

Bergen Community College
Faculty Senate

Chairperson: Dr. Alan Kaufman
Vice Chairperson: Professor Gene Calderon
Secretary: Professor Marjorie Webster
Treasurer: Professor Peter Helff

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 19, 2006

Dr. Alan Kaufman, Chair of the Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 23, 2006, Senate meeting were accepted with the following corrections: (1) Under "Visitors" change Urkin to Yurkin; (2) Under II Chairperson's Report, A.: remove the footnote reference of "1".

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- A. Dr. Kaufman welcomed Vice President Raymond Smith, who is replacing Vice President Virginia Laughlin, as a member of the Senate.
- B. Dr. Kaufman appointed Professor Mike Orlando as the Course Description Editor and Professor Laurie Hodge as the Senate Parliamentarian; both accepted their respective positions.
- C. Dr. Kaufman reported that he has asked the Board of Trustees' Chairman Moses to keep him abreast of progress on the search to fill the college's presidency so that he can report back to the Faculty Senate each month.
- D. Future Academic Calendars are being discussed by the Senate Executive Committee and the Administration. The Senate Executive's position on any future calendars is that there will be no change of days of the week. In the discussion regarding calendars, it was pointed out that BCC is either the only one or one of a very few who hold to the 800 Carnegie units. Opinion expressed was that we should not have 53.3-minute hours; we should have only 50-minute hours. A suggestion was made that we solicit feedback from the departments. A motion was made that in future calendars there should be no change of days of the week.

PASSED: 55 – 0 – 1

- E. Governance: the issue of released time for the BCCFA President is, according to Kaufman, a governance issue. The Administration has still not agreed to the release time for the President of BCCFA. The textbook policy committee, concerned about this matter, chose not to meet on Thursday, September 14, 2006, after learning that the Administration has not settled the issue of release time for the BCCFA President. Dr. Kaufman pointed out that this does not mean that the faculty is not cooperating but rather that the sub-committee members simply chose not to meet at that time. The faculty continues, as of now, to meet all committee and other professional responsibilities although they feel that the college is proceeding in an un-collegial manner.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- E. The Good and Welfare Committee needs faculty cooperation to fund the good work of this committee. Professor Helff asks that department members be contacted to give donations, perhaps \$10 each, so that the fund can be necessarily replenished.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: -- NONE

VI NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made that there be no speakers engaged for faculty conferences. A friendly amendment was then made that the Senate recommend to the Agenda Committee that said Committee adopt a presumption against having outside speakers for faculty conferences but that such presumption might be overcome from time to time if, in the judgment of the Agenda Committee, a particular outside speaker would be especially appropriate for a given faculty conference.

PASSED: 52 – 4 – 1.

A motion was made that if a speaker were not engaged, the money be moved into the Faculty Development budget.

PASSED: 43 – 9 – 0.

VI. VISITORS present today were: Professor Denise Jerman, Professor Virginia Laughlin, and Professor Mauro Marzocco.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marjorie Webster

Professor Marjorie Webster, Secretary