

Minutes of the FDA Meeting, Joint with PSC-CUNY
Oct 21, 2015
1203E

- 1) Announcements: Bernadette MacCauley
 - a. Ad hoc committee on Hiring Practices
 - b. Ad hoc committee on Admissions, as related to changes in student body
 - i. Decline of older and African-American admits
 - ii. No long term policy
 - iii. Senate and faculty involvement, looking for committee members, contact either Jason Young or FDA if interested
 - iv. Questions about where data is posted, perhaps post on FDA website
- 2) FDA Executive Committee
 - a. Bernadette and Tony are not running of FDA President
 - i. Description of position in FDA Voice
 - b. Importance of sustaining FDA as faculty body
- 3) Discussion about absence of Acting Provost Kaufman and Senate Chair Sandi Clarkson
 - a. Concern with the Senate chair speaking on behalf of management
 - b. Argued by admin that faculty governance excludes students and staff
 - c. The meaning of faculty governance as it changes with time/administration
 - i. Collaborative effort around faculty issues versus faculty governance in the face of administrative control
- 4) Guest Speaker: Kay Conway, University Faculty Senate
 - a. Call for involvement: the intent is to create a rapport with CUNY Central to discuss substantive issues related to the campuses
 - i. Plenary meetings, every 6 weeks at Grad Center
 - ii. Next meeting: Vita Rabinowitz
 - iii. Chance to hear about issues at other campuses
 - iv. Standing committees
 - b. COACHE Survey- contact Todd Benson
 - i. Most other campuses have made the results available, except Hunter
 - ii. Vita and Conway making calls to Provost to distribute data
 - iii. BMCC : post results online and created task forces
 - iv. Queens: distributed to all department chairs who decided to distribute or not
 - v. Overall results will be announced at December plenary meeting- aim is to find commonalities across campuses and

develop focus groups and task forces, to learn from other campuses about what works

- c. Faculty Governance Leaders Mtg (FGL)
 - i. Leadership for governance bodies across campuses meet
 - ii. Friday 10-1pm

5) PSC-CUNY Update: Frank Mirer

- a. Postcard campaign asking Cuomo to sign bill already passed by State Assembly about budget cuts; ask students to sign postcards and return them to BVazquez 433HN
- b. Teach In Teach Out Materials, history of CUNY available on website
- c. November 18th Chapter meeting, 1-3pm, 8th floor faculty lounge
 - i. Contract
 - ii. Leadership
- d. Mass Meeting: Nov 19th, location TBA
- e. October meeting was a success, bog turn out, attended by BC 37 and hospital workers united

Respectfully submitted,

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