Baruch College General Faculty Meeting  
October 22, 2009  
Minutes  

The meeting was called to order at 12:55pm in the Newman Vertical Campus Building Room 14-220 by President Stan Altman.

I. The following members of the Baruch College faculty and administration were in attendance: (sign in sheets)

II. Approval of the minutes: Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2009 were approved without alteration.

III. Approval of the Agenda. The Agenda was approved without objection.

IV. Report from the President, Stan Altman.

1. The President discussed the current budget shortfalls, with large deficits forecast for at least two years in the future. The university takes a longer term perspective and is repositioning its finances to deal with decreased state funding. It has funds to draw from and will not suffer significant budget problems for at least two years. Enrollment drives much of our revenue, and has been relatively flat (down 0.5%). We are at or near capacity in classrooms, and options need to be explored to continue growth. New applications numbers are strong.

2. Baruch is working on initiatives to articulate “Who we are, and what we are doing” and expand on our historic mission and strong partnerships with local communities. We are building on Baruch academic excellence and diversity to position us a global university.

3. A Campus Expansion Committee is examining options to consider buying another building and looking for a dorm for students.

4. Ideas are being considered for non-conventional expansion, such as offering more over the web, or efficient use of CUNY TV.

V. Written reports from College Officers were accepted.
   - Ben Corpus announced the hiring of a new Senior Registrar, Ms. Leslie Sutton-Smith
   - Gabriel Eszterhas was introduced as the new Vice President for Administration and Finance.

VI. Student Organizations presented their reports.  
   Student organizations are actively working with the student review committee, and expressed an intent on participating in more international competitions.
VII. Nominations put forth and approved
Jerry Mitchell was nominated to replace Sarah Ryan on the Undergraduate Honors Committee.

VII. New Business
Questions were raised on the status of vertical transportation improvements in the campus. Better elevator programming is being explored and bids are being gathered, as well as steps to install better escalator equipment.

The issue of more space, and the needs for more space in the library were discussed. The President pointed out that we need to find more space in the form of a new building, and not just try to rearrange what we have.

A motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting ended at 2:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Charles Gengler
Secretary