

Bergen Community College
Faculty Senate

Chairperson: Dr. Alan Kaufman
Vice Chairperson: Professor Fred Golub
Secretary: Professor Marjorie Webster
Treasurer: Professor Peter Helff

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 18, 2006

Dr. Alan Kaufman, Chair of the Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 21, 2006, Senate meeting were unanimously approved as presented. Noted was that in II, D “an” should be “a.”

II. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

- A. Dr. Kaufman asked Professor Golub to announce the Jim Wiley Foundation luncheon on April 26.
- B. Dr. Kaufman asked Senators to let the Secretary know of intentions to attend the Annual BCC Faculty Senate Luncheon to be held on May 23, 2006, which is the first Senate meeting of the 2006-2007 academic year.
- C. Dr. Kaufman talked about the status of the Senate-approved Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan. He stressed that it has not yet been signed by Dr. Winn, that minor modifications are still being discussed, but that he hoped that it would soon be finalized and signed.
- D. The Chair then spoke of “shared governance”. He mentioned that a sub-committee of the Senate was formed in Spring 2005, wrote a shared governance plan during the Summer of 2005, and brought it before the Senate. Dr. Winn had asked Dr. Kaufman not to bring it before the Senate as a motion, but first just for informational purposes. Then, if recommended by the Senate, it would be able to go to the President for administrative perusal and finally to the Board of Trustees for their consideration. After receiving feedback, the plan could be modified if thought necessary, and brought back to the Senate to be considered as a motion. Dr. Kaufman agreed to treat the plan in this way, and it was discussed by the Faculty Senate at the November 15, 2005, and forwarded to the President. As of today’s Senate meeting, it has still not been acted upon but remains with the Board, and Dr. Kaufman expressed his disappointment at this lack of movement in adopting this important plan.
- E. The Chair welcomed the newest voting member, Lynne Richardson, from Registration and Admissions.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Professor Helff mentioned that the Good and Welfare Fund is continually in need of donations.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Final Exam Week. A motion was made on behalf of the Department of English that the Faculty Senate create an ad hoc committee to formulate a plan to establish an examination period for each fall and spring semester at Bergen Community College. The committee shall present its plan for Senate consideration at its December 2006 meeting.

Following a discussion, a motion was made to table:

PASSED: 31 – 19 – 1.

A motion was made to re-consider:

SR#33-05/06 Curriculum Addition AAS Option in Technical Studies

Amendments were made:

- (1) Change the NOTE at the bottom of the page to read: Students enrolled in this program “might not be” required to successfully complete a course in basic algebra if indicated by the Basic Skills Placement Test.
- (2) Correct the typographical error to read that in the First Semester “Social Sciences Elective” should be listed and in the Third Semester “Humanities Elective” should be listed.

PASSED: 44 – 0 – 2.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Safety Issue: Dr. Maria Fressola asked a question regarding when PET machines are checked as well as to how electrical equipment is checked. A faculty member received so serious a shock in L138 that she needed to go to the hospital. It was requested that the Administration bring back the answer to the next meeting. V. P. Laughlin offered that the electrical lines were checked and were deemed OK.

A resolution was proposed to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees urging them to make Vice President Virginia Laughlin a Professor Emeritus at the first Board of Trustees meeting after her retirement becomes effective.

PASSED: Unanimously

Dr. Kaufman publicly thanked V.P. Laughlin for her years of service to the Faculty Senate. She has served longer than of any current or past Senator.

VI. GUESTS AT TODAY’S MEETING:

**Ilene Kleinman, Division of Continuing Education
Professor Mauro Marzocco, Science & Technology Department
Dr. Lynda Box, Dean of the Science and Health Division**

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marjorie Webster

Professor Marjorie Webster, Secretary