A meeting of the Governing Council of the School of Professional Studies was convened at 3:30 p.m. on October 22, 2019.

Governing Council Attendees:

Elizabeth Alsop
Tara Barca
Santy Barrera
Mariette Bates
Bill Bernhardt
Holli Broadfoot
Leah Chajeczkis
Emmanuel Egbe
Carl Grindley (alt. Getman)
Amy Green
Sahana Gupta
David Halle
Washington Hernandez
Felix Huertas
Erin Jeanette
Jan Kaminsky
Ellen Karl
Edwin Knox
Lia Kudless
Jennifer Lee
Jennifer Grace Lee
Z. Lobley
Melanie Lorek
Carla Marquez-Lewis
Brian McDonald
Tracy Meade
John Mogulescu
Janet Mohlenhoff
Shanee Morris
Kate Moss
Arthur O'Connor
Michael O'Donnell
Bonnie Oglensky
George Otte
Dawn Picken
Marge Reilly
Marilyn Ridley
Carlos Ronisky
Ruru Rusmin
I. Welcome and Introductions

J. Mogulescu began the October 22, 2019 CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS) Governing Council meeting by welcoming all present and holding introductions around the room. He then updated the Council regarding:

- Middle States – Names of evaluation team have been released; GC evaluation to be headed by Dr. Arthur T Johnson Provost Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, Political Science University of Maryland

- Chancellor’s Career Success/Adult Learners priorities (University Dean Angie Kamath overseeing)

- Subway Campaign

- Tentative PSC Contract Agreement (details not yet announced)

- BOT Public Hearing last evening – many speakers on the topics of urgent needs such as food insecurity, tuition, etc.

- Sarah Zeller-Berkman/Youth Studies program has received a $119,000 grant from the New York Community Trust (NYCT) to launch a CUNY SPS Youth Studies Immigrant/Refugee Action Fellowship.

- Wonderful Disability and Employment event last week; more events forthcoming for National Disability in Employment Awareness Month
II. Approval of Governing Council Minutes

J. Mogulescu called for a motion (Vine) and second (O’Connor) to vote on the approval of the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Governing Council meeting. All members present approved the minutes.

III. Report and Recommendations of the Curriculum Committee

J. Mogulescu introduced Ellen Karl, who presented the following items:

1. Data Science : Course deletions: DATA 611, 613, 617, 630, 645

J. Mogulescu opened the floor for comments and questions. H. Sharif Williams inquired regarding the deletion of DATA 630 Urban Sustainability. Answer: Left over from earlier iteration of program, not really Data Science. J. Mogulescu then called for a motion (Bates) and second (Zeman) to vote on the items. All members present voted yes.

2. General Education -- Course change: INT 450

J. Mogulescu opened the floor for comments and questions. Hearing none, he then called for a motion (Bates) and second (O’Connor) to vote on the item. All members present voted yes.

3. Nursing : Revision of BS Requirement verbiage

J. Mogulescu opened the floor for comments and questions. Hearing none, he then called for a motion (O’Connor) and second (Picken) to vote on the item. All members present voted yes.

4. Sociology
   i. Modification of General Sociology minor track
   ii. Elimination of Cultural Sociology minor track
   iii. New courses: SOC 215, 390

J. Mogulescu opened the floor for comments and questions. Many questions ensued, on topics such as the addition of a course addressing the forced migration of Africans to the U.S., the difference between tracks, the lack of the use of the SPS grading scale in SOC 215, and the 12-credit minor. Because B. Oglensky was not present at the meeting to address these items, J. Mogulescu called for a motion (Zeman) and second (Gupta) to table these items until the next meeting. All members present voted yes.

VI. Report and Recommendations of the Academic Standing Committee
J. Mogulescu introduced Carla Marquez-Lewis, who reported that there were three grade appeals heard at the committee’s last meeting and that the committee rendered decisions. Marquez-Lewis then presented the proposed recommendation to accept the following Credit for Prior Learning pre-evaluated credentials. J. Mogulescu called for a motion (Green) and second (Moss) to vote on the credentials as a slate. C. Marquez-Lewis presented the slate:

- McDonald’s General Manager Leadership Capstone training
- Certified Recovery Peer Advocate
- Senior Professional for Human Resources (SPHR) from HR Certification Institute
- Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) from Society of Human Resource Management

J. Mogulescu opened the floor for comments and questions. J. Lee noted that she felt unable to judge these items based upon the documents provided, and requested more supporting documentation for such items in the future. D. Picken, A. Simmons, and H. Sharif Williams also noted similar sentiment, which C. Marquez-Lewis and J. Sparrow noted. J. Mogulescu called for a motion (Williams) and second (Shockley) to vote on the slate. All members present voted yes, except for Lobley, Lee, Picken, and Simmons, who abstained.

VII. Report of the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

G. Otte reported the following:
- Middle States draft has been received from the GC for comments; will shortly have document to circulate
- D. Olan will be presenting at Deans and Directors on November 19

JM provided an overview of the Graduate Center’s Middle States process

VIII. Report of the Senior Associate Dean for Strategy and Innovation

T. Meade reported the following:
- U.S. News & World Report survey was submitted on 9/26
- PMP letter with 2019-2020 goals was submitted on 10/15
- Proposal submitted to Robin Hood Foundation: “Building Inclusive Career Ladders for Black and Hispanic Men into Baccalaureate Programs in Nursing, Health Information Management, and Health Services Administration at the CUNY School of Professional Studies”

IX. Report of the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management & Student Services

J. G. Lee reported the following:
- Spring 2020 admission has begun; 720 enrollments currently
- Winter 2020 enrollment = 183 currently

X: Report of the Associate Dean for Administration and Finance
W. Hernandez reported the following:

- Active Shooter trainings are underway
- New University guidelines for the Student Technology Fee Committee
- PSC Contract; adjunct raise of significant impact to School. H. Sharif Williams inquired regarding the percentage of adjuncts at SPS and a strategy to change over time. Answer: Will share percentage, and yes, this will be part of the upcoming Strategic Plan.

XIII: Other Items

J. Mogulescu asked if there were any other items. C. Vine announced the upcoming MAAT Racial Justice Conference on November 8th and 9th and encouraged attendance at the special SPS equity and inclusion session on the 8th. J. Mogulescu noted the Nursing accreditation visit last week and that we are awaiting results. M. Reilly thanked all who assisted.

Hearing no other items,

XIV. Adjourn.

J. Mogulescu thanked members of the Council for their time and support of CUNY SPS, and adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.