

M-240

October 8, 2013

Meeting of College Council Volume 41 Number 1

There were present:

Prof. Barnhart
Dean Basile
Prof. Bassen
Ms. Blauvelt
Ms. K. Butt
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Charnolusky
Ms. Z. Clarke
Ms. J. Cohen
Dean P. Cohen
Ms. Daly
Prof. M. Dawson
Prof. Descarfino
Ms. Driscoll
Prof. Farrell
Prof. Ferretti

Prof. Furay
Prof. Garcia-Osuna
Prof. Guigno
Dr. Harewood
Mr. Herklotz
Prof. Hume
Mr. Klein
Prof. Kraljic
Prof. Lax
Prof. Martin
Prof. McDevitt
Mr. D. Melendez
Mr. M. Melendez
Prof. Miranda
Prof. Murphy
Prof. Nicosia

Ms. Palmieri
Prof. Pierre
V.P. Pobat
Prof. Polizzotto
Ms. Quinnie
Prof. Ruoff
Ms. Schlesinger
Prof. Segal
Prof. Sokolow
Ms. Sutton-Young
Prof. Taras
Prof. Thomas
Mr. Troutt
Prof. Weeks
Prof. Wood

Interim President Suss called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

I. The minutes of the meeting held on May 23, 2013 were approved.

II. Reports

A. President's Report

The President reported that the College has been awarded a \$3.8 million U. S. Department of Labor and Department of Education grant to expand training programs for under- and unemployed workers. Kingsborough led a consortium of CUNY colleges in the first round of funding, which was awarded in 2011. This is now Round 3, which will fund the Northeast Resiliency Consortium, a regional collaboration of which we are a part. The Kingsborough Center for Economic and Workforce Development, led by Professor Babette Audant, deserves special recognition for the development of our grant proposal and will be charged with accomplishing the work to which we are now committed. This is the kind of positive job training and credential building program that is not only good for our College but is also a benefit to our country as we try to pull ourselves out of our economic doldrums.

In an update on enrollment, the President reported that the VOA rosters were completed by the previous night, resulting in the College being down approximately 1300 students. The purge of non-paying students has not yet taken effect, but in the

past around 50% of the students come back and pay their bills, and are then reinstated in good standing. However, this is still a fairly high number; in recent years it has crept up from 600 students to 800 and now to 1300 students.

This year is Kingsborough community College's Fiftieth Anniversary, with events scheduled to take place throughout the year. The first is the annual Homecoming, which will take place on Sunday, October 13, 2013. A Fiftieth Anniversary Committee has been formed to explore the history of the College and plan many events, and this Anniversary promises to be very festive.

On October 7, 2013 the CUNY Council of Presidents met in the MAC Rotunda, marking the first meeting ever held on a CUNY campus. Two students served as tour guides, and many of the Presidents took campus tours. Also, instead of a lengthy monologue by the Chancellor, the Administration read reports for only 45 minutes before breaking the meeting up into groups. College Presidents and Deans then met in M-239 without CUNY Administrators present, and a lively discussion was held regarding transfer credit.

The PNP will now reflect what campuses wish to be judged upon, a change which will stand the College in good stead during the upcoming Middle States evaluation. The report will also be read by Interim Chancellor Kelly, instead of a committee from CUNY Central. This Chancellor has been a breath of fresh air, and is an academic by training and experience.

On the subject of Middle States, the President reported that one CUNY College has already been placed on probation and a second will soon face the same treatment. This is due to poor performance on Standards 7 and 14, which relate to Assessment. Kingsborough does not want to be on this list, and the College needs to show Middle States that it understands Assessment and is committed to addressing it.

The Senior College Presidents have indicated that they are amenable to Kingsborough's transfer students, but their faculties are another matter.

Finally, the College's former President Regina Peruggi has just been appointed to be CUNY's Advisor on Community College Affairs, and the College's Academic Village will be renamed the Regina S. Peruggi Academic Village. The President stated that this honor is well-deserved in light of Kingsborough's great success under President Peruggi's leadership, including the national reputation we have earned and the freedom she gave us to do our best work on behalf of our students.

In the absence of any New Business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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