



Student Affairs Divisional Staff Meeting – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom Videoconference

Attendees: Frank Wu, Adam Rockman, Alan Nagel, Allyson Regis, Andrea Turnbull, Barbara Moore, Barbara O' Neill, Buz Considine, Catherine Zonsky, Chris Reardon, Christina Costello, Christine Figueroa, Craig Blodgett, Daniel Hernandez, Dennis Torres, Donelle Bailey, Dwayne D. Jones, Elizabeth Naumovski, Elsie Charles, Emanuel Avila, Eric Urevich, Farukh Hasan, Frank Wilson, Gail Reischer, Gary Aguayo, Gaslin Osias, Gina Looby, Ginna Neira, Irving Uribe, Ivonne Maldonado, Jaime Browne, Jaime Lau, Jason Posser, Jay Bijlani, Jennifer Jarvis, JC Carlson, Jessica Perez, Joanna Taczynski, John Andrejack, John Yearwood, Jonatha Gordon, Joseph Yonkers, Kalua Bolden, Kara Gioia, Karran Jainarain, Kenneth James, Keesha Cameron, Kristen Belmonte, Laura Silverman, Lisa Davis, Lorraine Rosenfeld, Margarita Eguizabal, Maria Fosco, Mary Sorrentino, Matthew Collier, Maureen Pierce-Anyan, Meryl Mintzer, Michael Robinson, Michelle Gomez, Mirian Detres-Hickey, Nancy Leighton, Navraj Sandhu, Nina Bautista, Olivia Tursi, Robert Davis, Rajvir Kaur, Rob Twible, Rosalia Polanco, Sean J. Pierce, Shalini Jonas, Sharon Khan, Shazia Khan, Shonelle George, Shoshana Burns, Somadi Druker, Stevie Robinson, Summit Maintenance Team, Terri Calhoun, Tiffany Edwards and Walter Dogan

Meeting started at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Housekeeping – Adam

I. Staff Introductions

Christine Figueroa, Counselor, Rosalia Polanco, CUNY Edge and, Frank Wu, President

- Duly noted.

II. Discussion – Adam

Zoom Meeting Security

- Over the summer, CUNY purchased a university wide license for all faculty, staff, and students.
 - Zoom meetings can host up to 300 participants.
 - Private Chat feature must remain off.
 - Irving to e-mail the “Zoom Security Protocol” document.

Supporting Students Virtually

- Encouraged staff to pay even closer attention to what’s going on with the students you interact with. Try to have Zoom meetings over telephone or email/text chats, as you can see facial expressions and body language, as well as hear tone and tenor of speech. These things can help you identify when a student is in distress and needs help. We have all services and referrals still available to students, so don’t get confused by the change in modality!
- Will open virtual office hours for students.

Virtual Programming

- Campus wide social and educational events already scheduled.
- If your area has upcoming virtual events, please make sure events are posted on the campus calendar.
- President Wu would like us to invite him and Cabinet members to any/all programs/events where Cabinet can interact with students.

SALT/ESR/AA Meeting

- All three divisions will meet on Fri., 9/18, 10am-12pm.
 - Feel free to e-mail agenda discussion items to Adam or Irving by Wed., 9/16 at 1pm.

Development Office Meeting

- Adam will meet with the Development staff on “How can Student Affairs partner with Development for fundraising to support students and SA offices, programs, and services?”
- Gina Looby shared NYU is offering full-tuition medical school scholarships to all current and future matriculated MD students. Allyson Regis provided the following link:
<https://med.nyu.edu/education/md-degree/md-affordability-financial-aid/types-financial-aid/scholarships>

III. 10:15am-11:15am Keynote – Frank Wu, President

- Discussed “Diversity, Adaptation and Empathy.”
- The College most likely will not be returning to “normal” for Spring 2021.
- Deidre B Flowers has been appointed Interim Director of the African Studies Program.
- Annette L. Durrant appointed to Chief Diversity Officer.
- Jennifer Jarvis and Annette L. Durrant were appointed to the President’s Cabinet.
- Director of Compliance Initiatives search on-going.
 - If you would like to schedule a meeting with President Wu or send any suggestions, event invitations, please feel free to reach out to Janet Rubel at janet.rubel@qc.cuny.edu.

IV. Announcements – All

Nina

- CDC will begin to offer virtual learning services to children.
 - Student-parents will not be charged as their student-activity fee, along with some additional subsidies, will be used to pay for the service, staff will be charged a fee.
 - Registration begins Mon., 9/21, for more information feel free to contact Nina at nina.bautista@qc.cuny.edu.

Dennis

- Fall 2020, 222 Student Veteran students and dependents.

Laura & Catherine Z.

- As of 9/10/2020 for Fall 2020,
 - 2627 new Freshmen students enrolled
 - 1607 new transfer students enrolled
- Course withdrawals and the Pass/No Credit (P/NC) deadlines have been extended to 12/13/2020.
- Laura thanked the Advising team, as 2,300 freshmen and 1,800 continuing students were advised virtually.

Adam

- As of 7/1/2020, Robert Twible was named Director of Athletics.

Gary

- Fall 2020, 130 new in-coming SEEK freshman, 1000+ Seek students, Gary thanked the SEEK team.

Barbara O.

- Fall 2020, 125 students living in the Summit, Barbara thanked the Summit team.

Lorraine

- Shared concern with Spring 2021 learning modalities impact on GI-BILL beneficiaries. Students veterans are covered for online training modalities until the end of December 2020. As of January 2021, student veterans must be enrolled in at least one in-person course to receive normal Monthly Allowance for Housing.

Robert Davis

- Athletics offers Health and Stress relievers. Feel free to visit the following link:
<https://queensknights.com/sports/2020/9/3/running-club.aspx>

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.