

# *Baruch College Faculty Senate*

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During the 2008-2009 academic year, in addition to its mandated governance activities, the Faculty Senate sponsored the following plenary meeting presentations to the Baruch College community:

## **10/2/2008:**

- Admissions and Enrollment Management: Dr. Ben Corpus, VP of Student Development & Enrollment Management

## **12/4/2008**

- Baruch College Honors Programs: Prof. Ken Guest, Interim Director, Baruch Honors Program

## **2/05/2009**

- Educational Technology at Baruch: Dr. Arthur Downing, AVP of Information Technology

## **3/05/2009**

- CUNY Budget Update: Mr. Ernesto Malave, CUNY Vice Chancellor for Budget & Finance
- Sustainability at Baruch College: Prof. Mindy Engle-Friedman, Task Force on Sustainability & Jim Lloyd, AVP for Campus Operations

## **4/2/2009**

- Enrollment Management Update: Dr. Ben Corpus, VP of Student Development & Enrollment Management

## **5/7/2009**

- CUNY Performance Management Process (Mary Gorman Hetherington)
- Resolution on Enrollment Management to:
  - Increase headcount for the Fall 2009 semester to increase revenues;
  - Increase overall enrollments in Baruch's SEEK program;
  - Develop a Baruch-based program as part of CUNY's Black Male Initiative/

**RESOLUTIONS:** The Baruch College Faculty Senate passed the following governance resolutions during the 2008-2009 semester:

### **3/05/2009: Adjunct Pay**

Adjuncts at Baruch College who taught three-credit courses were being paid for only two hours during the exam week, even though most CUNY schools paid their adjuncts for a full week during exam week.

- Resolution: The Faculty Senate passed a resolution requesting that adjuncts be paid for a full week during exam week.
- Result: CUNY is paying adjuncts for the full exam week, starting with the fall 2009 semester;

**4/02/2009: Deaccession of Art Works from the Baruch College collection**

Several pieces of art (sculptures and painting) have been donated to Baruch College via the Baruch College Fund (BCF). The BCF has considered selling them.

- Resolution: The Faculty Senate passed a resolution asking that, before the college and the Baruch College Fund begin any process of 'de-accessioning' items of artistic, cultural, or historical importance, the Senate and the college community should be given ample opportunity consider the matter.

**5/07/2009: Proposed Term Limit on Department Chairs:**

The CUNY Board of Trustees (BoT) was considering imposing a university-wide two-term limit on department chairs. The University Faculty Senate and the CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders had both voted to oppose this rule change.

- Resolution: The Faculty Senate passed a resolution joining Faculty Senate and the CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders in opposing this rule change, on the basis that there was already a mechanism—department elections—do remove underperforming chairs, and on the basis that the Board of Trustees had provided insufficient consultation with the university faculty governance bodies.
- Result: In the face of universal faculty opposition, the CUNY Board of Trustees dropped the rule change for the time being.

**5/07/2009: Enrollment Management and Admissions**

With budget cutbacks, Baruch needed more revenues. Because it relies so much on tuition, increasing headcount was one way to increase revenues. The College was planning to cut back headcount to 16,000 students. In addition, the Faculty Senate was concerned that Baruch's SEEK program was not keeping its numbers high enough to meet its contractual obligations.

- Resolution: The Baruch College Faculty Senate wanted the College to revise its policies on these two areas related to admissions and enrollment management, and take the following steps
  - Increase its headcount slightly for the Fall 2009 semester to increase revenues;
  - Increase overall enrollments in Baruch's SEEK program;
- Result: The College cut back on headcount less than its original plan (for Fall 2009, the headcount is about 16,100). The College has revised its SEEK forecasting to increase the program's headcount to the contracted level.

Respectfully submitted,



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