

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
January 23, 2018
3:10 pm-5:00 pm in RFK 202
Minutes

Faculty Executive Committee Members Present: Philip Pecorino (Chair), Edmund Clingan, Margot Edlin, Ted Rosen and Cheryl Spencer

Faculty Executive Committee Members Absent: Marvin Gayle and Alicia Sinclair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

1. Proposed Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved.

2. The amended minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee (“the Committee”) meeting of December 14, 2017 were approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Treasurer, Margot Edlin, presented three reports: (i) Treasurer’s Report Faculty Association Account dated January 23, 2018 for the period from October 25, 2017 through December 28, 2017; (ii) Treasurer’s Report Faculty Association Account Food Pantry Transactions dated January 23, 2018 for the period from October 25, 2017 through December 28, 2017; and (iii) Treasurer’s Report for Fall Faculty Meeting Wednesday October 25, 2017. Copies of these three reports are attached hereto collectively and made a part hereof as Attachment A.

1. The Chairperson presented his report as follows:

- There was discussion of the language of the proposed joint statement on the issue of “Predatory Journals” which the Committee will offer to the CODC as a proposed joint statement to be issued by the Committee and the CODC. The three drafts of the proposed joint statement were reviewed and discussed.
- Guidelines on Flyers – There was discussion of the issue of clarification of the applicability of the Guidelines on Flyers previously issued by the Administration. The Chairperson’s email to Vice-President Sheri Newcomb of December 13, 2017 and Vice-President Newcomb’s response dated December 14, 2107 were reviewed and discussed. The Chairperson will follow up with Dr. Joel Kuszai, the Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee.
- Update on proposal for FEC Associates position – As of this date, no one has applied for the FEC Associate position.
- Concerns Related to the ARC – A discussion took place concerning the memorandum dated November 30, 2017 that had been prepared by Ted Rosen concerning the ARC. Among the issues discussed were the nature of the review conducted by the ARC, meaning whether the ARC’s review should be a *de novo* or appellate review; whether the ARC should be able to review information and material not actually reviewed by the College’s Personnel and Budget Committee; and whether the College’s Chief Academic Officer who also is the chairperson of the ARC should step out of the meeting of the ARC during the deliberations of the ARC.

- Report on the FEC website – The Chairperson reported that Marvin Gayle reported that the website is current and up to date.
2. Faculty actions re use of non-peer reviewed outlets - There was further discussion of the proposed statement on this subject to be submitted for possible adoption by the faculty. Also discussed was contemplated action by the university on this matter and the relative rate of publication in such non-peer reviewed outlets by QCC faculty as compared to faculty of other CUNY colleges. Also discussed was actions taken by certain faculty members in regard to this matter.
 3. Faculty Survey - The proposed faculty survey for the Spring semester was discussed. There was a change in the language of the question relating to the food pantry and there was discussion as to whether there were other suggested changes in the proposed survey.
 4. FEC Report to the Faculty – There was discussion concerning the proposed FEC Report on the Fall 2017 semester.
 5. Possible Communication to the BOT – There was discussion of the possible communication to the BOT that had been drafted.
 6. Possible changes to the Governance Plan and Faculty By-Laws – Ted Rosen and Edmund Clingan will report to the Committee concerning possible changes to the Governance Plan and the Faculty By-Laws, including but not limited to: due process at the ARC; restrictions on the chair of FEC; term limits; not having the President as chair of the Academic Senate; and removal of faculty elected to any positions on any committees. This report will be presented by the end of February.
 7. Old Business – There was no other old business matters discussed.
 8. New Business – The Chair inquired of the members of the Committee whether there were any new business matters to discuss.
 - It was suggested that a dialogue be started as to whether there should be a reassessment of the criteria utilized for promotion of QCC and other CUNY community college faculty members, with a possible return to placing a greater emphasis on the teaching performance of community college faculty members in the promotion decision. There was discussion as to whether the Committee could sponsor a forum on this topic or have the topic discussed as part of the program during the Spring Faculty meeting.
 - There were no other new business matters discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Rosen,

Secretary