

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Delegate Assembly  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 1:15-3:00  
Room 1203 HW

1. Professor Bernadette McCauley called the meeting to order at 1:20.
2. Professor McCauley reported on the upcoming FDA and University Faculty Senate (UFS) elections. There will be a nearly full slate of candidates for the FDA Executive Committee and 7 candidates for the UFS.
3. Professors Tony Doyle and Jochen Albrecht reported on the Tech Fee Committee meeting of April 19.
4. Ms. Colleen Barry from the college's Behavioral Response Team (BRT) addressed the meeting. The BRT's mission is to promote student wellbeing. Its more specific task is to identify students whose behavior raises concern. The behavior might include any of the following: bullying, indications of suicidal thoughts or other mood changes, lack of engagement or class attendance, unusual or erratic behavior in class, verbal or written threats, or written work or communication containing troubling themes. Referrals can come from anywhere, on or off campus, and can be made at <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/brt>. The initial meeting with students is supportive, not disciplinary. However, if a faculty or staff member has made a referral, the student must attend the meeting with the BRT.

Several of those at the meeting sang the team's praises, some with direct experience of working with the team.

5. Professor McCauley also reported on the following
  - a. The most recent UFS governance leaders' meeting
  - b. The FDA follow-up on the COACHE (Collaborative on Careers in Higher Education) survey
  - c. The most recent UFS meeting, at which the University of Chicago's Report on Freedom of Expression was unanimously endorsed
  - d. Declining applications to CUNY; only Baruch's numbers aren't down.
  - e. The School of Professional Studies: The school is now developing Pathways courses.
  - f. Recent meeting on hiring practices with Professors McCauley and Doyle and members of the Hunter Senate Executive Council. Currently those practices and procedures can be bewildering, especially to new department chairs. The Senate will establish a committee

to look into hiring practices at Hunter. The Committee will consist of two faculty, a HEO, a Hunter lawyer, and someone from HR. The committee will make recommendations to the Senate, which in turn will vote on those recommendations.

g. New honors courses. Some existing courses, to be offered in the fall of 2016, will be re-designated as honors courses. A GPA of 3.5 will be required for entry into these courses.

6. Professor Jeremy Glick, Hunter chair of PSC-CUNY, discussed the impending union vote for a strike authorization. He was careful to distinguish between a strike and a strike authorization. Only the PSC Executive Council can call for a strike. The authorization itself will be conducted by secret ballot. No strike or job action will happen before the fall. Professor Glick urged those present to vote for the authorization.

Professor McCauley adjourned the meeting at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Doyle  
FDA Vice President