

Faculty Senate Minutes #260

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

3:15 PM

Room 630 T

Present (22): Desmond Arias, Marvie Brooks, Orlanda Brugnola, Edward Davenport, Kirk Dombrowski, Janice Dunham, P. J. Gibson, Betsy Gitter, Amy Green, Judith Hawkins, Ann Huse, Karen Kaplowitz, Kwando Kinshasa, Evan Mandery, John Matteson, Joseph Napoli, Francis Sheehan, Liliana Soto-Fernandez, Sung Ha Suh, Thalia Vrachopolous, Alisse Waterston, Patty Zapf

Absent (16): Luis Barrios, Effie Cochran, Peter DeForest, Joshua Freilich, Michele Galietta, Konstantinos Georgatos, Heath Grant, Norman Groner, Max Kadir, Gavin Lewis, Tom Litwack, Lorraine Moller, Ellen Sexton, Ayeley Sowah, Davidson Umeh, Robin Whitney

Guest: Professor Rick Richardson

Agenda

1. Announcements from the chair
2. Approval of Minutes #259 of the April 15, 2004, meeting
3. Election of 2004-05 Faculty Senate at-large representatives to the 2004-05 College Council
4. Ratification of the uncontested election of a candidate to serve as a UFS delegate
5. Approval of a slate for 4 vacant seats on the 7-member Committee on Honorary Degrees
6. Decision as to how to proceed with the Senate/Chairs Privacy Policy: shall the Policy be submitted to the College Council by the April 30 deadline for vote at the May meeting
7. Update on the Phase II project
8. Direction to Karen Kaplowitz, the Faculty Member on the Board of Trustees Committee on Facilities, as to how she should comment on the Phase II project at the Committee meeting
9. Proposed survey instrument to be sent to the untenured faculty: Senator Desmond Arias, Chair, Committee on the Concerns of Untenured Faculty
10. Report about the April 19 meeting of the College Council

1. Announcements from the chair [Attachment A]

The procedure was reviewed for deliberating and voting on the June 2005 Honorary Degree candidates being recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees, which will take place at the Senate's next meeting on Friday, May 7. The results of the election of the 2004-05 At-Large Faculty Senate Representatives have been announced by the College's Faculty Elections Committee [Attachment A].

2. Approval of Minutes #259 of the April 15,2004, meeting

By a motion made and carried, Minutes #259 of the April 15 meeting were approved.

3. Election of 2004-05 Faculty Senate at-large representatives to the 2004-05 College Council

By provision of the John Jay Charter, the Faculty Senate may fill up to 8 of the 28 faculty seats on the 56-member College Council from among its at-large representatives who were elected by the faculty this month. If any of the 8 seats are not filled by the Senate, then those unfilled seats are to filled by faculty in any manner decided by the Faculty Senate.

By secret, written, ballot the Senate elected the following 8 Senators from among 9 candidates who have been elected as at-large representatives on the 2004-05 Faculty Senate:

Marvie Brooks	P. J. Gibson
Orlanda Brugnola	Karen Kaplowitz
Effie Cochran	Joseph Napoli
Kirk Dombrowski	Francis Sheehan

4. Ratification of the uncontested election of a candidate to serve as a delegate representing John Jay’s full-time faculty on the University Faculty Senate

Professor Thomas Kubic (Science) was elected to a vacant UFS delegate seat.

5. Approval of a slate for 4 vacant seats on the 7-member Committee on Honorary Degrees

The Committee on Honorary Degrees comprises 7 full-time tenured faculty who hold the rank of associate professor or above. The term of office is three years. The electorate is the entire full-time faculty. The Senate approved the following election slate, proposed by the Senate Executive Committee, for the 4 vacant seats. All have agreed to serve, if elected:

Valerie Allen – English
Todd Clear – Law, Police Science, CJA
Jannette Domingo – African-American Studies
Lotte Feinberg – Public Management
Jack Jacobs – Government
Amie Macdonald – Art, Music, Philosophy
Jose Luis Morin – Puerto Rican & Latin American Studies

Continuing their 3-year terms on the Committee on Honorary Degrees are:

Peter DeForest – Science
Elizabeth Hegeman – Anthropology
Gerald Markowitz – History & TSP

6. Decision as to how to proceed with the Senate/Chairs Privacy Policy: shall the Policy be submitted to the College Council by the April 30 deadline for vote at the May meeting [Attachment B]

In light of the Senate's meeting with Vice Chancellor Frederick Schaffer on April 15 and the Vice Chancellor's decision to both establish a CUNY-wide taskforce to develop a privacy policy and, in the interim, to direct the Presidents that a search or other intrusion may not be conducted without the President's and Vice Chancellor Schaffer's permission, the Senate voted to not submit the Council of Chairs/Faculty Senate proposed Privacy Policy to the College Council for action at the Council's May meeting. The vote was 17 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstentions.

The Senate, instead, voted unanimously to approve a statement of appreciation to Vice Chancellor Frederick Schaffer [Attachment B] and to submit that statement for endorsement by the College Council at the College Council's May 12 meeting. The final text of the statement of appreciation is to be developed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate [Attachment B].

7. Update on the Phase II project

President Kaplowitz reported that the Senate's informal request that the SOM Minutes of the Phase II meetings be corrected was positively responded to by the Phase II Steering Committee but that the revision that had been made to the Minutes was inaccurate and continues to be a misrepresentation of the role that she and Professor Benton had in the decision to place the Science laboratories on the floors below all the other academic departments. Vice President Kirk Dombrowski moved that the Senate formally request that the SOM minutes be revised.

The Faculty Senate unanimously voted to authorize Karen Kaplowitz to convey to the Phase II Steering Committee the Senate's formal request for a revision of the SOM Minutes of the November 4 Steering Committee meeting to reflect the fact that neither she nor Professor Benton participated in the decision to place the Science Laboratories on the lower floors of Phase II and that neither Professors Benton nor Kaplowitz had been invited to or informed about a meeting of the Phase II Steering Committee at which alternate locations for the Science Labs had been discussed. The Senate also approved a motion charging the Senate's Executive Committee with informing the appropriate architectural ethics board if the SOM Minutes are not satisfactorily corrected.

Senator Francis Sheehan expanded his earlier reports about the reasons to have the Science Labs high in the building: in addition to fire safety and other reasons, Science has an MRI machine which is sensitive to magnetic fields and the train tracks running below the Phase II site would interfere with this equipment. He said that even placing Science at the top of the new building would result in inadequate shielding. Senator Sheehan suggested involving Professor Corbett in these discussions because Professor Corbett is an expert in fire safety and the design of buildings.

8. Direction to Karen Kaplowitz, the Faculty Member on the Board of Trustees Committee on Facilities, as to how she should comment on the Phase II project at the Committee meeting

The Phase II project is not on the published May 3 agenda of the Board of Trustees Committee on Facilities, although it had been scheduled to be on that meeting's agenda. Instead of

determining what to direct President Kaplowitz to say at that meeting, in her capacity as the Faculty Member, with vote, the Senate unanimously voted to direct Karen Kaplowitz to move to table the Phase II Project, if it is added as new business to the agenda of the May 3 Board of Trustees Committee on Facilities. If the item does not appear on the May 3 agenda or if it is added to the agenda and then tabled, the Senate will have another month to ascertain the status of the issues about Phase II that the faculty are concerned about and, thus, have another month to decide what to direct Karen Kaplowitz to say at the June 7 meeting of the Board Committee on Facilities, when approval of the Phase II project would come before the Committee.

9. Proposed survey instrument to be sent to the untenured faculty: Senator Desmond Arias, Chair, Committee on the Concerns of Untenured Faculty

Senator Desmond Arias reviewed the survey instrument developed by the Senate Committee on the Concerns of Untenured Faculty, which he chairs. The survey is to go to all untenured faculty. The survey instrument was discussed, amended, and approved by the Senate for transmittal to the untenured faculty. A report on the responses to the survey will be made to the Senate as soon as the results can be tabulated.

10. Report about the April 19 meeting: of the College Council [Attachment C]

The College Council approved the Faculty Senate's proposal on turnitin.com. The Senate had sent the proposal to the Standards Committee, which adopted it and then sent it to the College Council. [Attachment C]. The 3-part proposal which the College Council adopted on April 19 is that John Jay College of Criminal Justice, as part of the College's commitment to academic integrity, shall subscribe to turnitin.com; that upon subscribing to turnitin.com, a periodic evaluation of tumitin.com will be conducted to determine its usefulness and effectiveness as a positive way of preventing and responding to incidents of plagiarism at this College; and that at such time that John Jay subscribes to tumitin.com, all John Jay students will be informed of this fact and will be informed on a regular basis so as to provide a deterrent to plagiarizing others' work and also to provide a deterrent to the purchasing or borrowing of work written by others, which might have been plagiarized by the seller or lender of that work.

A report on the Council of Chairs/Faculty Senate proposed Privacy Policy was provided by Professors Karen Kaplowitz and Harold Sullivan. A report on the work of the privacy taskforce was also provided by the chair of the taskforce, Dean James Levine.

By a motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Davenport
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

At-Large Representatives to the 2004-05 Faculty Senate:

13 Reoresentatives of the Full-time Faculty:

Marvie Brooks – Library
Effie Cochran – English
Edward Davenport – SEEK/English
Robert DeLucia – Counseling & Student Life
P. J. Gibson – English
Kirk Dombrowski – Anthropology
Betsy Gitter – English/TSP
Amy Green – Speech, Theater & Media Studies
Karen Kaplowitz – English
Kwando Kinshasa – African-American Studies
Tom Litwack – Forensic Psychology
Francis Sheehan – Forensic Science
Susan Will – Sociology

4 Reoresentatives of the Adiunct Faculty:

Orlanda Brugnola – Art, Music, Philosophy
Joseph Napoli – Law, Police Science, **CJA**
Rick Richardson – Sociology
Robin Whitney – English

ATTACHMENT B

**JOHN JAY COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
EXPRESSION OF OF APPRECIATION TO
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FREDERICK P. SCHAFFER**

The Faculty Senate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice expresses its appreciation to Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel of the CUNY Board of Trustees Frederick P. Schaffer:

For Vice Chancellor Schaffer's responsiveness to issues of privacy and academic freedom raised and discussed by the Faculty Senate of John Jay and by other John Jay faculty at the Faculty Senate's April 15, 2004, meeting with Vice Chancellor Schaffer at which Vice Chancellor Schaffer was the Faculty Senate's invited guest;

For Vice Chancellor Schaffer's acknowledgment that issues of privacy and of academic freedom are of serious import to the operation and reputation of our University;

For Vice Chancellor Schaffer's acknowledgment that issues of privacy include but are not limited to privacy of computers, emails, office space, file cabinets and desks and the contents therein, phonecalls, phonemail, mail and other communications and other ways that privacy could potentially be violated;

For Vice Chancellor Schaffer's prompt decision to immediately appoint a CUNY-wide Taskforce, which is to include three faculty members, to develop as soon as is practicable a CUNY-wide policy on privacy;

For Vice Chancellor Schaffer's decision, made and announced at the Faculty Senate meeting of April 15, 2004, that in the interim, while a CUNY-wide privacy policy is developed and adopted, he will direct the CUNY Presidents that no searches or intrusions of privacy may take place or be conducted without the approval of first the College President and then the approval of Vice Chancellor Schaffer, from whom the College President must request and receive approval.

Adopted by Unanimous Vote

April 28, 2004



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ATTACHMENT C

To: The Standards Committee

From: The Faculty Senate

March 25, 2004

This is a Proposal that the College subscribe to turnitin.com, an online plagiarism detection service, as a deterrent to plagiarism and as a way for faculty to respond to possible incidents of plagiarism. This is envisioned as one part of a College-wide commitment to academic integrity.

The Faculty Senate's Proposal is in three parts:

1. That the Standards Committee of John Jay College of Criminal Justice recommend that as part of the College's commitment to academic integrity the College shall subscribe to turnitin.com;
2. That upon subscribing to turnitin.com, a periodic evaluation of turnitin.com be conducted to determine its usefulness and effectiveness as a positive way of preventing and responding to incidents of plagiarism at this College;
3. That at such time that John Jay subscribes to turnitin.com, all John Jay students be informed of this fact and be informed on a regular basis so as to provide a deterrent to plagiarizing others' work and also to provide a deterrent to the purchasing or borrowing of work written by others, which might have been plagiarized by the seller or lender of that work.

The reasons the Faculty Senate unanimously voted to support this Proposal are:

- ◇ John Jay faculty are reporting an increase in the number of plagiarized papers they receive;
- ◇ The easy access to material on the Internet, including free and for-purchase term papers, is viewed by many faculty as a contributing factor to this serious academic situation;
- ◇ The billions of websites on the Internet pose a challenge for faculty in their efforts to prevent plagiarism and in their efforts to respond effectively and appropriately to suspected and actual plagiarism;
- ◇ Over the recent years, student leaders of John Jay College of Criminal Justice have cited plagiarism by students as one of their issues of concern in their capacities as both student leaders and as John Jay students;

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- ◇ Other students have repeatedly expressed this concern to members of the faculty;
- ◇ Last semester, a *CUNY* Taskforce on Academic Integrity, comprising faculty, student, and administration members and chaired by *CUNY* Vice Chancellor for Students Otis Hill, issued a Report and a Policy recommendation for action by the Board of Trustees this semester, one recommendation of which is that each *CUNY* college consider subscribing to an online plagiarism detecting service (such as turnitin.com);
- ◇ An online company called turnitin.com offers colleges the opportunity to subscribe to a service whereby papers are scanned for possible plagiarism through the use of turnitin.com's database of billions of documents;
- ◇ turnitin.com charges colleges an annual subscription fee based on the number of students at the college, with comparatively smaller colleges, such as John Jay, being charged a much lower fee than colleges with large enrollments;
- ◇ Research conducted by members of the Faculty Senate and by others indicates that turnitin.com is the best and most respected online plagiarism detecting service;
- ◇ Other *CUNY* colleges have already subscribed to turnitin.com;
- ◇ Faculty at colleges that subscribe to this service have the option of using the service or not using it.

Please also see:

Attachment A: an email response to an inquiry by a member of the Faculty Senate from turnitin.com about its service, including a partial list of colleges and universities that subscribe

Attachment B: a New York Times article about turnitin.com

Attachment C: a Chronicle of Higher Education article about turnitin.com

[N.B. These attachments were included with the Senate's proposal.]