

**Faculty Senate Minutes #503
John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

Friday, December 6, 2019

10:00 AM

Moot Court NB

Present (30): Chevy Alford, George Andreopoulos, Andrea Balis, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Chelsea Binns, Marta Bladek, Teresa Booker, Marta Concheiro-Guisan, Lissette Delgado-Cruzata, Sven Dietrich, Jonathan Epstein, Joel Freiser, Amy Green, John Gutierrez, Maki Haberfeld, Yuk-Ting (Joyce) Lau, Yue Ma, Xerxes Malki, Peter Mameli, Mickey Melendez, Catherine Mulder, Hyunhee Park, Edward Paulino, John Pittman, David Shapiro, Francis Sheehan, Charles Stone, Marta Laura Suska, Rebecca Weiss

Absent (10): Silva Dapia, Gail Garfield, P.J. Gibson, Heath Grant, Michelle Holder, Karen Kaplowitz, Roberto Visani, Hung-Lung Wei, Violet Yu, Guoqi Zhang

Invited Guests: Professors Nathan Lents, Gerald Markowitz, and Alexander Long; Director Lindsay Kayman; and Provost Yi Li

Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes #502 of the November 25, 2019, meeting**
- 3. Consideration of candidates for Honorary Degrees**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Discussion of draft of JJ Values Statement**
- 6. Invited Guest: Provost Yi Li**
- 7. Climate Change and Sustainability at JJ: Invited Guests: Markowitz, Long, Kayman**
- 8. New Business**

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved.

2. Adoption of Minutes #502 of the November 25, 2019, meeting. Approved.

3. Consideration of candidates for Honorary Degrees

By a motion made and adopted the Senate went into executive session. Professor Nathan Lents, chair of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, presented candidates who were discussed. By secret ballot the following candidates were approved by the requisite 75% affirmative vote of senators present and voting: Coates, Fernandez, Stevenson, Walker.

4. Announcements

- President Benton reported that the CUNY Budget Request to Albany was approved the previous day and that he will email the document to the Faculty Senate. Highlights in the request are funds for faculty lines, a tuition increase, an increase in student fees, health lines, capital budget
- Research priorities regarding climate change include the following: data science, technology commercialization, economic development, emerging technology, etc.
- UFS met with the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs. John Jay's coverage by full-time faculty of course sections is at a record low of 27.6%. CUNY Central said there will be a proportional distribution of new faculty lines to the four fiscally disadvantaged campuses, including John Jay.
- Public-private partnerships to build campus buildings

5. Discussion of Draft of John Jay's Values Statement

Senators made the following observations and asked the following questions:

- The Values Statement must be aligned with our Strategic Planning Goals
- What is purpose or intended use of the Statement? It is meaningless without a purpose.
- Would a Value Statement be alienating to those who do not agree with it?
- What is its relation to John Jay as an HIS and as a MSI?
- Should there be Guiding Principles instead of a Values Statement?

There was a review of the history of the document: the consultants hired by President Mason to write a Campus Climate Study recommended the college adopt a values statement. Subsequently, Vice President Laura Ginns established a committee of faculty, staff, students, and administrators who, led by the consultants, wrote this draft document.

6. Invited Guest: Provost Yi Li

Provost Li was asked about the extremely low full-time course section coverage by full-time faculty of 26.7%: he was asked what he would he like to see in terms of reporting to our faculty and how this information should be used to allocate faculty lines. Provost Li said his goal is a total of 450 new full-time faculty lines over the next five years. The current coverage is "very bad." He also looks at student/faculty ratios. He spoke in favor of both cluster hiring and diversifying the faculty.

7. Climate Justice and Sustainability at John Jay: Guests: Professor Gerald Markowitz, Professor Alex Long, and Environmental Health and Safety Director Lindsay Kayman

The group spoke of the need for John Jay to lead on climate change education and climate justice education. They urged faculty to think about how climate justice might be integrated into their curriculum and also recommended that each academic department either appoint or elect a departmental point person on climate change and sustainability. The Teaching & Learning Center has materials on its website. A senator suggested that Fire Science majors be encouraged to take the Environmental Justice minor. Another asked if there is an interdisciplinary course and the answer is that Environmental Justice 1 & 2 are both interdisciplinary. Another senator asked about connections with the Human Rights minor.

8. John Jay's representation of its namesake, John Jay

President Benton raised the issue of how the College memorializes its namesake, John Jay. He raised questions about the information presented about John Jay on the mural outside Room L61 and his opinion that the information needs to be updated. Senators said that historians need to weigh in on this matter and that we should have an ad hoc task force or committee work on this. It was noted that more and more historical sites and museums are placing text on or next to works of art to contextualize the art. Questions were raised about the cost to update the lobby mural. Others asked what the cost would be to the College to not do anything, especially given our large numbers of students of color. A Senator suggested that perhaps we should consider adopting and publicizing a Faculty Senate resolution. Another suggested that such a statement could also memorialize enslavement in NYS and NYC. Another raised the possibility that perhaps this could be a joint statement with the Council of Chairs and the Student Council. The question is ultimately: what message does the college want to send. The Executive Committee offered to draft an initial resolution for consideration and discussion at a subsequent Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.