Minutes of the April 21, 2015

Present: Dr. Aranzazu Borrachero (chair); Dr. Julia Carroll; Dean Glenn Burdi (Ex-Officio); Dr. Anthony Kolios; Dr. Barbara Bonous-Smit; Dr. David Klarburg; Dr. Lana Zinger; Dr. Emily Tai, (secretary).

Absent and Excused: Dr. Moni Chauhan; Dr. Tina Bayer

1. The meeting was called to order at 2.15 P.M.

2. Dr. Borrachero welcomed three guest speakers from the Business Department: Chair Kathleen Villani; Dr. Edward Hansen; and Dr. Kelly Ford.

3. Dr. Hansen presented the first item: Academic Program Revisions to the A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems (CIS) in the Department of Business. These Program revisions would have three aspects: first, a renumbering of all courses in the program, which would be changed from a BUS prefix to a CIS prefix; second, the consolidation of a previously separate “Desktop applications” track and a “Computer Programming” track into a single program with foundational requirements, and electives in these two areas; and, finally, several substantive revisions to courses in the program, where course content was being modified to be in better alignment with current technology and curricular objectives. Such modifications included, but were not limited to the modification of prerequisites; and the combination of two courses, on Analysis and Design and Projects into a single capstone course. Professor Hansen’s presentation was accompanied by several helpful handouts, and he was thanked for his trouble, and his thoroughness.

4. Dr. Kelly Ford then presented modifications in the Queensborough/ John Jay Dual/Joint A.S./B.S. Program in Accounting for Forensic Accounting Forensic Accounting with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, explaining that the rationale for these changes was that John Jay had already adopted them in the process of revising the articulation agreements with Hostos and BMCC, to make way for the renamed B.S. in B.S. in Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics. Some of these revisions would be directed toward addressing gaps in foundational knowledge in Mathematics and Accounting that not all students had remedied by the time they began taking Forensic Accounting specialty courses, where they needed to be able to identify inappropriate/fraudulent accounting practices. These new requirements would include the incorporation of three possible mathematics courses to satisfy the requirement: either Mathematics 128 (Calculus for
Technology and Business); Mathematics 260: Elements of Calculus for Business; or Mathematics 440: Pre-Calculus. There had also been some discussion with the Department of Social Sciences about courses in the Flexible Core that would be good fits and preparation for progress in the Forensic Accounting Program. Dr. Ford was thanked for her very thorough presentation.

Chair Villani stressed the need for dispatch in the consideration of these revisions, indicating that it was hoped that they could be approved in time to be incorporated into actions of the CUNY Board of Trustees by the close of the Academic year.

Chair Villani, Dr. Hanson and Dr. Ford then left the meeting, receiving the reviewed thanks of committee members and the committee chair.

5. The Academic Program Revisions to the A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems (CIS) in the Department of Business were unanimously approved.

6. The revisions to the A.S./B.S. Dual/Joint Program in Forensic Accounting with John Jay College of Criminal Justice were unanimously approved.

7. Revisions to the course descriptions of Economics 101: Introduction to Macroeconomics; and Economics 102: Introduction to Microeconomics; were also unanimously approved.

8. Although several members of the Committee were compelled by scheduling conflicts to leave the meeting after 3 P.M, those members of the Committee on Curriculum who remained then discussed the B-Tech High School Curriculum.

   The meeting was adjourned at 3.45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily S. Tai,
Secretary of the Committee on Curriculum