

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 21, 2011

Present: C. Berotte Joseph, L. Broughton, M. Coleman, R. Gouraige, A. McInerney, L. Montenegro, M. Pita, R. Quinn, H. Skinner, E. Sutton, H. Wach, T. Warren

Excused: P. Barbatis, J. Freeman

Absent: W. Washington

Guests: A. Fuller

Meeting called to order at 2:22 p.m., A. McInerney

1. **Approval of November 21, 2011 SEC agenda:** Approved unanimously by voice vote.
2. **Approval of October 31, 2011 SEC Minutes:** Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote.
3. **Pathways**
 - a. H. Wach noted that the Steering Committee is currently discussing the feedback from the campuses. At this point, we don't know what the common core structure will look like. The feedback from the colleges is available on the pathways website.
 - b. H. Wach has been working on the tasks for the campus-based steering committee. The membership has been finalized. The BCC steering committee will be working from December through March and sending products to governance bodies for input and approval. The process must be completed by April 1.
 - c. C. Berotte Joseph submitted the campus response for BCC.
4. **Approval of December 1, 2011 Senate Agenda:** Approved as presented unanimously by voice vote.
5. **Other** (see attachment)
 - a. T. Warren update on SGA attendance.
 - i. E. Sutton raised the issue that the CMS attendance policy is that once you reach 7 hours they stop grading your work. Late registration and excused absences are also included in these 7 hours for this department.
 - ii. M. Coleman noted that the University established that for financial aid purposes, CUNY is a non-attendance taking University. Any academic policy is a separate matter.

- iii. H. Wach noted that we do not have a BCC attendance policy, but the student handbook does have attendance guidelines. The CMS policy mirrors the guidelines that are in that handbook.
- iv. M. Coleman suggested that we need to make sure that we are in compliance with the University and College policies.
- b. L. Broughton introduced the Resolution on Procedures for Senate Minutes.
 - i. The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote. The resolution will be introduced to the Senate for consideration by A. McInerney.
 - ii. A. McInerney suggested a private Public Folder in Outlook for Senate members for housing drafts of Senate documents.
- c. H. Skinner presented the new Resolution on Law Enforcement Surveillance at CUNY, which passed the University Faculty Senate (see attachment).

Adjournment at 2:57 p.m., A. McInerney

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura C. Broughton
Secretary

Attachments:

Resolution on Procedures for Senate Minutes (1 page)

Resolution Law Enforcement Surveillance at CUNY (1 page)

Resolution on Procedures for Senate Minutes

Whereas, duplicating minutes with attachments for each meeting uses paper and costs money

Whereas, the draft minutes with attachments are distributed to all members prior to the meeting digitally

Whereas, primarily, changes are made by Senate members to the minutes and not the attachments

Whereas, the approved minutes with attachments are archived digitally and made available to the public digitally by the College

Therefore, the Secretary of the Senate recommends the following:

1. Only the draft minutes (and not the attachments) should be copied for distribution at each meeting.
2. Senate members may “opt out” of receiving a hard copy of the minutes, which will reduce the total number of copies made.
3. All members providing handouts at a meeting should provide a digital copy of the handout to the Secretary of the Senate.
4. All subcommittees of the Senate are encouraged to follow the same procedures.

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Prof. A. K. K.

University Faculty Senate

Proposed: November 15, 2011

Adopted: Nov 15, 2011

Resolution on Law Enforcement Surveillance at CUNY

Whereas, recent news reports indicate that the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and other law enforcement and intelligence agencies (collectively, the NYPD and these other agencies are "law enforcement agencies") have been engaged in surveillance of Muslim student groups, students and faculty on CUNY campuses, and have not denied doing so, and

Whereas, news reports also indicate possible NYPD violations of the settlement in *Handschu v. Special Services Division*, S.D.N.Y., Index No. 71 Civ. 2203 (CSH) (direct) (the "Handschu Guidelines") relating to surveillance of groups engaged in political activities and the NYPD-CUNY Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Police Response to Incidents and Events Occurring at the City University of New York, dated March 6, 1992, attached, and

Whereas, the faculty recognize the bravery of the NYPD following the infamous September 11, 2001 attacks and praise the vigilance of law enforcement agencies in preventing further attacks since then, and

Whereas, the use of undercover police agents and informers on campus can threaten the intellectual freedom necessary for CUNY's vibrant academic community and can create a chilling effect;

Therefore, the University Faculty Senate resolves that:

· The NYPD must comply with the Handschu rules and the NYPD-CUNY Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Police Response to Incidents and Events Occurring at the City University of New York;

· Anti-terrorism activities on CUNY campuses must be conducted with special concern for academic freedom;

· The University Faculty Senate Chair or her designee should be invited to meet with law enforcement agency representatives and the central CUNY administration to:

- discuss NYPD compliance at CUNY with the Handschu rules and the NYPD-CUNY Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Police Response to Incidents and Events Occurring at the City University of New York; and

- assist in setting policies and protocols for maintaining academic freedom while law enforcement agencies conduct antiterrorism surveillance and other activities at CUNY.

Proponent: UFS Executive Committee