

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 2016-2017

August 23, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio) and David Shein (ex-officio).

Ideas for Senate Retreat: The EC discussed items for the agenda for the upcoming Senate retreat on Saturday, September 3. Items brought up for the senate to consider this semester:

- Discuss ways to give students greater access to faculty senate meetings.
- Assess effectiveness of recent past initiatives for junior faculty involvement in governance matters.
- Agenda items for faculty-led faculty meeting this semester.
- Consider idea of a faculty finance committee to discuss faculty priorities in terms of college finances and limited resources.
- Gender balance in the senate and faculty committees.
- Creation of a formal working group to discuss faculty evaluation document that expires at the end of this year?
- Reconsider the CEC evaluation process.
- How best to share information among Bard-affiliated campuses? A newsletter?
- How to address increasingly acute lack of coordination of use of campus space? Space management for events and classroom reservations are separate processes that are not linked for verification purposes. How do we give priority to academic events in a systematic way?

Communications:

- There is a committee that will be meeting shortly to discuss how to make the best academic use of Montgomery Place for both (a) the property and (b) the collection and archives.
- Dean Thomas informed the EC of all faculty being evaluated this academic year for pretenure, tenure and senior review.
- Registrar Gadsby alerted the EC that this past summer there was confusion between classrooms that were being counted on to conduct academic classes (L&T) and other events being held on campus. EC plans to consider ways in which to improve communication between diverse systems in place for space and classroom requests.
- The EC began consideration of a proposal from Citizen Science program and plans to invite Amy Savage to discuss further.
- The EC plans to clarify the policy for accepting credits from Bard's Early College Centers for first-year classes.

Student Petitions:

- A student was placed on probation for plagiarizing an essay in L&T.
- A medical LOA was requested for fall term to interrupt work on Senior Project and return to it in the spring. Approved.
- A request for a 2-credit independent study organized around an internship with the Clinton campaign was approved.
- Three requests for joint senior project petitions were approved: History/GIS, Econ/GIS and Anthropology/Human Rights

Respectfully submitted,
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September 6, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio).

- EC discussed best timing for the faculty-led faculty meeting for the fall semester.
- Meeting centered around follow up on items brought up during the Senate retreat on Sept. 3rd.

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September 13, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Deirdre d'Albertis (ex-officio), David Shein, Jennifer Triplett, and Yuka Suzuki.

Report from AARC (committee on advising) representatives:

- Yuka Suzuki, Jennifer Triplett, and David Shein presented the work done up to date by the AARC based on faculty and student responses to surveys and focus groups conducted with each division.
- The committee, charged with assessing how Bard's advising system is working, will present its findings to the faculty at our meeting on October 26th.

Student petitions:

- Request to rewrite a FYSEM paper that was plagiarized in order to change a final F grade was denied.
- Permission to work on senior project in absentia was approved.
- 2-credit Independent Study approved.
- Request for 16 credits for classes abroad (after receiving C-) was denied.
- Joint senior projects approved in photo and Asian Studies; psychology and German; math and physics; classics and WA; studio arts and art history; and philosophy and anthropology.
- A tutorial in advanced acoustics was approved.

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September 20, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio), Myra Armstead, VPAA Jonathan Becker, and Dean of Studies David Shein.

- Members of the Faculty Exchange and Oversight Committee (FEOC) came to the EC meeting to discuss how FYSEM credit might transfer from other institutions of the Bard network, including BEC New Orleans (BECNO) and the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ).

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September 27, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio), and David Shein.

- Discussion begun the previous week with the FEOC continued, centered around how FYSEM credit might transfer from other institutions of the Bard network, including BEC New Orleans (BECNO) and the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ). At issue in this week's discussion was how best to build upon student experience once they arrive on the Annandale campus and how to articulate the recognition of this experience more clearly within the Annandale faculty governing structure.

Petitions:

- Student request to enter a 3-2 program in computer engineering approved.
- Student in 2-1-1-1 program requesting a LOA in the spring approved.
- Request for a senior project extension in Music approved.
- Two TAP waivers approved.
- Joint senior projects approved in math/EUS, Philosophy/Art History and Anthropology/Human Rights.

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October 4, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio), and David Shein.

- The EC voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following with regard to FYSEM credit for students who transfer from the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) to the Annandale campus:

"The executive committee agrees with the FEOC's assessment that the Harlem Children's Zone FYSEM is equivalent and can count towards the Annandale FYSEM requirement. The E.C. will further take up

FEOC recommendations for other non-degree granting early college centers (BECNO, Hudson) on a case by case basis. The E.C. further suggests that students from non-degree granting institutions be encouraged to take FYSEM again at Bard Annandale if desired."

- Timand Bates came to discuss ideas about how best to reduce the anxiety for students around the moderation process.

Petitions:

- Joint senior project in Computer Science and Math was approved.

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October 18, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio), and David Shein.

- The primary topic of conversation was the current faculty evaluation process in anticipation of the approaching deadline to review the current policy before next academic year (2017-18). The life of the faculty evaluation document expires in June.
- To this end, Prof. Tom Keenan visited the EC to provide testimony from the perspective of his service on the FERC about current practices in faculty evaluation.

Petitions:

- Joint project in math and physics was approved.
- A TAP waiver request was approved.
- Request for non-curricular motivated deferral of Citizen Science was denied.
- 2 requests to study abroad were approved.

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October 25, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), and Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio).

- The meeting was dedicated to reviewing the faculty evaluation document about to expire in 2017. We discussed the precise wording in the faculty handbook as it pertains to processes flagged in the current faculty evaluation document that may be reassessed.

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November 1, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), David Shein, and Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio).

- Amy Savage, Director of Citizen Science visited the EC to talk about establishing a policy for students who exceed the maximum number of absences (4) and who have failed to turn in any work by the mid-point of the Citizen Science program.

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November 15, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), David Shein, and Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio).

- Most of the meeting was dedicated to assessing the revision of the faculty evaluation document. To this end, Prof. Jackie Goss joined the EC to provide testimony about the faculty evaluation process.
- Elizabeth Giglio, from the Career Development Office came to the EC meeting to request ideas for ways to increase communication between CDO and faculty.

Petitions:

- A petition to withdraw from senior project and re-register for it next semester was approved.
- A request to begin senior project in absentia at BGIA was approved.
- A request to defer Citizen Science was denied.
- A request to study away for the spring semester at BGIA was approved.

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November 22, 2016

In attendance: Nicole Caso (secretary), Greg Moynahan (chair), Maria Simpson, Michael Tibbetts, Peter Gadsby (ex-officio), David Shein, and Dean Rebecca Thomas (ex-officio).

- The EC completed its initial discussions about the revision of the faculty evaluation document.
- Dean Thomas requested that all divisions invite Sue Elvin-Cooper and Jen Montalbano to divisional meetings in the spring semester to discuss the grant application process.

Petitions:

- Permission to withdraw from senior project and start over next semester was approved.
- A request to withdraw from senior project and re-register for it in the spring was approved.
- A joint major in anthropology and EUS was approved.
- A student already on academic probation for academic dishonesty was found to have been cheating again this semester. The consequence is expulsion.
- A request to defer Citizen Science was approved.

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