

Faculty Senate Minutes #522
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Monday, April 12, 2021

1:40 PM

Zoom

Present (36): Chevy Alford, Andrea Balis, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Mohamed Ben Zid, Chelsea Binns, Marta Bladek, Marta Concheiro-Guisan, Silvia Dapia, Lissette Delgado-Cruzata, Jonathan Epstein, Jessica Gordon-Nembhard, Heath Grant, Amy Green, John Gutierrez, Maki Haberfeld, Christopher Herrmann, Crystal Jackson, Veronica Johnson, Karen Kaplowitz, Erica King-Toler, Yuk-Ting (Joyce) Lau, Anru Lee, Alexander Long, Maxwell Mak, Mickey Melendez, Christian Parenti, Hyunhee Park, Edward Paulino, Francis Sheehan, Marie Springer, Charles Stone, Lucia Velotti, Thalia Vrachopoulos, Adam Wandt, Violet Yu

Absent (3): Michael Brownstein, Joel Freiser, Atiba Rougier

Invited Guests: Professor James Cauthen, Associate Provost Allison Pease

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes #521 of the March 25, 2021, meeting
3. Election of At-large and Alternate At-Large Faculty Senate representatives to the 2021-2022 College Council
4. Update on Middle States Self-Study: Ned Benton, James Cauthen, & Allison Pease
5. Mock election to test the Simply Voting platform

1. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Approved.

2. **Adoption of Minutes #521 of the March 25, 2021, meeting.** Approved.

3. **Election of At-large & Alternate Faculty Senate reps to the 2021-2022 College Council**

The College's Charter of Governance provides that 30 (of the 50) College Council seats be allocated to faculty and that each academic department receive one of those 30 seats and the remaining seats be filled by the Faculty Senate. We currently have 23 academic departments, and so the Faculty Senate must fill 7 seats. In addition, the Senate may elect 8 alternate members who may make motions and vote in the absence of any of the 30 faculty members.

As part of this process, the entire full-time faculty recently voted to elect 13 full-time faculty at-large representatives to next year's Faculty Senate. These 13 are:

Chevy Alford – SEEK
Andrea Balis – History
Ned Benton – Public Management
Marta Concheiro-Guisan – Sciences
Lissette Delgado-Cruzata – Sciences
Heath Grant – Law, PS & CJA
Maki Haberfeld – Law, PS & CJA
Karen Kaplowitz – English
Anru Lee – Anthropology
Patrick Raftery – Library
Stephen Russell – History
Francis Sheehan – Sciences
Charles Stone – Psychology

Also elected to next year's Faculty Senate were 3 at-large adjunct faculty members:

Jonathan Epstein – History
Joel Freiser – Public Management
Marie Springer – Public Management

Of these 16 at-large representatives, 11 accepted nomination to be a candidate for Faculty Senate representative to next year's College Council. The 7 elected at today's meeting are:

Chevy Alford – SEEK
Andrea Balis – History
Ned Benton – Public Management
Lissette Delgado-Cruzata – Sciences
Karen Kaplowitz – English
Francis Sheehan – Sciences
Charles Stone – Psychology

Also elected, as alternate representatives to the College Council, are:

Jonathan Epstein – History
Heath Grant – Law, PS & CJA
Maki Haberfeld – Law, PS & CJA

4. Update on Middle States Self-Study: Ned Benton, James Cauthen, & Allison Pease

President Benton noted that he, Professor James Cauthen, and Associate Provost Allison Pease are the co-chairs of John Jay's Middle States Reaccreditation process. AP Pease explained that this is a three-year process. She said that they have created the self-study design, which she compared to a dissertation prospectus, and that data collection is taking place now by the seven working groups, each assigned to one of Middle States' 7 Standards. The self-study will be written next year and circulated throughout the college community for feedback; and then in 2022-2023 a visiting team will make a site visit to our college and make its recommendation to Middle States, which will make its determination about our reaccreditation.

The three co-chairs are liaisons to the 7 Working Groups. The Steering Committee comprises 21 members, including the three co-chairs and three others: Daniel Matos, Alison Orlando, and Laura Ginns. AP Pease noted that we have two years to get our assessment in order which we need to do in order to get reaccredited; she said anyone whose program is not doing assessment should know that their house is on fire and it affects all of us.

President Benton said one problem is the Middle States requirement that we align and interconnect our budget with our planning. Until now that was not a problem for us because CUNY gave us a budget and we spent it; but we are getting big infusions of money from the Federal government, in response to the pandemic, and we have to decide how to spend it.

Professor Cauthen called the Middle States self-study process overwhelming, but with the timetable we've been given it's actually reasonable. He called the process more than a marathon, actually an ultra-marathon. He said the process is inclusive and transparent and that we're building the foundation this semester. In the fall, we will draft the chapters, each of which will be 10-15 pages and, therefore, each chapter will be very focused on analysis and evidence. In March of next year, a draft report will be sent to the full campus. Then campus constituencies will comment on the draft and in late spring, the self-study will be finalized and will be sent in fall 2022 to the chair of our MS visiting team, who will comment on it. Then we will submit the final self-study in early 2023. The team visit will take place in spring 2023 after which the team will prepare a report to Middle States. In either June or November 2023, Middle States will take action. Starting this summer, we will have a Middle States home page on JJ's home page with a comments feature.

AP Pease said one of the biggest challenges has been finding any college that is like John Jay; the co-chairs' recommendations of comparative colleges, as required by Middle States, is on p. 22 of their self-study design, which had been circulated to the Senate prior to the meeting.

5. Mock election to test the Simply Voting platform

Because some faculty elections require an affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the organization's members, multiple ballots are often needed before a candidate garners the required half plus one affirmative votes of all eligible voters. One example of this is an academic department's election of its P&B members. To determine whether Simply Voting can handle multiple ballots whereby the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated on each successive ballot until a candidate reaches an absolute majority, President Benton, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Online Faculty Elections, conducted a mock election, with candidates whose mock names were the letters of the Latin alphabet randomly ordered. At the conclusion of the secret online balloting, President Benton and the Senate reviewed the results and determined that Simply Voting is not capable of conducting such an election.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.