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These Bylaws are based, in part, on the regulations of the State University of New York Board of Trustees and the Official Compilation of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York. Readers are advised to refer to the Official Compilation (8 NYCRR Part 606 et seq) in case of questions.

I. PURPOSE

The Faculty Council of Community Colleges shall be the official agency through which the SUNY community college faculty engages in the governance of the University. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges shall focus on matters relating to community college faculty and system-wide educational policies and other professional matters of the State University of New York, and in those areas the Faculty Council of Community Colleges will:

1. Study, advise, and make recommendations regarding academic concerns, issues, policies and programs;
2. Provide opportunity and structure for the faculties of the community colleges to formulate positions on policy matters of common interest to the community colleges for transmittal to community college presidents, trustees and sponsors;
3. Provide an opportunity for the faculties of the community colleges to act in an advisory, consultative and planning capacity to the Chancellor of the University;
4. Provide a forum for the consideration of matters of common interest to the faculties of the community colleges;
5. Provide a means for the interchange of ideas among the faculties of the community colleges and between the faculties and the administration of the University; and
6. Provide an additional channel of communication between the university administration and local governing boards of the community colleges.

The Faculty Council of Community Colleges will work with the Faculty Senate of SUNY on matters of common concern in the conduct of university affairs.

II. MEMBERSHIP AND LIAISONS

A. Membership

1. Voting Members: The voting members of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges shall include one faculty delegate or alternate, who shall vote in the absence of the delegate, from each community college and the President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The President shall be entitled to vote only in the case of a tie.

2. Non-voting Members: The Immediate Past President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and the Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges shall be non-voting members of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The Immediate Past President shall have a vote if currently serving as a delegate. The Information Officer and the Press Officer shall be non-voting members unless serving as delegates.

B. Liaisons

1. Role Definition: Liaisons to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges serve as resources to the standing committees of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and may be called upon to update or clarify information from their areas. Liaisons also serve to maintain open communications between the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and other SUNY and CUNY governance organizations, constituent groups, and system offices.

2. Represented Areas: Liaisons to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges shall include the SUNY Faculty Senate President, the CUNY Faculty Senate President, one representative of the New York Community College Association of Presidents, the President of the Student Assembly and a community college representative from the Student Assembly, the President of the NYCCT (New York Community College Association of Presidents), the Chancellor of the SUNY System, the President of the SUNY Faculty Senate, the Chancellor of the CUNY System, the Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, and the SUNY and CUNY governing boards.
College Trustees), a representative from the CCBOA (Community College Business Officers Association), the SUNY Provost, the Community College Representative from the Office of the Provost, and others deemed necessary for inclusion. In addition, there may be other liaisons that may serve on the standing committees.

III. ELECTION AND TERM OF DELEGATES

The faculty of each community college shall elect from among its faculty a delegate and an alternate in a manner they may establish by local shared governance bylaws. Delegates shall be responsible for forwarding the names of the elected delegates and alternates to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges Information Officer using the communication mode and processes in place at the time of election. Delegates shall serve for three-year terms and may serve for more than one term. The college shall determine the means of providing a voting representative from among its faculty if neither delegate nor alternate can attend a meeting.

A vacancy will be deemed to exist when a delegate cannot fulfill the responsibilities of the position in accordance with local bylaws or when elected to the position of president. At such time the alternate shall succeed as campus representative to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges for the unexpired term. The local faculty shall hold another election in the same manner as the original to fill the unexpired term of the alternate.

IV. ROLE OF FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES DELEGATES

Faculty Council of Community Colleges delegates serve the dual role of representing their campus faculty to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and reporting to their campus leaders on the deliberations and actions taken by the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The following is an outline of a delegate's responsibilities:

1. Attend and actively participate in the fall and spring meetings of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, representing the faculty of his/her campus
   a. Report to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges on the views of his/her campus faculty regarding issues and agenda items of the Faculty Council;
   b. Bring to the attention of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges those issues from his/her campus which have relevance to SUNY community colleges in general;
   c. Report back to the campus faculty on the deliberations, actions, and activities of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges following each fall and spring meeting;
   d. Maintain a liaison role between the campus faculty governing body, especially the Campus Governance Leader, and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges; and
   e. Maintain communication and meet with the campus President and other appropriate administrative leaders regarding Faculty Council of Community Colleges issues.

2. Actively participate in the work of standing committees of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges by serving on a committee and assuming leadership responsibility for specific committee initiatives.

3. In other ways, actively contribute to the ongoing program of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (e.g. leadership roles, hosting a Faculty Council of Community Colleges meeting, ad hoc activities of the Faculty Council).

4. Maintain communication with the campus alternate representative on matters of discussion and action of the Faculty Council Community Colleges.
V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Membership and Duties

Executive Committee membership includes the President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Immediate Past President, and the Chairs of the five standing committees. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges Information Officer and Press Officer serve as non-voting members. The duties of the Executive Committee are to plan meetings, develop business agendas, give counsel to the President and formulate positions on issues of concern to Community College Faculty. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges at times when the Faculty Council of Community Colleges is not in plenary session.

B. Officers

1. President: election, duties and term

(a) There shall be a President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. Candidates for President will obtain clearance for appropriate release time from the Presidents of their home campuses prior to declaring candidacy. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and shall be elected at the spring meeting of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges held in an odd-numbered year. The president can be reelected for successive terms. The president’s power shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Appointing committees and receiving and transmitting reports of such committees where required;
2. Representing the Faculty Council of Community Colleges at appropriate functions;
3. Designating the time and place of semi-annual meetings;
4. Exercising such other powers as granted by this Part, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges bylaws and appropriate State laws; and
5. Serving as Trustee on the SUNY Board of Trustees.

(b) The president shall serve for two years, commencing the first day of July in the year of election.

(c) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President will assume the office of President until the next regular meeting. If the Vice President is unable to serve as President, the Executive Committee will appoint a member of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges to that office to serve until the next regular meeting. At that time, a President will be elected to fill the unexpired term.

2. Vice President: election, duties and term

(a) There shall be a Vice President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, who shall be elected at the annual spring meeting of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The Vice President:

1. Shall preside when the President is absent or unable to act;
2. Shall succeed the President, if able, in the event of a vacancy;
3. Under the direction of the President, shall assist in, monitor and coordinate the work of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges’ standing and ad hoc committees;
4. Shall serve as the Communications Officer for the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, facilitating internal communications of the organization; and
5. Shall perform related duties as designated by the President or these Bylaws.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President, the President will appoint a member of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges to that office to serve until the next regular meeting. At that time a Vice President will be elected to fill the unexpired term.

(c) The Vice President shall serve for one year, commencing the first day of July in the year of election.
3. Treasurer: election, duties and term
   (a) There shall be a Treasurer of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges who shall be elected at the annual spring meeting of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The Treasurer:
   1. Shall propose an annual budget to the Executive Committee;
   2. Shall manage the Faculty Council of Community Colleges accounts and make recommendations to the
   3. Executive Committee accordingly; and
   4. Shall perform related duties as designated by the President or these Bylaws.
   (b) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Treasurer, the President will appoint a member of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges to that office to serve until the next regular meeting. At that time a Treasurer will be elected to fill the unexpired term.
   (c) The Treasurer shall serve for one year, commencing the first day of July in the year of election.

4. Secretary: election, duties and term
   (a) There shall be a Secretary of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, who shall be elected at the annual spring meeting. The Secretary shall:
   1. Make and keep minutes of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and meetings of the Executive Committee on an as needed basis, be compensated accordingly, and oversee this work as performed by a staff secretary;
   2. Exercise such other related powers and duties as may be delegated by the president; and
   3. Call a special meeting of the Executive Committee in the event vacancies occur in the offices of President and Vice President simultaneously. The purpose of the meeting shall be to appoint an acting president to serve until the next regular meeting, at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired terms of President and Vice President.
   (b) The Secretary shall serve for a term of one year, commencing the first day of July in the year of election. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary, the President will appoint a member of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges to that position for the unexpired term.

5. Immediate Past President
   (a) There shall be an Immediate Past President who shall serve as long as the successor is in office. The Immediate Past President:
   1. Shall serve in an advisory capacity to the President; and
   2. Shall perform related duties as designated by the President or these Bylaws.
   (b) If a vacancy occurs in this office, there shall be no Immediate Past President and the duties will be spread among the members of the Executive Committee.

6. Information Officer: appointment and duties
   There shall be an Information Officer appointed by the President who shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Information Officer shall be responsible for:
   a. Creating and maintaining the Faculty Council of Community Colleges’ website;
   b. Facilitating communications by creating and updating email listservs as required for the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, its committees, community college governance leaders, liaisons, and other constituents;
   c. Using appropriate technology to support functions of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges such as meeting registrations, meeting notices and surveys; and
   d. Maintaining the FCCC Blackboard Group including updating accounts, information, and organization.
7. Press Officer: appointment and duties

There shall be a Press Officer appointed by the President who shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Press Officer shall be responsible for preparing, writing, and distributing press releases to targeted media. He/she shall also handle media queries and network with journalists and media contacts. The Press Officer shall monitor and analyze news relevant to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and share these findings with the Executive Committee. The Press Officer shall plan, develop, and implement public relations strategies. The Press Officer shall maintain and update the Faculty Council of Community Colleges’ Facebook page and other social media.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

In addition to the Executive Committee the Faculty Council of Community Colleges has five standing committees: Academic and Student Affairs, Governance, Awards, Communication and Professional Development, and Education Initiatives. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges shall establish additional standing committees as it deems advisable and shall prescribe the functions of such committees. Establishment or dissolution of standing committees shall require a majority vote of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges President will appoint the chairperson(s) and members of the standing committees. The President may appoint and charge ad hoc committees as necessary.

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

The Committee will serve as a source of professional advice and guidance to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges on matters relating to academic issues throughout the SUNY community college system.

Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
1. The review of all matters related to existing and proposed curriculum and programs;
2. Academic standards, academic integrity, academic freedom;
3. Standards for academic credit progress and degrees;
4. Teaching techniques and faculty evaluation;
5. Special programs;
6. Student retention;
7. Education; and
8. Faculty development

The committee will also review and make recommendations regarding educational, social and cultural issues, programs, services and policies that affect the quality of academic life and the campus environment of the community colleges of the State of New York.

Liaisons to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee shall include a representative from the University Faculty Senate, a representative from the Student Assembly, a representative(s) from SUNY System Administration and others as deemed necessary.

B. Governance Committee

Responsibilities of the Governance Committee shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Collect and disseminate information on the status of campus governance;
2. Facilitate communication among campus governance leaders and between governance leaders and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges;
3. Facilitate system-wide communications through a strong link with the Faculty Senate Governance Committee;
4. Advocate for a strong and appropriate faculty voice in the governance of the Community Colleges and in SUNY;
5. Determine an annual agenda of activities that will in its judgment contribute to the study, development, and support of effective governance;

6. Make recommendations to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges on means of improving governance; and

7. Serve as a Bylaws review committee for the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

Liaisons to the Governance Committee shall include a representative from the University Faculty Senate, a representative from the Student Assembly, a representative(s) from SUNY System Administration and others as deemed necessary.

C. Awards Committee

The Awards Committee will:

1. Facilitate the FCCC Service Award by soliciting nominations, reviewing nominations, and selecting nominee for annual award, and

2. Promote community college participation in the SUNY Chancellor’s Excellence awards program, the Distinguished Professorship program, and the Conversations in the Discipline program, as well as other recognition programs introduced by SUNY.

Liaisons to the Awards Committee shall include a representative from the University Faculty Senate, a representative(s) from SUNY System Administration and others as deemed necessary.

D. The Communication and Professional Development Committee

The Communication and Professional Development Committee develops and facilitates effective communication and professional development opportunities for the delegates and alternates of the FCCC, the campus governance leaders, and other faculty on the individual campuses. The Committee’s responsibilities shall include but are not limited to:

1. Providing opportunities and resources to faculty members of the SUNY community college campuses to explore and discuss the activities of the FCCC and its fundamental goals, including but not limited to, enhancing faculty participation in campus and system-wide decisions, especially those involving academic, professional, and governance matters;

2. Providing mentoring to FCCC delegates, alternates, and campus governance leaders.

3. Developing and honing strategies for delegates, alternates, and campus governance leaders to advance the work of the FCCC;

4. Providing information necessary for delegates, alternates, and campus governance leaders to consult effectively with their constituents;

5. Assisting the Governance Committee in facilitating communication among campus governance leaders and between campus governance leaders and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges;

6. Enhancing communication within the FCCC; and

7. Actively encouraging all the SUNY community college campuses to participate in the Faculty Council of Community Colleges of Community Colleges, its plenaries, and other activities.

Liaisons may include appropriate representatives from University Faculty Senate, Student Assembly, and SUNY System Administration.

E. Education Initiatives Committee

The Education Initiatives Committee’s responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Investigating educational initiatives that may affect community colleges;

2. Disseminating information regarding educational initiatives to FCCC delegates, alternates, and campus governance leaders;

3. Coordinating research initiatives with campus committees charged with investigating emerging educational issues in order to create an infrastructure among SUNY’s community colleges for understanding emerging issues and their impact on higher education in general and SUNY’s community colleges specifically;
4. Archiving white papers, position statements, and resolutions created as a result of these research initiatives and sharing this information across SUNY’s community colleges
5. Working with the Executive Committee in considering for further action any position statements and/or resolutions that are developed as a result of the research initiatives.

Liaisons may include appropriate representatives from University Faculty Senate, Student Assembly, and SUNY System Administration.

VII. MEETINGS

Procedures at meetings of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws. There may be a Parliamentarian of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, to be appointed by the President. The Parliamentarian shall be familiar with the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, shall attend all meetings of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges with a copy of those rules and shall, at the request of the President, offer advice on procedure in the conduct of the meeting.

A. Regular Meetings

Two plenary sessions of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges are held each academic year, one in fall and one in spring. On an informal rotating basis, various community colleges host the Faculty Council of Community Colleges plenary session. Plenary sessions may be held at other sites in New York State. These meetings provide a forum for campus representatives to conduct business, share information, exchange ideas, and formulate resolutions to the Chancellor. The host institution makes arrangements for lodging, meals, meeting rooms, provides the delegates directions to the campus, and information regarding accommodations.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges may be called by the President at the President's discretion. Also, meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of a majority of the Executive Committee or at least one fourth of the members of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The President shall designate the times and places of such special meetings, which shall be held as early as possible.

C. Quorum

A simple majority of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

To be considered by the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, resolutions shall address themselves to concerns within the scope of Faculty Council of Community Colleges activities as defined by the SUNY Board of Trustees [Part 606, Subchapter D, Chapter V, Title 8 of the Code of Standards and Procedures for the Administration and Operation of Community Colleges under the Program of State University of New York (the Articles of Organization of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges of Community Colleges)]. Resolutions which request a change in the Articles of Organization shall be presented at one plenary session and voted upon at the next plenary session in a manner consistent with the procedure specified in the Articles of Organization.

A. Guidelines for Resolutions

All resolutions should clearly state the specific action the Faculty Council of Community Colleges is to take, as well as any individuals or groups who should be informed of this action.

B. Electronic Discussion and Voting on Resolutions

Resolutions shall normally be presented for discussion and possible action at a plenary session. Circumstances may arise in which the Executive Committee finds it necessary to place a resolution before
the delegates for discussion and action when the Faculty Council of Community Colleges is not in plenary session. In such circumstances, the resolution will be presented to the delegates through the appropriate technology. Discussion will remain open for a period of time determined by the Executive Committee. Following the close of discussion, a vote will be called for. The outcome of such a vote will be determined by a majority of those delegates voting, as long as a quorum has voted. If a quorum is not reached, the Executive Committee will, at its discretion: either use its power to "act on behalf of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges at times when the Faculty Council of Community Colleges is not in plenary session" (as provided in Section V., A. of these Bylaws) to adopt or reject the resolution; or reintroduce the resolution at the next plenary session.

IX. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND STATE EDUCATION CODE

A. Amendments to Bylaws

Proposals for amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted by any individual, group, or committee within the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. Proposals must be submitted for review to the Executive Committee in writing at least 30 days prior to a plenary session. All Bylaw amendments must be discussed by the delegates at a plenary session before an adoption vote, or by an on-line electronic discussion. A vote will normally take place at a plenary session. An electronic ballot may be implemented if a majority of delegates wish to take the adoption vote at a later date. The body having expressed this wish by a show of hands, the email ballot must be implemented no sooner than 15 days following that determination. Amendments to the Bylaws shall require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast by the total number of voting members. If an amendment is so approved, enactment of the amendment occurs immediately thereafter.

B. Amendments to State Education Code

Some aspects of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges Bylaws are mandated by state law. Regarding changes to the law itself, the law states in §606.15 – Procedures to Amend Faculty Council of Community Colleges regulations:

Proposed amendments of this Part may be recommended to the Board of Trustees of the University by a two-thirds vote of those faculty delegates present, but in no case shall the total number of confirming votes cast be less than 50 percent of the member community colleges.

and further states in §607.1:

Amendments to this Subchapter may be initiated by community college trustees, members of professional staffs of community colleges, community college sponsors, members of their professional staffs, State University trustees and by members of the professional staff of State University of New York system administration. Proposed amendments shall be reported to the chancellor or designee, who will be responsible for having the proposals reviewed by the appropriate constituent groups and for reporting recommendations to the State University trustees. The chancellor, or designee, shall initiate review of this Subchapter every five years or in accordance with the State Administrative Procedures Act.

C. Updates, changes, or corrections to Appendices

Non-substantive changes, corrections, or updates to lists of officials or awardees or running historical records included as part of the Bylaws Appendices will not be considered amendments to the Bylaws and thus will not require approval of 2/3 majority votes cast by the total number of voting members. Rather, such changes and upkeep will be assigned to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges Secretary or designee and must be approved by a simple majority of Executive Committee voting members.
Appendix I – The Faculty Council of Community Colleges Office

The Faculty Council of Community Colleges Office is located at SUNY System Administration, State University Plaza, on Broadway in Albany (12246). The Faculty Council of Community Colleges Office serves as the central office for the President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges telephone number is (518) 320-1651 and the FAX number is (518) 320-1543.

Appendix II – Financing the Faculty Council of Community Colleges

The Faculty Council of Community Colleges is funded by three sources: SUNY, which provides an annual operating fund, secretarial support, office space, and transportation support for the FCCC President; annual dues from each of the campuses; and an annual operating fund from NYCCAP.

Appendix III – Faculty Council of Community Colleges Policy on Campus Visitation Committees

Campus Visits

Occasionally governance and administration on a campus experience conflict as they carry on their efforts to foster responsible participation and consultation on college affairs. In such cases, when a prolonged irreconcilable dispute does exist, the College may call upon the Faculty Council of Community Colleges for assistance. A special Visitation Committee may then come to the College.

A campus visitation will take place only in response to the combined request of the College President and the Faculty Governance Leader of the campus. If there is no recognized governance leader, then a committee of faculty may act. Such a request must be made in the form of a letter of invitation to the President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. The appropriateness of the request shall be determined by the Faculty Council of Community Colleges President and the Chair(s) of the FCCC Governance Committee. A campus problem related to issues pertaining to contract grievance would not be handled by this visitation procedure.

The Faculty Council of Community Colleges President and the Chair(s) of the FCCC Governance Committee will name the members of the Visitation Committee, including one person from SUNY System Administration, and will appoint a member of the FCCC Governance Committee to serve as Chair. In choosing members, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges President and the FCCC Governance Committee Chair(s) will seek individuals who have broad governance experience and who are also distinguished by their reputations for fairness and integrity.

The purpose of the visit is purely advisory, to acquaint the college with methods that have been used to resolve similar disputes at other campuses. The Visitation Committee may make advisory recommendations, but these recommendations will ordinarily be limited to solution strategies, rather than the solution itself. In every instance, the Visitation Committee will be careful to respect the authority, prerogatives and responsibilities of the College President, the College Board of Trustees, and the faculty.
Appendix IV – History of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges

The Faculty Council of Community Colleges of Community Colleges of the State University of New York came into existence principally through the efforts of Dr. Sebastian B. Martorana, the University Dean for Two-Year Colleges. Having conceived the idea of this organization, Dr. Martorana, in April of 1966, received the following resolution from the University Council of Presidents of Public Community Colleges in the State University of New York:

"...it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the Council approve the principle of a statewide organization parallel to the Faculty Associations of the community colleges."

Shortly thereafter, the University Faculty Senate passed the following resolution:

"The senate recommends to the administration of SUNY the formation of a Community College Faculty Council composed of representatives elected by each community college faculty. This council should be constituted as the official governing body of these faculties, with a mandate to study, consult, and advise on system-wide matters relating to faculty and educational problems, policies, and programs."

In September of 1966 faculty representatives of 20 of the 28 extant two-year SUNY colleges met with Dr. Martorana at the SUNY at Albany downtown campus to consider the formation of an organization to parallel the Faculty Senate. At a second meeting held in November of 1966, this group then formulated purposes that became known as the Community College Faculty Council Articles of Organization.

On April 13, 1967, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York approved a resolution amending the Community College Regulations (now the Code of Standards and Procedures for the Administration and Operation of Community Colleges under the Program of State University of New York), thereby creating a Faculty Council of Community Colleges and also approving their Articles of Organization (now Part 606 of the Code). The first regular meeting of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges was held May 12, 1967, in Albany. The Council elected the following officers:

Chairman: John G. MacNaughton, Monroe Community College
Vice-Chairman: Creston D. Munger, Auburn Community College
Secretary: Jane B. Bonney, Jefferson Community College

Following a discussion of the history leading to the establishment of the Council, some topics discussed were problems confronting the community colleges: teaching loads, academic freedom, and expenses of the Council.

The first meeting of the New York State Faculty Council of Community Colleges Executive Committee was held October 2, 1967, in Albany. In attendance, in addition to Dr. Martorano, were Dr. Ernest Boyer, then Vice-Chancellor for University-wide Activities (and later SUNY Chancellor), and Dr. Kenneth Doran, Associate University Dean. The Committee also met with Chancellor Samuel Gould, who "expressed his interest in, and support of, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and his belief in the effectiveness it can achieve." Chancellor Gould also emphasized that the Council should develop a "grand strategy" for broad approaches to the role of community colleges and not limit itself to just immediate faculty problems.

Delegates for the community colleges of New York City were active in the organization and early years of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. However, on July 2, 1975, Governor Carey signed legislation which severed the community colleges of the City University of New York (CUNY) from the State University of New York (SUNY). Since the Chairman and Treasurer of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges were from CUNY colleges, the Executive Committee met and designated officers to act from the time of severance until the Fall, 1975 meeting of the Council. At the Fall meeting, a new slate of officers was elected on a permanent basis.

The strong ties that have existed between the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and the Community College Office of SUNY have been central to the successful functioning of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. As
cited in Appendix V, the post of Director of that office has been held by a number of individuals. Dr. Cornelius V. Robbins held the office for over ten years, from 1975-82,

1983-85, and part of 1992. During Dr. Robbins’ tenure the ties with the Community College Office were strengthened, and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges became a much more visible organization within the State University. The deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges was held by Dr. Thomas S. Kubala from 1986-92 and Dr. Ernest A. Martinez from 1992-95. From 1995 through 1998, Dr. Glenn DuBois served as Director of the Community College Office.

On August 31, 1998, Dr. Robert T. Brown became the first Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges in State University of New York history. This landmark development elevated representation of SUNY’s community colleges to the Chancellor’s senior staff.

Since its creation, often at the invitation of System Administration, the Council has increased its scope of concerns. For example, various members have served on university-wide task forces or committees concerned with articulation, funding formula, faculty development and evaluation, continuing education, institutional assessment, general education assessment and the University Awards Program. Additionally, the president of the Council attends meetings of such groups as the New York Community College Trustees, the Association of Presidents of Public Community Colleges, Student Assembly, and Community College Business Officers Association, and serves as a participant-observer at SUNY Trustees meetings and committee meetings. Delegates have appeared at legislative and State Education Department hearings and have testified on behalf of the community colleges. Since the first SUNY Day in 1988, Faculty Council of Community Colleges delegates have met, along with other representatives from the State University, with delegates of the New York State Legislature. Faculty Council of Community Colleges delegates are also represented on many important search committees within SUNY.

Finally, in keeping with the early mandate of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the Council has developed a strong working relationship with the University Faculty Senate. Members of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges are representatives and voting members on each of the Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate, and representatives from the Senate, in turn, are members of the Council’s Standing Committees. The Council’s president attends plenary sessions of the Senate, and the President of the Senate attends the biannual meetings of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.
Appendix V – Chairs/Presidents of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges

1967 - 1970  John MacNaughton, Monroe Community College
1970 - 1972  Creston Munger, Auburn (Cayuga) Community College
1972 - 1974  Walter Smith, Corning Community College
1974 - 1975  Nathan Weiner, Staten Island Community College

July 2, 1975  Separation of CUNY from SUNY

1975 - 1976  Carol Jamieson, Niagara Community College
1976 - 1977  John Haluch, Finger Lakes Community College
1977 - 1979  Mary Herlt, Hudson Valley Community College
1979 - 1981  Gerald Roux, Fulton Montgomery Community College
1981 - 1983  Rose Danella, Mohawk Valley Community College
1983 - 1985  Gerald Smith, Cayuga Community College
1985 - 1987  Wayne O’Sullivan, Erie Community College
1987 - 1991  William Vincent, Corning Community College
1991 - 1993  Alan Shaw, Monroe Community College
1993 - 1995  Michael Steuer, Nassau Community College
1995 - 1997  Michael Kinney, Broome Community College
1997 - 1999  John Haluch, Finger Lakes Community College
1999 - 2001  Herbert Merrill, Erie Community College
2001 - 2003  Robert Axelrod, Rockland Community College
2003 - 2007  Kimberley Reiser, Nassau Community College
2007 - 2009  Milton Johnson, Finger Lakes Community College
2009 - 2015  Tina Good, Suffolk County Community College
2015 – present  Nina Tamrowski, Onondaga Community College
Appendix VI – SUNY Community College Office Directors

August 15, 1949 - September 30, 1960 - Lawrence L. Jarvie
  Executive Dean for Institutes and Community Colleges

November 11, 1960 - July 31, 1965 - Paul B. Orvis
  Executive Dean for Institutes and Community Colleges
  (changed to Executive Dean for Two-Year Colleges)

August 1, 1965 - August 15, 1970 - Sebastian V. Martorana
  Executive Dean for Two-Year Colleges
  (changed to Vice Chancellor for Two-Year Colleges)

August 15, 1970 - November 15, 1970 - Kenneth Doran
  Acting Vice Chancellor for Two Year Colleges

November 15, 1970 - September 20, 1972 - Sebastian V. Martorana
  Vice Chancellor for Two-Year Colleges

November 1972 - August 1974 - Murray Block
  Deputy to the Chancellor (with responsibility for the Community College Office)

August 8, 1974 - July 1, 1975 - Henrik N. Dullea
  Acting Associate Chancellor for Community Colleges

July 1, 1975 - October 27, 1982 - Cornelius V. Robbins
  Associate Chancellor for Community Colleges
  (changed to Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges)

October 27, 1982 - June 1, 1983 - Irving H. Freedman
  Acting Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

June 2, 1983 - July 31, 1983 - Murray Block
  Acting Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

August 1, 1983 - August 23, 1985 - Cornelius V. Robbins
  Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

August 23, - December 31, 1985 - Stuart Steiner
  Acting Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

January 22, - September 7, 1986 - Thomas M. Law
  Acting Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

September 8, 1986 - February 19, 1992 - Thomas S. Kubala
  Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

February 3, - August 1, 1992 - Cornelius V. Robbins
  Acting Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

July 22, 1992 - August 31, 1995 - Ernest A. Martinez
  Deputy to the Chancellor for Community Colleges

September 1, 1995 - August 1, 1998 - Glenn DuBois
  Director, Community College Office

  Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges

December 1, 2006 – June 2010 - Dennis Golladay
  Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges

June 2010 – Present – Johanna Duncan Poitier
  Chancellor’s Deputy for the Education Pipeline and Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges
Appendix VII – Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1988  Jerome B. Komisar – Acting Chancellor, State University of New York
1989  Cornelius V. Robbins – Associate Chancellor for Community Colleges
1990  Darwin R. Wales – College Trustee – Broome Community College
1991  Phyllis Bader-Borel – SUNY Central Administration
1992  Joseph N. Hankin – President, Westchester Community College
1993  Gene M. Winter – SUNY Central Administration
1994  Sean Fanelli – President, Nassau Community College
1995  William L. Vincent – President, Faculty Council of Community Colleges
1996  Rosalyn Udow – College Trustee (Nassau Community College)
1997  Glenn DuBois – Director Community College Office
1998  D. Bruce Johnstone – Chancellor, State University of New York
1999  Arnold B. Gardner – Trustee – SUNY Board of Trustees
2000  Robert Brown – Vice-Chancellor for Community Colleges
2001  David Mathis – New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) and Trustee, Mohawk Valley Community College
2002  Patricia Stevens – Trustee, SUNY Board of Trustees
2003  Joseph Flynn and Karen Marcoe – University Faculty Senate, Past-Presidents
2004  Dr. Carol Eaton – President, Clinton Community College
2005  Dr. Thomas Cooper – Monroe Community College, FCCC Delegate
2006  George Anker – SUNY System Administration
2007  Dr. Stuart Steiner – President, Genesee Community College
2008  Edward F. Cox – Trustee, SUNY Board of Trustees
2009  Dr. Shirley Pippins – Former President, Suffolk County Community College
2010  Dr. Robert Jubenville – Dean of Health and Life Sciences, Mohawk Valley Community College, Former FCCC Delegate
2011  Kenneth P. Lavalle – New York State Senator, District 1, Chair, Higher Education Committee
2012  Stacey Hengsterman – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Government Relations
2013  Dustin Swanger, Ed.D. – President, Fulton-Montgomery Community College
2014  Johanna Duncan-Poitier – Senior Vice-Chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline
2015  H. Carl McCall - Chairman, State University of New York Board of Trustees
Appendix VIII – Chief Administrative Officers of the State University of New York

January 1, 1949 - August 1, 1951
Alvin C. Eurich, President
Charles Garside, Trustee, Acting President of the University
William S. Carlson, President

Committee of Deans Administered SUNY: Hermann Cooper,

Lawrence L. Jarvis, Exec. Dean for Institutes and Community Colleges;
John H. Slocum, Exec. Dean for Four-Year and Professional Colleges

Thomas H. Hamilton, President
J. Lawrence Murray, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Samuel B. Gould, President
(effective 1/12/67 title changed to Chancellor)
Ernest L. Boyer, Chancellor
James F. Kelly, Acting Chancellor

Clifton A. Wharton, Jr., Chancellor
Jerome B. Komisar, Acting Chancellor
D. Bruce Johnstone, Chancellor
Joseph C. Burke, Interim Chancellor

Thomas A. Bartlet, Chancellor
William H. Anslow, Officer In-Charge

John W. Ryan, Chancellor
(Acting Chancellor July 1, 1996 - April 20, 1997)

Robert L. King, Chancellor
John R. Ryan, Chancellor
John O’Connor, Officer in Charge

Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor

2000 – Present

2000 – 2005
2005 – 2007
2007 – 2008 (12/31)
2008 – 2009
2009 – Present