College Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

Present:
GSE Reps -Robin Hummel, Amy Kline, Michele Ryan (SAT)
CP Reps – David Mortimer
S&O Reps - Kelly Lorenz**,** Angela Persaud, Sylvie Fan
DERO Rep – Charles Babian
BSEC Rep - Katherine Baldwin, Lily Fincher
Ex-Officio Reps: Akilah Rosado, Shael Suransky

Absent:
Alexander Iwachiw, Evi Rivera-Williams, Pam Wheeler-Civita

Call to order at 3:45 PM

Administrative Stuff

- Approval of February Minutes.
- April Secretary – Dave has volunteered.

I. Discussion of Upcoming Elections for CAC Representatives

- Reviewed CAC Representative Terms & Timeline for Elections– (handout)
- Sylvie and Kelly (both S &O) will switch terms so Sylvie can stay on.
- Divisions will be responsible for own elections.
- Co-chairs will be elected when the newly configured group meets.
- All divisions will schedule elections as outlined in handout.
- Robin and Kelly will draft nomination and election process and run it by the committee and cabinet.
- Kelly and Robin will facilitate Information Sessions for anyone interested.

II. Questions Discussed about Next Year's All College

- Should we continue with an overarching theme? If so, when should it be decided? Should we continue with the Anti-Racism focus to deepen the work done so far? Should this be up to the new group?
- When are All College dates set? Timing and scheduling should be communicated early so Liberty Leads and Head Start can integrate the dates into their planning.
- Are there opportunities to do co-sponsored events, perhaps with Alumni?

- Should we occasionally vary time of day to accommodate those who can't easily meet at usual time? (These questions will be raised again in the May meeting.)

III. All College Retreat/Reflection with Shael & Katie

(CAC members shared their responses to the following questions.)

What was a personal highlight for you?

A number of the CAC members identified the Panel Discussion as a highlight, referring to it as a powerful presentation given by a culturally diverse group of people who are connected to Bank Street and who work out in the world in various capacities. Members found their stories compelling and inspiring. Coming together as a Bank Street community was also a highlight as well as seeing how large the community has grown over the last few years. Members found working together across divisions as another highlight. The group also discussed various aspects of the breakout sessions – safe spaces for those sharing stories; learning about microagressions in an early childhood setting; complexities of creating a home budget, etc. Other highlights were having the opportunity to get away from the typical day's structure, being in the main building and meeting in spaces where children's work and environments can be seen.

Are there ideas or questions that surfaced that CAC should explore?

Some questions/concerns emerged during the retreat such as supports teachers need to meet the needs of students. How are issues around growing and scaling considered as the student population shifts? Is there a growing need to look more deeply into ICT support for children? What are the issues around counseling children out? How do we stay relational as populations grow? How are we looking at the intersection of new members in the community and tenured members? How are instructional spaces being used?

What are you most excited or energized about coming out of the retreat?

Dialogue around the Social Justice and Equity work is now occurring throughout the College. Interest in communication and possible collaborative work within and across divisions was expressed. Online pedagogy was named as an area of focus in the Graduate School. Interest in breaking down silos and looking at hierarchical barriers to the work we do together.

* Shael pointed out that each division has its own question or focus. As CAC plans for the fall we should use what we have learned to identify an overall goal. Shael also stressed the need to continue to create a culture and community that makes Bank Street a good place to work, particularly given the tensions in the outside world.

What would you like to see as a follow-up to the retreat?

CAC would like to receive information that was gathered from the feedback forms to help inform planning for the fall.

Adjourn 5:15 PM