

Community College *of* Philadelphia

**MEETING MINUTES
Institution-Wide Committee
Monday, September 24, 2018**

2:30 p.m.

IAS Boardroom, M2-1

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 by Sam Hirsch.

II. Attendance

Delegates

Federation: Todd Jones, Bridget McFadden, Rainah Chambliss, Jalynn Warren

Administration: Carol de Fries, Judith Gay, Samuel Hirsch

Students: Yaya Dia, Shailynn Gabriel, Charles Hines, Mike Luna

Alternates

Federation: Junior Brainard, Steve Jones

Administration: Simon Brown, Mary Anne Celenza, Jim Spiewak (voting)

Students: Kaliyma Jenkins, Jermaine Matthews

Guests:

Corey Blumenthal, Alexine Fleck, Andrew Foster, Liam Knight, Randy Merced, Glenn Parker, Payton Werts

III. Selection of Committee Officers

Sam Hirsch explained that he was asked to convene the meeting and to facilitate the election of officers: Secretary and Chair or Co-chairs. Bridget McFadden asked if the order of the agenda should have the election of officers next. Sam Hirsch agreed but first asked all in the meeting, delegates, alternates and guests, to introduce themselves.

After the introductions, Sam Hirsch asked for nominations for Chair or Co-chairs. Bridget McFadden nominated Todd Jones as a Co-chair. Judy Gay seconded the nomination as a Chair; she stated that it was not clear if there would be Co-chairs. Bridget McFadden stated that historically there were Co-chairs for the Committee. Judy Gay stated that when she came to the College there was just a Chair and then a

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change was made and there were Co-chairs so it can be either way. There were no additional nominations for Chair.

Vote: 9 in favor; 0 no; 0 abstentions.

Sam Hirsch asked for nominations for Secretary. Carol de Fries nominated Judy Gay. Bridget McFadden seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Vote: 9 in favor; 0 no; 1 abstention.

Todd Jones chaired the remainder of the meeting.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

Rainah Chambliss stated that there was a typo to her name in the minutes. Junior Brainard stated that the statement on page 2 “After the meeting, a check of Robert’s Rules of Order showed that a 2/3 majority is needed to remove an item from the agenda” should not be in the minutes. The minutes should only include what happened during the meeting. There was a brief discussion about whether that point was raised during the meeting in June. Bridget McFadden stated that the minutes were missing how the discussion was concluded. Judy Gay identified the sections in the minutes that covered the issue of the Business Affairs Committee. After a discussion, Judy Gay asked Bridget McFadden to draft some language about the point she was making. Jim Spiewak clarified the language in terms of his actions relative to the Business Affairs Committee. There are three amendments to the minutes. Bridget will send the wording to Judy Gay related to the third amendment.

Vote: Minutes were approved with the three amendments (All in favor).

V. Old Business

a. Expressive Demonstration: Time, Place, and Manner Policy

Bridget McFadden said some people object to the Expressive Demonstration: Time, Place, and Manner Policy being on the agenda. She stated that it is out of order because it was voted down. Carol de Fries asked when it gets back on the agenda. Bridget stated that it was not forwarded by a committee. Junior Brainard

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stated that it can only get back on the agenda as a motion to reconsider. Junior read language related to that. The discussion included the following:

Steve Jones stated that the substance of the issue is that the debate needs to occur in the Business Affairs Committee. He stated they must keep working until they come to agreement. The discussion continued without agreement. Todd Jones asked who put the item on the agenda and why. Sam Hirsch stated that he put the item on the agenda and stated that it is critically important from a security, safety and community standpoint. Bridget stated that is the practice in the Student Affairs Committee – they have been working on the student code of conduct for more than a year and no one has asked them to move it on. Judy Gay asked if anyone had called for a vote. Junior Brainard stated that there have been votes. Sam Hirsch stated that it is nothing to be proud of that the Student Code of Conduct has been in the Student Affairs Committee for a couple of years. Fortunately, he said, there is nothing major wrong with the code of Conduct.

Randy Merced stated that there is a lot at stake with this policy. He said it was sent to the Business Affairs Committee twice and changes were made. He stated that he is looking at it from the perspective of students. There were three near misses where students were close to being arrested. There is loud music that is disrupting faculty teaching. He said the policy is being bullied down.

Mike Luna stated that students who witness offensive speech are angry at first. We need to better service students about free speech. The policy does not allow students to effectively express themselves. The current situation is encouraging isolation and depression and not accountability. The policy tells what you cannot do, not what you can do.

Todd stated that the discussion belongs in the Business Affairs Committee. He stated that the agenda item is out of order because it was voted off in June and cannot be put on the agenda.

Judy Gay appealed the action of the Chair. Jim Spiewak seconded the appeal. Vote: 4 in favor of the appeal; 8 against the appeal. Therefore, there was no further discussion of the policy.

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There was a discussion of whether there is any other Old business. Bridget McFadden stated that the IWC had not finished with the guided Pathways that went through the Curriculum Committee. She also stated that the IWC needs to review the criteria for program addenda. Sam Hirsch asked if that had gone through a standing committee. Bridget McFadden stated that it had not. Bridget McFadden stated that there needs to be a discussion of how programs are considered and approved. Judy Gay stated that it might be easier to just review the minutes and past agendas to see what items were left over. Bridget stated that the IWC could do that.

VI. New Business

There was no new Business

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.