

COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025

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FEBRUARY 2025 COLLEGE COUNCIL RECAP

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the last College Council meeting on February 11, 2025. This meeting marks an important time for the College Council, which is the ratification of the Constitution (See Ratification of the Constitution). Since the last ratification, the College Council has voted on many agenda items that have helped to reshape the shared governance at KCC. Ratifying the Constitution is the first step in submitting the Constitution to the Board of Trustees for CUNY to recognize all the previous changes since the last ratification.

In addition, the College Council Chair and Co-Chair will be hosting a Roundtable to discuss membership in the College Council. Please join us on March 11 in V-219 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss whether we should add new members to the College Council and the process.

UPCOMING COLLEGE COUNCIL DATES

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

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

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

COLLEGE COUNCIL FEBRUARY VOTES

- Two-Meeting Rule (Vote) - Compensation for the Chair of the College Council presented by Jacob Segal.
Votes: 32 (Yes), 0 (No) 1 (Abstention)
Result: Approved
- Two-Meeting Rule (Vote) - Motion to Authorize Printing From Personal Laptop Computers on Campus by Steven Jaret
Vote: 27 (Yes), 1 (No), 5 (Abstention)
Result: Approved

UPCOMING COLLEGE COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE DATES

MARCH 4, 2025
10:00 A.M. V-227

APRIL 8, 2025
10:00 A.M. V-227

MAY 13, 2025
10:00 A.M. V-227

RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The last time the Board of Trustees approved the KCC Constitution was many years ago. Since then, the KCC Constitution has undergone multiple revisions but has not been ratified. In the past couple of months, the Legislative Committee, chaired by Shoshana Freidman, has been working hard analyzing previous drafts of the

Constitution and College Council Meeting Minutes. The Legislative team has compiled an updated Constitution based on items that the College Council has already approved, making the document more readable.

The ratification process is important because it shows that the college community approves all

the changes made at the College Council since the last ratification. Additionally, when the Middle States team arrives in late March, we can inform the Middle States team that we believe in our shared governance and are awaiting CUNY's Board of Trustees approval. The updated ratified Constitution is not set in stone. Below is the

Special Rules of order for the March 18, 2025 College Council meeting on amending the Constitution. After the Constitution is ratified, it can be changed based on the proper Two-Meeting Rule procedures. An approved vote allows our Constitution to go to the Board of Trustees for approval.

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER FOR RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION MARCH 2025

STEP	ACTION
Notification	Proposed Constitution must be posted/announced (a reasonable time) prior to the Meeting at which the Ratification Vote will occur.
Amend	A member may move to Amend the Proposed Constitution by saying "I move to amend the proposed constitution as submitted to the Secretary." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Motion to Amend must be given to the Secretary in writing prior to the start of the Meeting.</i>
• States	The Chair states the motion. (Places it on the view screen for all to read.)
• Second	Another member must second the motion by saying "I second it."
• Poll to Discuss	The Chair polls the members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Majority (show of hands) required to Discuss, else motion is tabled.</i>
• Discuss	The maker of the motion starts the discussion.
• End of Discussion	The chair closes discussion at the chair's discretion. (Can be overruled by a majority of members.)
• Vote	Motion to Amend the Proposed Constitution requires two-thirds vote of Quorum.
Voting	Ratification of Proposed Constitution requires two-thirds vote of Quorum.

Information about the Special Rules of Order was presented at the February 11, 2025 College Council by the Parliamentarian John Mikalopas. The Parliamentarian would like to emphasize that we must have a Constitution approved by the CUNY's Board of Trustees and the Constitution can continue to be altered under Regular Order.

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Join us for an open discussion about the current structure of our College Council membership. Your input is valuable as we shape the future of our council!

For more information, please contact College Council Chair, Daniel Kane and Vice-Chair, Cynthia Olvina

When: Tuesday, March 11th at 3:00 PM

Where: Room V219

We look forward to seeing you there!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT
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