

**Faculty Senate Minutes #500
John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

1:40 PM

Moot Court NB

Present (27): Chevy Alford, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Chelsea Binns, Marta Bladek, Lissette Delgado-Cruzata, Sven Dietrich, Jonathan Epstein, Gail Garfield, Amy Green, John Gutierrez, Michelle Holder, Karen Kaplowitz, Erica King-Toler, Yuk-Ting (Joyce) Lau, Xerxes Malki, Peter Mameli, Catherine Mulder, Hyunhee Park, Edward Paulino, John Pittman, David Shapiro, Francis Sheehan, Charles Stone, Marta Laura Suska, Violet Yu, Guoqi Zhang

Absent (14): George Andreopoulos, Andrea Balis, Teresa Booker, Marta Concheiro-Guisan, Silvia Dapia, Joel Freiser, P.J. Gibson, Heath Grant, Maki Haberfeld, Yu Ma, Mickey Melendez, Roberto Visani, Hung-Lung Wei, Rebecca Weiss

Invited Guest: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yi Li

Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes #499 of the September 23, 2019, meeting**
- 3. Announcements**
- 4. 500th meeting of the Faculty Senate**
- 5. Election of faculty to the search committee for Associate Provost & Graduate Dean**
- 6. Invited guest: Provost & VP for Academic Affairs Yi Li**
- 7. Faculty Senate proposal to reduce College Council membership by 30%**
- 8. Review of the agenda of the October 16 meeting of the College Council**
- 9. Accreditation Standards and Assessment**
- 10. Student Council document about faculty attendance policies**
- 11. New Business**

1. Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was amended to add a discussion about the upcoming PSC Chapter Chair election and the leadership of the John Jay chapter. The amended agenda was approved.

2. Adoption of Minutes #499 of the September 23, 2019, meeting. Approved.

3. Announcements

President Benton reported that both he and the Guttman Community College faculty senate president will be testifying at the October 21 hearing of the CUNY Board of Trustees in support of a joint private/public development partnership to provide needed space to both John Jay and Guttman CC on the site of North Hall. He said that other faculty are welcome to testify and that any interested in doing so should communicate with him to learn how to go about doing so but that he does not feel others need testify at this time.

4. 500th meeting of the Faculty Senate

President Benton announced that this meeting is the 500th meeting of the John Jay Faculty Senate and that this is an accomplishment that cannot pass without acknowledgement and pride.

5. Election of faculty to the search committee for Associate Provost & Graduate Dean

All the candidates, as requested by the Senate Executive Committee, had provided written election statements – of a maximum of 200 words – which had been circulated to Senators in advance of the meeting. Those who were elected by written, secret ballot are:

Maria D’Agostino – Department of Public Management

Charles Jennings – Department of Security, Fire, and Emergency Management

Brian Lawton – Department of Criminal Justice

Mangai Natarajan – Department of Criminal Justice

Chitra Raghavan – Department of Forensic Psychology

Edward Snajdr – Department of Anthropology

6. Invited guest: Provost & VP for Academic Affairs Yi Li

Provost Li said we have just received our PMP Report [Productivity Measures Process], a CUNY Central Office operation. He reported to what extent John Jay achieved the goals President Mason and the CUNY chancellor set for our college a year ago. The PMP Report is available for review.

Provost Li said he is allocating tenure-track faculty lines, taking into consideration departments’ needs based on f-t faculty coverage; full-time versus adjunct coverage; student-faculty ratio in the majors; and efficiency in the use of full-time faculty by the departments. He listed the departments that are receiving full-time tenure-track lines and said he is having conversations with chairs of additional departments about their needs and their possible receipt of a line. He said he has allocated 10 lines and may allocate several additional lines. These lines are from faculty retirement accruals.

7. Faculty Senate proposal to reduce College Council membership by 30%

At the end of the spring semester the Faculty Senate endorsed a proposal from the Executive Committee to propose a reduction in the size of the College Council membership by 30%. It was agreed by the Senate that this year's current Senate should also vote on the proposal before forwarding it to the College Council for action. The Senate's vote of endorsement of the proposal was unanimous.

8. Review of the agenda of the October 16 meeting of the College Council. Noted.

9. Election of the chair of John Jay's PSC Chapter and leadership of the JJ Chapter

The Senate discussed the absence of full-time faculty members among the candidates for the chair of the chapter. While the two adjunct faculty members were praised for being willing to take on this big responsibility, the issue of the appropriateness of an adjunct chairing the chapter was raised. VP Karen Kaplowitz said that faculty in leadership positions must be full-time faculty who hold tenure; she said any faculty – adjunct or untenured full-time faculty – are too vulnerable and necessarily feel too vulnerable to stand up to the administration in the ways that are often required. She said, in addition, another difficulty is that the administration must see faculty leaders as having the standing to challenge and oppose them, when necessary; otherwise, the union chapter leadership and the chapter may be treated dismissively. She said that when the election takes place next year for a full three-year term, we must find full-time faculty to run. She said she's grateful to Zabby Hovey and Sami Disu for stepping up but that this is not the answer for our college.

Senator John Pittman said that having an adjunct as chapter chair is not the ideal situation and that he is actively recruiting full-time faculty to run in the next election at John Jay. He explained that this election is to complete the 3-year term of Daniel Pinello who resigned last semester before his 3-year term was completed; when that 3-year term is completed by the winner of the current election, a new election will take place for the next 3-year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Provided by Karen Kaplowitz