

April 18, 2023 at 3:00 PM  
Room U-219/U-220  
Meeting of College Council Volume 50 Number 3

The College Council met on Tuesday April 18, 2023 in room U-219/220. There were present:

There were in attendance:

Faculty/staff members: President Schrader; Acosta, Alley-Young, Arguelles, Beard, Borgese, Cally, Cohen, Dawson, DelPrincipe, Eaton, Franquiz, Friedman, Fruscione, Gartner, Hume, Johnson, Kalin, Kane, Lax, Levy, McKinney, Mikalopas, Mullen, Nasser, Oppenheim, Parker, Patestas, Repetti, Ricciardi, Rios, Rohr, Rothacker, Rozenboym, Russell, Segal, Shannon, Sokolova, Sokolow, Spear, Tila, Wetzal, Yarmish.

No Student members were in attendance.

President Schrader called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

I. The minutes of the meetings of November 15, 2022 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports p.1-3;

additional resources or savings totaling the target amount. The plan consisted primarily of accrual savings from Personnel Services, OTPS savings through the pause

Our mission is to respond to the needs of its diverse community by offering high

*Upon election, the Parliamentarian must join the National Association of Parliamentarians and in good faith undertake to become a NAP Registered Parliamentarian. [Fees to be paid by Council.]  
The Parliamentarian is a non-voting membe*

*Parliamentarian will call to the attention of the chair any error in the proceedings that may affect the substantive rights of any member or may otherwise do substantive harm.*

**The Parliamentarian Proposal passed by a vote of 40 (yes) to 1 (no) with two abstentions.**

**2. Facilities GRAC**

**The Facilities Proposal was remanded to the Facilities GRAC to potentially be edited for clarity, resubmitted and reconsidered at the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.**

**3. DEI GRAC** Proposal withdrawn to be submitted for the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

**4. Elections GRAC**

The following proposal was presented to the Council:

Resolution on Establishing a Standing Committee on Elections on the Kingsborough College Council

shared governance; and

WHEREAS, Article III Section VI of the Kingsborough constitution establishes a

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WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee on College Council does double duty as the Elections Committee, in practice making the chairperson of the former the chairperson of the latter and giving members of the committee(s) two separate roles and sets of charges; and

WHEREAS, after an in-depth governance review, an AAUP-affiliated consultant recommended in her governance task force report that we establish an independent Committee on Elections, to be separated out from the Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a dedicated Elections Committee will help to promote transparency and accountability in the election process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes be made to the Kingsborough College Council Constitution and Bylaws.

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~~develop and disseminate~~ **collect and communicate** policies for avoiding conflicts of

Elections Committee shall be elected by the College Council and shall provide regular reports to the College Council on its activities and progress.

**Prior to a vote, the language of Elections Proposal was amended as noted above. Other language changes were suggested, but the Question of voting on the proposal was called.**

**The Elections Proposal was defeated by Council vote of 13 (yes) 25 (no) 4 (abstain).**

**5. Shared Governance GRAC** Proposal withdrawn to be submitted for the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

**6. Constitution GRAC**

Proposal on Council Terms and Term Limits withdrawn to be submitted for the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

Proposal on the Committee on Committees withdrawn to be submitted for the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

Proposal on the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee withdrawn to be submitted for the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

Proposal on creating an Academic Freedom Committee withdrawn to be submitted for the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

A. The following proposal was presented to Council:

**Resolution to change the College Constitution to make the position of Chair of College Council an elected position.**

WHEREAS, the College Council is responsible for making decisions that affect the academic and administrative affairs of the college, and the Chair of the College Council serves as a leader and facilitator of Council business; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the College Council plays a crucial role in setting the agenda for the Council and leading its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the College Council is currently appointed by the college administration, which may create the perception of a lack of independence and impartiality in the Council's decision-making; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that the Chair of the College Council is selected through a fair





B. The following proposal was presented to Council:

Resolution to create a Faculty Assembly as part of the College Council Rationale:

community outside of the scope of individual committees.

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d sense of transparency, accountability, and collaboration between the faculty and the College Council, and foster a sense of shared ownership and responsibility for the governance of the college;

WHEREAS, the College Council is responsible for making decisions that affect the academic and administrative affairs of the college; and

WHEREAS, shared governance is a core principle of higher education, which involves faculty, staff, and students in the decision-making processes of the institution; and

WHEREAS, the faculty plays a crucial role in the academic mission and vision of the college, and should have a greater voice and participation in the governance of the institution; and

WHEREAS, a Faculty Assembly would provide a forum for the faculty to discuss and deliberate on matters beyond the scope of work of individual College Council committees and provide a forum to discuss general issues important to the life and future of the college; and

WHEREAS, a Faculty Assembly would enhance transparency, accountability, and collaboration between the faculty and the College Council, and foster a sense of shared ownership and responsibility for the governance of the college; and

WHEREAS, a Faculty Assembly would align the college's governance structure with democratic principles and best practices in higher education, and promote the college's academic excellence and institutional reputation;

Be it Resolved that:

- a) A Faculty Assembly be added to the structure of the KCC Constitution.
- b) that this Faculty Assembly will be made up of all faculty members duly elected through the existing procedures outlined in the Constitution. 13

- c) that this Faculty Assembly be responsible for electing, from its membership, the following officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary,
- d) that the officers above be constituted as the Steering Committee of the Faculty Assembly for the purpose of organizing the business of the Assembly,
- e) the two additional members of the Assembly be elected from the body to also serve on the Steering Committee.
- g) that the Chair of the Faculty Assembly serve on the Steering Committee of the College Council.
- h) that the officers of the Faculty Assembly will serve 1-year terms with no person serving in the same office for more than 3 consecutive terms.
- i) that faculty membership on all College Council committees be drawn from the membership of the Faculty Assembly.
- j) that the purpose of the Faculty Assembly is not to replace or supplant the work of any committee of the College Council, but to provide a forum to exchange ideas and coordinate efforts among the faculty members of said committees and to discuss and pass resolutions if desired regarding matters of general interest related to the life and future of the college.
- k) that in addition to their participation on the Committees of the College Council, the Faculty Assembly as a body may call meetings of the Assembly, through the same procedures as established for meetings of the full Council, to deliberate on questions and issues raised by the membership of the Assembly. A petition representing 1/3 of the membership of the body being required to place an issue or item on the agenda of such meeting.

***Therefore be it further resolved, that the Kingsborough College Council***

**The Council devoted extended discussion to the language, details, and advisability of adopting this proposal. A motion was made and passed to remand this proposal.**

**The Faculty Assembly Proposal was remanded to the Constitution GRAC to potentially be edited for clarity, resubmitted and reconsidered at the Council meeting of June 6, 2023.**

In the absence of New Business, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow, Secretary