

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
February 21, 2006

Dr. Alan Kaufman, Chair of the Senate, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 24, 2006, Senate meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- A. Under CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, C. "The agreement between the BCCFA and the BCC Administration regarding Assessment states that the faculty may work up to four hours per semester as part of their job-related responsibilities; faculty will be paid at their overload rate for any minutes or hours above four hours. For purposes of clarity, it was confirmed by the Senate Executive Committee, after consultation with the administration, that participation in assessment activities by faculty is voluntary and not mandatory."
- B. Under OLD BUSINESS: The motion to adopt the Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan to replace the Assessment Framework. (Copy attached of brief comparison of the differences between the two documents. The entire LOAP was distributed to Senators at the October meeting.)

The minutes of Senate meetings will no longer be posted on the Web until after the following Senate meeting when the minutes are approved or disapproved by the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Kaufman welcomed Professor Milena Christov, who is replacing Dr. Mary Yopez as one of the English ALP Senators for the remainder of the Spring 2006 semester.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- A. Dr. Winn is reviewing the Assessment materials; there will be future discussions.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Good and Welfare Committee. Professor Peter Helff reported that several babies have been born to faculty members, and there have been several family members of our faculty who have passed away. As usual, the Good and Welfare Fund is in need of contributions. Please submit checks to Professor Helff, made out to BCC Good and Welfare.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. After Professor Michael Orlando commented on the distributed “Exam Week Committee Report,” a motion was made and seconded to move the Agenda; motion was passed by majority voice vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. At the request of Dr. Gary Porter, who was unable to attend this meeting, the RESOLUTION: “The Sub-Committee on Learning Assessment recommends to the Curriculum Committee that all course curricular actions require the initiator to attach an updated syllabus which includes Student Learning Outcomes and examples of Means of Assessment effective with the Fall 2006 semester” was removed from the Agenda.

- B. There was much discussion generated regarding the Agenda item “Should General Ed be a Senate Committee rather than a Presidential Committee?”

A motion was made and seconded to table this Agenda item.

Vote FAILED: 2 – 39 – 7.

A motion was made and seconded to have General Education become a Senate Committee to replace the Presidential Committee.

A secret vote resulted in:

Vote FAILED: 18 – 25 – 4.

Just before adjournment, Dr. Kaufman requested that all Senators contact members of their departments as to the desire to have an exam week as the 15th week of the semester.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marjorie Webster

Professor Marjorie Webster, Secretary