

**Faculty Senate Minutes #555
John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

1:40 PM

Zoom

Present (36): Chevy Alford, Maria Arndt, Madhura Bandyopadhyay, Tarun Banerjee, Elton Beckett, Ned Benton, Heath Brown, Jean Carmalt, Kate Cauley, Peter Diaczuk, Jennifer Dysart, Jonathan Epstein, Nina Rose Fischer, Heath Grant, Maki Haberfeld, Veronica Hendrick, Mohammad Islam, Karen Kaplowitz, Catherine Kemp, Edward Kennedy, Vicente Lecuna, Anru Lee, Joseph Maldonado, Mickey Melendez, Brian Montes, Sofia Morote, Raymond Patton, Susan Pickman, Stephen Russell, Francis Sheehan, Gregory Sheppard, Marie Springer, Todd Stambaugh, Charles Stone, Sung-Suk (Violet) Yu, Zhun Xu

Absent (0):

Guest: Professor Robert Till

Invited Guests: President Karol V. Mason, Professor James Cauthen

AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes #554 of the May 23, 2023, meeting**
- 3. Election of faculty to Faculty Senate and College committees**
- 4. Review of the search process for a provost**
- 5. Invited Guest: President Mason**
- 6. Information: AY 23-24 Faculty Senate and College Council Meetings**
- 7. New Business**

- 1. Adoption of agenda. Approved.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes #554 of the May 23, 2023, meeting. Approved.**
- 3. Election of faculty to Faculty Senate and College Committees**

The Faculty Senate elected the following candidates by unanimous vote:

1. Faculty Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

Janice Bockmeyer – Political Science

Enrique Chavez-Arviso – Anthropology

Nathan Lents – Sciences
Gerald (Jerry) Markowitz – Interdisciplinary Studies
*[Continuing to serve their 3-year terms are:
Jama Adams; George Andreopoulos; and Mangai
Natarajan]*

2. Faculty Senate Committee on Racial Justice & Inclusion

Chevy Alford – SEEK
Karla Batres – Psychology
Lissette Delgado-Cruzata – Sciences
Nicole Elias – Public Management
Amy Green – Interdisciplinary Studies
Heath Grant – Law, Police Science & CJA
Gerald Markowitz – Interdisciplinary Studies
Javier Moreno – Modern Languages & Lit
Mangai Natarajan – Criminal Justice

3. Faculty Senate Committee on Technology

Alex Alexandrou – Math & CS
Katie Cauley – Library
Peggy Geyer – Law, Police Science & CJA
Heath Grant – Law, Police Science & CJA
Monica Mattesi – Sciences
Mickey Melendez – Counseling & Human Resources
Kumar Ramensenthil – Math & CS
Gabrielle Salfati – Psychology
Francis Sheehan – Sciences
Maggie Smith – LPS
Liza Steele – Sociology
Valerie West – LPS

4. Executive Committee of the College Council

Ned Benton – Public Management
Jean Carmalt – Political Science
Heath Grant – Law, PS & CJA
Karen Kaplowitz – English
Elsa-Sofia Morote – Public Management
Francis Sheehan – Sciences
Marie Springer – Public Management

5. Appeals Panel for Student Complaints Against Faculty

Heath Brown – Public Management
Nina Rose Fischer – Interdisciplinary Studies

6. Committee on Student Honors, Prizes, and Awards

Mohamed Islam – Math & CS
Peter Mameli – Public Management
Kevin Wolff – Criminal Justice

7. Campus Safety Advisory Committee

Ellen Belcher – Library
Glenn Corbett – Security, Fire, and Emergency Management
Mangai Natarajan – Criminal Justice
Francis Sheehan – Sciences

8. Student Evaluation of the Faculty

Christopher Herrmann – Law, PS & CJA
Keith Markus – Psychology
Daniel Martens Yaverbaum – Sciences
Sung-suk Violet Yu – Criminal Justice

9. Academic Assessment Committee

Alexa Capeloto – English
Heath Grant – Law, Police Science & CJA
Jenny Holst – Math & CS
Monica Mattesi – Sciences
Daniel Yaverbaum – Sciences
Virginia Diaz-Mendoza – SEEK
Calvester (Cal) Legister – Public Management
Shilpa Viswanath – Public Management

10. General Education Assessment Committee

Karla Batres – Psychology
Ann Huse – English
Sara Martucci – Sociology
Judy-Lynne Peters – Public Management
Rosa Squillacote – Political Science
Sandra Swenson – Sciences
Samira Zaroudi – Math & CS
Katherine Zuber – Political Science

11. Administrative, Educational, and Student Support Services Assessment Committee

Ned Benton – Public Management
David Shapiro – Public Management

12. College-wide Student Appeals of Grades Committee

Chevy Alford – SEEK

Jay Pastrana – Sociology
Matthew Perry – History
Michael Puls – Math & CS
Toy-Fung Tung – English

13. Committee on Student Interests

Ellen Belcher – Library
Nicole Elias – Public Management

14. Committee on Student Admissions and Recruitment

Jennifer Holst – Math & CS
Mohamed Islam – Math & CS
Melissa McShea – Public Management
Elsa-Sofia Morote – Public Management
Jose Olivo – Math & CS

15. Food Services Subcommittee of the Auxiliary Corp Board

Ellen Belcher – Library

16. Auxiliary Services Corporation Board

Ned Benton – Public Management
Mukahit Bilici – Sociology
Alexa Capeloto – English

17. Student Activities Association Board of Directors

Toy-Fung Tung – English
Liza Yukins – English

18. Student Travel Advisory Committee

Rosemary Barberet – Sociology

4. Review of the search process for a provost

President Kaplowitz explained that the search for a provost is the same as for a faculty member except of course the kinds of questions the candidates are asked, which are not department specific, and the kinds of answers committee must make about the college as a whole and about the university. Therefore, the search committee members should be very knowledgeable about both John Jay and CUNY.

5. Invited Guest: President Mason

President Karol Mason said she needs a provost who will partner with her and with her team to advance student success to the forefront. But now, she said, faculty success is her focus. She wants a strong leader in the provost and hopes John Jay will receive a McKenzie Scott award one of these days. She is also looking for a provost who will be collegial. Professor James

Cauthen reported that the timeline for the provost search has been extended. Instead of having the finalists visit our campus in December, they will make their campus visits in February. The plan now is that the finalists will be chosen by December.

President Mason expressed interest in hearing what the Senate members are looking for in the next provost.

Senator Charles Stone said he and other psychology doctoral faculty are interested in a provost who understands and recognizes the importance of our doctoral programs and their research mandates. He and his doctoral faculty colleagues have witnessed the focus on our undergraduate students for the past several years. Our psychology doctoral program is really starved. We need a piercing of the doctoral program and the Graduate Center. President Kaplowitz explained for those new to the college that almost all CUNY doctoral programs are housed at the Graduate Center on 42 Street, but John Jay's doctoral programs are housed entirely at John Jay, which means that in many ways our programs aren't on the radar of the Graduate Center administrators and faculty.

Senator Nina Rose Fischer said she wants a provost who is committed to our social justice mission and who has a DEI – diversity, equity and inclusion – background and commitment. She wants someone who is committed to interdisciplinary studies and who believes in the interconnection between science, the social sciences, and the humanities. And, also, someone who truly understands that service is one of the three legs of the stool and should count as heavily as the other two legs, teaching and scholarship, either in the form of truly mattering in the promotion process or in reassigned time.

Senator Susan Pickman wants a provost who is committed to experiential learning as central to the way we change the social justice elements of the world, in terms of both public and private activities.

Jean Carmalt praised the first word of the job description: "kind." She, too, wants our next provost to embrace our social justice mission and also wants a provost who will incorporate pedagogy into the tenure and promotion processes, who supports mentorship for new faculty, who understands the complexity of the CUNY system, and who is able, if needed, to push back against the system.

Senator Ray Patton spoke about wanting a provost who gets a sense of how higher education is a changing landscape and how John Jay fits into it; someone, in other words, with a vision for the next ten years and, therefore, someone great at strategic planning.

Senator Elton Beckett wants a provost able to deal with our college's financial situation, which is always a challenge.

VP Stephen Russell wants a provost who truly appreciates and respects shared governance and

is fully committed to shared governance, someone who is collaborative and respectful of the faculty.

Senator Chevy Alford wants a provost who genuinely respects the faculty and treats the faculty with respect.

Senator Sofia Morote wants a provost who motivates faculty to create new degrees programs, someone who is able to be innovative with respect to the curriculum, who can connect with industry and potential employees of our students.

Senator Joseph Maldonado wants a provost who is capable of boundless compassion for our students, who is a student of history and especially of the history of John Jay. He said the discontinuation of several departments recently was very disturbing to him and to many other faculty members and so he wants someone who is adept at planning so we don't have to repeat such troubling actions.

Senator Tarun Banerjee wants a provost who truly believes in public education and is a vigorous advocate for public education.

Senator Mohammed Islam wants a provost dedicated to faculty development, student support, and to community engagement.

Senator Chevy Alford asked President Mason whether we will be hiring a search firm to run the search. President Mason said we are not doing so for several reasons: search firms are very expensive; we used a search firm to search for our last provost; our last two executive searches without a search firm produced superb candidates. Five CUNY colleges are conducting searches for a provost, only one of which is using a search firm. Professor Cauthen said he and President Mason hope that faculty reach out to colleagues encouraging them to apply.

Senator Veronica Hendrick asked if our current interim provost will be applying. President Mason said that she has the right to apply. President Kaplowitz said in her experience almost all those who hold an interim position do apply for the permanent position.

Senator Hendrick wants a provost who is committed to the humanities, the study of which is extraordinarily powerful and effective. She spoke about the widespread decimation of the humanities. She also wants someone who is an active scholar, who is still publishing and still attending conferences. President Mason said she, too, wants a provost with a record of scholarly publications but she doesn't expect candidates for provost to be currently active scholars given how demanding high level academic positions are. President Kaplowitz said that from her experience, a successful provost has 7-day work weeks of very long days and evenings.

Senator Ray Patton said he totally agrees about the commitment to the humanities as being essential in the next provost and said he wants someone who can articulate the importance of the humanities in our complex and evolving world.

President Mason said she truly supports the humanities because they undergird everything else. She noted she's on the Board of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Senator Heath Grant spoke of seeking a provost with vision, with a commitment to social justice and an advocate for social justice. We need someone who is a strategic thinker, one not willing to accept the status quo just because we are a part of the CUNY system.

President Mason expressed her gratitude to the Senate for inviting her to the first meeting of the semester to accommodate the search timeline and said hearing with the Senate members want in a provost has been extremely helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Provided by K. Kaplowitz