked teaching experience, so they will be dropped from the pool.

b. The Provost has sent the requested report on the activities on the Academic Review Committee. It will be included among materials at the faculty meeting of October 27.

c. The FEC is monitoring the Faculty Dialogue.

d. The schedule for voting on amendments to the Governance Plan and the Faculty By-Laws. There was concern that even with a prolonged voting period, we would not get the 225 votes in the affirmative needed to approve the amendments. Rosen is concerned that it is hard to do this with people off campus. There was consensus that we should have the vote in the spring and use a prolonged voting period.

e. Bank Account. It seems that the Secretary does not have to be present to sign the new card, but Pecorino and Rothenberg need to go.

f. Verification of Enrollment. An adviser has complained that instructors are giving out grades of WN prematurely. Clingan doubted this is a serious problem. Counihan noted that some asynchronous classes think they can start whenever they want. Rosen thought the deadline was too soon. The President and Pecorino replied that the deadline is set by the federal government.

7. Faculty Meeting of October 27

All arrangements seem to have been made for this.

8. Old Business

Pecorino asked the President about the John Jay senate resolution. She replied that she has only heard about it from Pecorino.

There was continued discussion about due process at ARC.

Rosen presented a new proposal about faculty behavior. This may be in conflict with provisions of the contract.

The Committee adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Clingan,
Secretary