Legislative Committee Agenda: Wednesday November 2, 2022 at 12:00 PM in room A-212 (Tapestry Room)

I. Constitutional Revision

Examine the draft revised version of the College Council Constitution (see attached).

- Additions: Contents, policies enacted since last 2018 revision (including HEO seats, adjunct eligibility, vacancies).
- Formatting: Updated for readability and clarity. Redundancies consolidated for improved comprehension and transparency.
- No deletions or changes have been made. All existing policies, procedures, and contents are intact.
- Past revisions of the Constitution were always accepted and posted without requiring a full Council Resolution or vote. Should we wish to change that practice, I suggest this possible wording:

  RESOLVED, that the attached revised version of the College Council Constitution and Bylaws be formally adopted. It includes policy changes already passed by the College Council since the last revision was posted in April 2018. This new revision is also updated for clarity and comprehension, and consolidates redundant passages.

II. Informational Item: future proposal to Create a Council Seat for Student Affairs

Briefly discuss the possible creation of one new seat on College Council to replace two defunct seats apportioned to Student Affairs.

* This will be a subject for the President’s planned Governance reform process and so we will not be formally presenting or voting on this today.*

Rationale

Through July 2020 the instructional Department of Student Development had two representatives on Council.

By July 2021 (and possibly earlier) that department was completely eliminated from College correspondence and the website after being defunct for at least five years due to administrative changes at KCC and CUNY. This stripped the Student Affairs area from any voice in governance. It took away two assigned Council seats entirely.

Restoring at least one seat to the Student Affairs area would:
• restore a seat that was not ever officially eliminated, and which disappeared through inattention
• provide mentorship and guidance to our student members, who desperately seek and need this guidance
• improve our standing within CUNY-wide meetings, as our Director of Student Affairs will be able to speak with authority on internal governance changes to peers across CUNY
• put our College Council on par with governance bodies at other CUNY Community Colleges: the head of Student Affairs or Student Life or Student Development has a seat on governance at every single one: QCC, LGCC, BMCC, Guttmann, Hostos, and BxCC (ex-officio).

III. College Council Orientation discussion (Paul Ricciardi)

IV. Housekeeping Items – Member resignation, upcoming 2022-23 elections.

V. New Business

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Shoshana Friedman
Matthew Gartner
Maria Patestas
Paul Ricciardi
Michael Sokolow
Michael Spear
Dorina Tila
Paul Winnick