Faculty Senate & Council of Chairs Joint Meeting

Faculty Senate Minutes #248

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

September 11, 2003  3:15 PM  Room 630 T


Senators absent (7): Desmond Arias, Marílú Galván, Konstantinos Georgatos, Barbara Josiah, Max Kadir, Dagoberto Orrantia, Alisse Waterston

Chairs present (17): Chevy Alford, Ned Benton, Sandy Berger, Michael Blitz, Patrick Collins, Ric Curtis, Jannette Domingo, Mary Ann McClure, Jose Luis Morin, Maureen O’Connor, Catherine Rovira, Sydney Samuel, Barry Spunt, Timothy Stevens, Harold Sullivan, Larry Sullivan, Martin Wallenstein

Chairs absent (2): Maki Haberfeld, Susan Larkin,

Guests: Professors James Malone, Carmen Solis, Susan Wills, Patrick O’Hara, Marcia Yarmus

1. Election to fill a vacant seat on the University Faculty Senate
2. Motion authorizing Senators Tom Litwack and Karen Kaplowitz and Professor Ned Benton to write Chancellor Goldstein about the Senior College Allocation Model
3. Determination of eligibility of a faculty member to be a candidate on the Search Committee
4. Oral statements by candidates for election to the Presidential Search Committee
5. Discussion about the qualities and attributes the next president should possess and the direction John Jay should take when the next president assumes this position.

1. **Election to fill a vacant seat on the University Faculty Senate**

Because the next University Faculty Senate meeting is the day after the next Faculty Senate meeting, the importance of filling a vacant seat on the University Faculty Senate was presented by
the Executive Committee to the Senate. Senator and Professor Max Kadir (African-American Studies) was nominated and his nomination was seconded. Senator Max Kadir was elected by unanimous vote.

2. **Motion authorizing Senators Tom Litwack and Karen Kaplowitz and Professor Ned Benton to write CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein about the CUNY Senior College Allocation Model** [Attachment A]

The Senate authorized President Karen Kaplowitz, Senator Tom Litwack, Chair of the Senate’s Fiscal Affairs Committee, and Professor Ned Benton, Chair, John Jay Budget Planning Committee, to write to CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein to thank him and the Chancellery for beginning the implementation of a Senior College Allocation Model this year and also to urge that monies for further implementation of the Senior College Allocation Model be part of the CUNY Budget Request for FY2005, which is to be voted on by the CUNY Board of Trustees on December 1, 2003, and also to urge that the 2004-2008 CUNY Master Plan, which is being written now and which must be approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees by June 2004, include as one of CUNY’s goals the full implementation of a complete Senior College Allocation Model. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote [Attachment A].

3. **Determination of eligibility of a faculty member to be a candidate for the Presidential Search Committee**

Vice President Kirk Dombrowski explained the name of one candidate for the Presidential Search Committee was transmitted after the deadline had passed. Vice President Dombrowski also explained that the candidate is awaiting the decision of the Senate and that if the Senate votes to permit the person to be a candidate, without knowing the individual’s name or department, the candidate will be telephoned and invited to present an oral statement at today’s meeting: the individual is awaiting a telephone call from him. A motion was made to permit this individual to be a candidate. The motion was seconded and was adopted by a vote of 28 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstention. Vice President Dombrowski then telephoned the individual, Professor Marvin Yablon of the Department of Mathematics, who expressed his appreciation but informed Vice President Dombrowski that he has decided to withdraw as a candidate.

4. **Oral statements by candidates for election to the Presidential Search Committee**

Oral statements of a maximum of 3 minutes by candidates for election to the Search Committee for President of John Jay were presented in an order determined through a random selection process which Vice President Dombrowski and Executive Committee Member Amy Green devised. Senator Amy Green served as the timekeeper. The following faculty, each of whom was chosen by his or her department as that department’s candidate for the Search Committee, made oral presentations:
5. **Discussion about the qualities and attributes the next president should possess and the direction John Jay should take when the next president assumes this position**

The participants in this discussion were the Senators, the Chairs, the candidates, and faculty guests. The purpose of the discussion was to inform those faculty who will be meeting with Chancellor Goldstein on September 18 and who will be meeting on September 23 with Trustee Randy Mastro, Chair of the Search Committee, and Trustee Valerie Lancaster Beale, a member of the Search Committee, as well as with Dean Robert Ptachik and Ms. Dolly Martinez, who are staffing the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chancellor Matthew Goldstein  
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September 29, 2003  

Dear Chancellor Goldstein:

We write to commend you, Senior Vice Chancellor Allan Dobrin, and Vice Chancellor Emesto Malave, for taking the initial steps in the current budget allocations to transition CUNY to the new Senior College Allocation Model. We know that the model for allocating funds for full-time faculty is the result of years of effort, including an independent study of CUNY funding by a nationally-recognized consulting firm specializing in academic management. In refining and shaping the model, VC Malave consulted extensively and effectively with key stakeholders throughout the University.

This year, the first steps in implementation focused on new faculty lines. Our understanding is that in the future, additional steps will be taken to further implement the allocation of full-time faculty lines and will, in addition, also provide funding for full-time lines in other areas of academic and support services for the senior colleges, and for OTPS. In this way, CUNY will be redressing historical inequities in funding among the CUNY senior colleges so that all students at the senior colleges have equitable educational opportunities and resources.

In order to continue to make progress in the coming years for all senior colleges, sources of additional ongoing funding will be necessary. We recommend that the FY2005 CUNY Budget Request include a priority request for funds so that the University can continue to implement the senior college finding model. Perhaps these funds might be matched to some extent by funding from Senior Vice Chancellor Dobrin’s ongoing initiatives in productivity improvement and the generation of new revenue streams.

We also recommend that as you draft CUNY’s Master Plan for 2004-08, full senior college base budget funding equity be included as one of the University’s goals.

We would also like to commend you and the other members of the Chancellery for the remarkable Community College Investment Program by which 300 full-time faculty lines and 150 full-time academic, library, and student support lines have just been added to the community colleges.

CUNY is indeed fortunate to have leaders like you and your Vice Chancellors and a Board of Trustees who recognize and respect the critical importance of supporting academic opportunities and excellence throughout The City University.

Sincerely,

Karen Kaplowitz  
President,  
Faculty Senate

Warren (Ned) Benton  
Chair,  
JJ Budget Planning Committee

Tom Litwack  
Chair,  
Senate Fiscal Advisory Committee