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April 5, 2016

Meeting of College Council Volume 43 Number 2

There were present:

Mr. Alvarez	Prof. Ferretti	Prof. Murphy
Prof. Arenas	V.P. Fox	Prof. Nanin
Prof. Barnhart	Prof. Furay	Prof. Nicosia
Prof. Bassen	Prof. Garcia-Osuna	Prof. Pierre
Ms. Blauvelt	Mr. Gordon	Prof. Repetti
Prof. Borgese	Dr. Harewood	V.P. Rios
Ms. Castro	Prof. Howard	V.P. Russell
Mr. Chatiburus	Prof. Hume	Prof. Segal
Prof. A. Cohen	Prof. Kates	Prof. Sokolow
Ms. J. Cohen	Prof. Lax	Ms. Sutton-Young
Ms. Daly	Ms. Loeza	Prof. Taras
Prof. Dawson	Prof. Martin	Prof. Weeks
Ms. Driscoll	Prof. McDevitt	Prof. Wood
Prof. Farrell	Prof. Miranda	Prof. Yarmish

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

I. The minutes of the meetings of November 17, 2015 were approved by acclamation.

II. Reports

The President began with an update on the New York State budget. Currently there is no line item for funding the CUNY contract. The State legislative session has not ended, and approximately 5 to 6 weeks are left. It has been indicated that the State will continue to work with CUNY, and both sides are still meeting.

Our Chancellor really wants a contract to be passed in a big way. Whatever efforts we can put forth will be useful during this window of time while the Legislature is in session. There is currently a surplus in the State budget, so achieving a contract now is important. Both CUNY and 33(1)78(u)33(s)-10()-(1 0.525 21942 Tm[(O)-10(u)33(r)-14)33(rt)11(h)33(i)78(s)-

tuition next year, but the four-year colleges now cannot do so. This may cause some tightness for them, but not for us.

Sixty million dollars citywide and a matching figure for the State is being allocated for maintenance projects, and we will be in the queue for this as well. So we did very well.

Next week the Middle States team arrives on Sunday night on April 10th. Our Middle States chair is a very bright, very fair person. Tasheka Sutton-Young has worked

meet their time and scheduling constraints on Monday April 11th and Tuesday April 12th, before a short day on Wednesday April 13th, when they will present us with their preliminary exit report.

Their final report will go through several edits before the final version is finished in a few months.

So this is an opportunity for us to shine and not hold back, drawing attention to everything we accomplish in addition to our classroom programming. At times their questions are very structured, but this is the time to put our best foot forward. This is extremely important, and it is our face to the public. It is also a teaching moment, as we show our students that we too are evaluated by our peers.

Additionally, the team asked to meet with the College Council, so we will hold a special meeting on Tuesday April 12th at 3:00 PM.

Over the last few weeks, Kingsborough Community College has come under increased scrutiny from the New York State Assembly and the State Senate. In a letter to Chancellor Milliken, State Assembly Members Dov Hikind and David Weprin wrote:

Dear Chancellor Milliken: As you are undoubtedly aware, recent events at several colleges have fostered a feeling of pervasive fear among Jewish and pro-Israel students and faculty members due to the environment and hate created by a group of students under the banner of the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). The continued actions of this group in its incitement and vile behavior directed towards fellow students and faculty has no place at the City University of New York

Actions and statements at Brooklyn College, Hunter College, John Jay College, the College of Staten Island, and Kingsborough Community College as well as at universities and colleges throughout the country have shown the true nature and belief of SJP nothing short of the total destruction and elimination of the State

Jewish students have cause to fear for their personal safety and well-being. Unfortunately, rhetoric has at times taken a violent turn, and physical confrontations have taken place on campuses. Students have reported being

[signed by] Dov Hikind, David Weprin, and 12 additional members of the NY State Assembly

Each college will have the opportunity to have one representative on each of the two subcommittees. [CUNY will choose two from the list of six nominees submitted by KCC.] They will serve a two-year term from Fall 2016 through Spring 2018.

Committee members will review courses via the CUNYfirst course review system (training will be provided) and discuss/vote on courses remotely or in person. The committee may also be asked to review courses submitted via the student appeals process.

Each committee member will receive one course release for the two-year term.

Nominations were held separately for each subcommittee. In order of votes received, the results were:

Subcommittee One: Profs. Barnhart, Pierre, and Wood. Profs. Cates and LeComte were also nominated by were not elected.

Subcommittee Two: Profs. Dawson, Barcena, and Echols. Profs. Yarmish and Reddy were also nominated by not elected.

b. There will be a special College Council meeting with the Middle States Evaluation Team during its site visit to KCC. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in M-240, the MAC Rotunda.

In the absence of any New Business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sokolow, Secretary

ADDENDUM:

A special meeting of Council Members with members of the Middle States team (Dr. Kathleen McColgin and Nayyer Hussain) was held on April 12, 2016 in the MAC Rotunda from 3:00-4:00 PM. The discussion focused on the structure and role of the