

Baruch College Faculty Senate Report  
Academic Year 2004-2005

This report covers key topics from the monthly faculty senate meetings. As announced during our September, 2004 meeting, each session be held in the format of a study session, where an invited speaker will address an issue of importance to the Baruch faculty and community (the speaker each month has been underlined for ease of recognition). Additional information about meeting topics, agenda, minutes and attachments can be found on the Baruch Faculty Senate Community Blackboard site.

Plenary Sessions

**September, 2004**

Announcements were made about the meeting format for this academic year.

- Study Sessions each month. Topics include: Oct - budgets, finance; Nov – enrollment management; Dec – assessments

President Waldron addressed the faculty for the first time

**October, 2004**

(Budget Discussion was postponed until next month)

The Chair of the Faculty senate discussed the role of the Faculty Senate in ongoing Governance of College and emphasized that there would be increasing opportunities for more formalized, structured committees with faculty members.

Subsequently, the President announced her discussions with Vice Presidents, Provosts, Deans whereby decision making about finances, facilities, HR were made by ad hoc committees. No formal governance structure exists at presidential and cabinet level. Therefore, five new permanent committees are being established for faculty, students, staff. These advisory committees will include faculty who are nominated through faculty senate. The goal of the new structure is to have a broader constituent of views. Committees will have specific charges, meet regularly and have accountability – they will present reports to cabinet.

- Human Resources Committee – college-wide development and planning efforts, contact with retired faculty/staff, recognition systems
- Financial Advisory Committee – develop resource allocation, fiscal policy and budget creation
- Student Affairs Committee – monitoring student experience, establish project priorities with measurable outcomes
- Facilities Committee – suggest short-term priorities, consider long term facilities plans
- Productivity Committee – advise on strategic goals and priorities, benchmark productivity, recommend technological services, prioritize projects to enhance the student experience

Nominations have been requested. Expect 10-12 persons per committee. Eventually these committee will be component of Strategic Planning Initiative beginning in Spring 2005.

**November, 2004**

Budget Report given by Robert Specter

- Power Point presentation given (posted at <http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/adminfin/> with a link from our faculty senate Blackboard site)

**December, 2004**

The report from the President consisted of an update on 5 committees. Faculty, students and staff have been invited to join as members of the committees.

Co-chairs are:

Finance – Robert Myers and Toby Winer, Dannenbring (FC\*)

Student Affairs– Glen Albright, Phyllis Zadra, Chase (FC)

Facilities – David Birdsell Johnson (note: Dan Kauffman ill)

HR – Valerie Watnick and new director of HR

Productivity – Bill Ferns and Art Downing, Specter (FC)

\*(FC) Friend of Committee = cabinet chairs

A report from Provost – Topic Enrollment Management

*A Strategic Look at Enrollment Management* (see accompanying power point presentation on blackboard)

**February, 2005**

A report from Robert Ducoffe -- AACSB Process

- Power Point presentation given (see separate attachment on Blackboard)

**March, 2005**

A presentation from the college's "Joint Committee on the Student Evaluation of Faculty and Courses" made by David Potash, Associate Provost

- Presentation given (see separate attachments on Blackboard)