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April 4, 2017

Meeting of College Council Volume 44 Number 3

There were present:

Prof. Arenas  
Prof. Barnhart  
Prof. Bennett  
Prof. A. Cohen  
Ms. J. Cohen  
V.P. Peter Cohen  
Ms. Daly  
Ms. Driscoll  
Prof. Farrell  
Ms. Feeley  
V.P. Fox  
Prof. Garcia-Osuna  
Dr. Harewood  
Prof. Howard  
Prof. Kates

Mr. Klein  
Prof. Lax  
Prof. Martin  
Prof. McDevitt  
Prof. Mikalopas  
Prof. Miranda  
Prof. Nanin  
Prof. Noe  
Ms. O'Shea  
Ms. Olvina  
Ms. Palmiari  
Prof. Pierre  
Prof. Polizzotto  
Prof. Repetti  
Prof. Ricciardi

V.P. Rios  
Prof. Rozenboym  
V.P. Russell  
Prof. Segal  
Mr. Shonowo  
Prof. Sokolow  
Dr. Sutton-Young  
Prof. Taras  
Prof. Thomas  
Mr. Wagstaffe  
Mr. Winnick  
Prof. Yarmish  
Prof. Young

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

I. The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2016 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

The President reported that enrollment is down at many CUNY campuses, and that he discussed some strategies to deal with this at convocation. We are making some headway with attracting international students. We also want to increase our online and especially hybrid presence to spare students travel time to the College, and have had some success in that area as well.

We are working on outreach into the community. There are 2.6 million residents in Brooklyn, with about 37,000 per square mile. Nearly 50% of Brooklyn residents over age 25 have a high school education or less. Three thousand Brooklyn residents are admitted to prison each year, costing millions of dollars. Nearly 30% of Brooklyn residents are below the poverty line.

Thanks to Kingsborough's location, many students must pay multiple fares to get here, and travel between 2-4 hours each day. The President shared statistics from a sampling of Brooklyn's ZIP codes and described our problems attracting and retaining freshman students. Transportation remains a major issue, along with additional

challenges such as previous educational experiences, family responsibilities, and the lack of awareness of available resources.

Yet Kingsborough is Brooklyn's only community college, and it is on us to improve the educational, economic, and social disparities that exist within our neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, the current organizational model is impeding Kingsborough from full participation and articulation with Student Government activities and councils in use

*The entire section [see Attachment A, p.4 of the Agenda] shall be deleted. It will be superseded by the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws.*

And be it further RESOLVED that the number of twenty student delegates to the College Council as stated in Article III, Section I shall remain unchanged.

*Note: Please see Attachment B on the last page of the Agenda (p.7) for a summary of the rationale and substance of the proposed changes to student governance. The summary was prepared by the Office of Student Life together with the Council's Committee on Students.*

### C. Legislative Committee Report

The Legislative Committee administered the nomination and election of the following representatives to serve on the President's Task Force for Budget Recommendations along with appointed co-chair V.P. Ed Rios:

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