

**Faculty Senate Minutes #504
John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

1:40 PM

Moot Court NB

Present (31): George Andreopoulos, Andrea Balis, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Chelsea Binns, Marta Bladek, Teresa Booker, Gloria Browne-Marshall, Marta Concheiro-Guisan, Silvia Dapia, Lissette Delgado-Cruzata, Jonathan Epstein, Amy Green, John Gutierrez, Maki Haberfeld, Michelle Holder, Karen Kaplowitz, Erica King-Toler, Yuk-Ting (Joyce) Lau, Cyriaco Lopes, Xerxes Malki, Peter Mameli, Catherine Mulder, Hyunhee Park, Tara Pauliny, John Pittman, David Shapiro, Francis Sheehan, Marta Laura Suska, Hung-Lung Wei, Rebecca Weiss

Absent (11): Chevy Alford, Sven Dietrich, Joel Freiser, Heath Grant, Lila Kazemian, Mickey Melendez, Edward Paulino, Charles Stone, Violet Yu, Hung-Lung Wei, Violet Yu, Guoqi Zhang

Guest: Professor Susan Opotow

Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes #503 of the December 6, 2019, meeting**
- 3. Announcements**
- 4. Elections for College Council committee memberships**
- 5. Dean of Faculty search report**
- 6. Discussion: UCASC Proposed Amendment to the Grade Appeals Policy**
- 7. Discussion: UCASC Proposed First-Semester Freshman Forgiveness Policy**
- 8. Discussion: Other academic standards policies**

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved.

2. Adoption of Minutes #503 of the December 6, 2019, meeting. Approved as amended.

3. Announcements

Three new Senators were introduced and welcomed: Gloria Browne-Marshall, Cyriaco Lopes, and Tara Pauliny.

President Ned Benton announced that the Governor's proposed budget does not remove funding for items that are usually removed by the Governor and that are then restored by the

Legislature and that this means that there may be room for the Legislature to add monies for new items. On the other hand, the Governor's proposed budget provides no monies to fund our labor/management agreement and no monies to mitigate the TAP Gap or the Excelsior Scholarship Gap. The Assembly's budget bill does provide for \$50 million for closing the TAP Gap at CUNY and SUNY, but the Senate and the Governor might not support that. President Benton explained that John Jay's TAP Gap is \$4million to \$5 million, the largest in CUNY because we have the largest number of financially challenged students.

Vice President Karen Kaplowitz noted that even if the Senate and the Governor were to support the Assembly's proposal for \$50 million for the CUNY/SUNY TAP Gap, the Gap for CUNY alone is \$89 million.

President Benton reported that our college is halfway toward solving our huge budget problem; our fiscal deficit for this year has been reduced to about \$4 million. He explained that we made up savings by not filling full-time faculty lines. So if we do get monies to mitigate our TAP Gap, it should be allocated to funding new full-time faculty lines. Asked how many full-time faculty members we now have, he said we have fewer than 400 whereas our high had been 450 lines and at that time we had far fewer students.

4. Elections for College Council committee members

The Senate unanimously elected Professor Mucahit Bilici (Sociology) to fill Professor Gail Garfield's seat on the Auxiliary Services Corporation Board during this spring semester, while Professor Garfield is on sabbatical. Professor Ned Benton is the other faculty member.

The Senate unanimously elected Catherine Mulder (Economics) to the College Grade Appeals Committee and elected Alexander Long (English) as a back-up member.

5. Dean of Faculty search committee report

VP Kaplowitz reported that so far we have only two candidates for the four faculty seats on the Dean of Faculty search committee. She explained that this is probably the most important executive position for faculty members and that the Provost has reorganized the Office of Academic Affairs so that there would be no net gain in executive administrators resulting from the creation of this position. She also noted that the position of Associate to the Provost for Faculty Matters will be eliminated when the Dean of Faculty position is filled. The Senate agreed that the deadline for nominations should be extended and that the next call for candidates should include this information.

6. Discussion: UCASC Proposed Amendment to the Grade Appeals Policy

Several Senators expressed their displeasure at President Mason's many violations of Robert's Rules as the presiding officer of the previous College Council meeting. Senators agreed with President Benton's assessment that the negative votes against the proposed policy change were not directed toward the proposed policy but rather were directed against the way the meeting was run, especially the attempts to steamroll passage of the policy by President Mason and the violations of Robert's Rules. Many Senators also spoke against having any language in the policy about retaliation or about professional misconduct by faculty.

President Benton reported that he and VP Kaplowitz met with Dean Dara Byrne subsequent to the College Council meeting and that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is working on drafting language that will hopefully be acceptable to the Standards Committee, to UCASC, and to Dean Byrne as well as to the Faculty Senate. He said the proposed revised language would be brought to the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Senator Francis Sheehan proposed the following language to resolve the issue: "Faculty members may not lower an informally or formally appealed final grade except at the recommendation of the Grade Appeals Committee."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Submitted,

Karen Kaplowitz