

COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 9TH, 2025

DANIEL KANE, CHAIR OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

SPRING 2025 COLLEGE COUNCIL UPDATES

I hope everyone had a great holiday and a fantastic start to the new year. I am writing to invite you to the upcoming College Council Meetings. The first College Council meeting will occur on February 11th, 2025, in U-219. As we start to plan the forthcoming agendas, we have time sensitive topics that will be introduced under the Two-Meeting Rule (a rule that states an agenda item has to be discussed at one meeting and then can be voted on at the next meeting). The first major item for the February 11th College Council meeting is the Two-Meeting Rule discussion for ratifying our updated Constitution. With our Middle States visit scheduled late March 2025, it can benefit us to approve our constitution prior to the visit. We have made a lot of changes to the Constitution since the last ratification. The updated Constitution reflects our ongoing efforts to enhance shared governance and ensure that our practices align with our College's evolving needs. The revised Constitution will be available to the College for review before our Council meeting on February 11th. By having the meeting on February 11th, the Legislative Committee will have time to make any necessary changes brought up during the discussion, and allows for the ratification of the updated Constitution before the Middle States team arrives. The agenda for the 2/11 Council meeting will be finalized at the Steering Committee meeting on 1/28 at 10 a.m. in V-227 Conference Room.

The next time sensitive agenda item that will be brought to the Council later in the semester and under the Two-Meeting Rule, is the approval of the new Strategic Plan. Many College members are working hard to develop this plan, which will help guide our College's direction and priorities in the coming years. Although these are two major topics for the upcoming semester, we still have many other agenda items to discuss this semester. I am confident that we can accomplish these important goals by working together and continuing to build a stronger and more vibrant College Council.

UPCOMING COLLEGE COUNCIL DATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2025
3:00 P.M. IN U-219

MARCH 18, 2025
3:00 P.M. IN U-219

APRIL 29, 2025
3:00 P.M. U-219

MAY 27, 2025
3:00 P.M. U-219

FALL 2024 RECAP

As we prepare for the Spring 2025 semester, I would like to highlight some of our accomplishments from the Fall 2024 semester. Thank you to everyone that attended the College Council meetings. Over the past semester, we have made significant strides in fostering a more collaborative environment within the College Council. We approved the creation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Standing Committee which begins in the 2025-2026 College Council term. Our newly approved Shared Governance Standing Committee has already started to work on the new Procedural Guide, which will help explain the College Council's procedures. We had an engaging conversation about Student Development courses that resulted in restructuring the foundation of Student Development.

FEBRUARY 11TH COLLEGE COUNCIL DRAFT AGENDA

College Council Agendas are finalized at the College Council Steering Committee Meetings. The following College Council Steering Committee meeting is on January 28th, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the V-227 Conference Room and is open to the public. Draft agenda items include:

- Updates about the upcoming Middle States team visit.
- Two-Meeting Rule Vote to recommend allowing faculty and staff members to print from their personal laptops.
- Two-Meeting Rule Vote to recommend the College Council Chair receives release time.
- Two-Meeting Rule Discussion for ratifying the updated Constitution.

If you are interested in being added to the College Council Agenda, please contact the College Council Secretary, Amanda Kalin, by January 24th.

QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE COUNCIL

If you have any questions about College Council, please feel free to reach out to me at Daniel.Kane@kbcc.cuny.edu