Minutes of March 3, 2008


Guests: D. Gonsher, C. Savage

Excused: P. Cunningham, M. Coleman, O. Hill, G. Rosado

Meeting called to order at 2:15 p.m., R. Bass

1. Approval of February 11, 2008 Minutes: suspended until April meeting

2. Approval of March 13, 2008 Senate Agenda: H. Wach asked for Governance and Election to report separately from item 10.c.; it will become “Item 6: Governance and Elections: Proposed Amendments to the Governance Plan” if governance and elections doesn’t pull it prior to 3/13; passed as amended, unanimous voice vote

3. Report on Immediate Electronic Voting System: H. Wach reported that the discrepancy at Senate February meeting occurred on the paper balloting, not on the electronic balloting; R Bass asked whether we should move / discuss making the electronic balloting the vote of record and eliminate the dual method; C. Williams suggested that the dual voting continue, to build confidence with the electronic system

4. Update on Registration: C. Williams: current enrollment is over 9,200 students, with all registration activities at an end; retention of continuing students is growing

5. Lobbying Efforts RE State Proposed Budget: R. Bass distributed the CUNY talking points from the Central Office for those engaged in lobbying in Albany; C. Williams reported on the recent lobbying efforts in Albany; those interested in joining the almost weekly delegations to Albany (until the budget is passed) should contact the President’s Office; emails for the letter-writing campaign should originate from non-taxpayer-dollar computers, and are best sent from home, via home email account

6. Other: Black History Month Martin Luther King Annual Dinner was a success; Hall of Fame Art Gallery has comic book exhibition through March 15, 10:00-2:00 each day

7. Adjournment at 2:35 p.m., R. Bass

Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick De Naples, Secretary