

# ASC minutes 11-2

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**Attendance:** Alexandra Rojas (Library), Lilla Toke, Lee Boyar, Michele, E. Correa, Levore Desvigne, Janet Gonzalez, Amish Khalfan, Andrew McFarland, Caterina Almendral, Derwent Dawkins, Kyle Hollar-Gregory, Louise Butironi, Valencia McPherson-White

## 1 On requiring student video during zoom

The zoom video requirements should be on the syllabus and on CUNYfirst. In general, despite the pedagogical advantages to requiring student to turn on their video, there are legitimate privacy concerns that thoughtful people may disagree on.

## 2 Attendance policy during distance education

Faculty should take attendance both through web attendance and paper. But this seems like something that CUNY and the administration should clarify due to the fact that CUNY, strictly speaking, is not an attendance taking institution. ASC may offer some insight to the college.

Verification of enrollment (previously, VOA), is tied to financial aid. Financial Aid uses both web attendance and VOA in their calculations. We decided to wait for advice from the provost to discuss this topic. There is a beauty in simplicity—minimizing faculty requirements. This might be the way to go if, in-fact, the provost says that we are not required (or not allowed) to compel faculty to take attendance. We are unsure about the sweeping effects changing the attendance policy may have. Some departments, nursing for example, consider attendance a matter of state law.

## 3 The 2020 workshop: debrief

There was improved attendance with zoom rather than in-person. There were laudatory comments from the attendees.

## **4 Instructional staff meeting**

We agree the topic of our part of the Instructional Staff Meeting should be academic appeals. Janet agreed to contact marketing for the instructional staff meeting which will take place on November 11th 2:30.

## **5 Senate changing by-laws. Needs clarification about the ASC roles**

The Senate wants clarification on ASC section of its by-laws. for example the by-laws say we should elect a a chair every year. Maybe that statement should be amended or removed since it contradicts our current practice. Also the senate policy says members will serve 2-year terms, that is not what we've been doing. We have no elected "secretary" as the senate by-laws suggests we should have—we all share this responsibility. As far as appointment to ASC, the language in the by-laws indicate that it should be faculty focused rather than coming from the chair and indeed it seems there should be an election in each department. But it's important that "feelers" (from the senate or sometimes necessarily from a Chair) are sent out in order to ensure that we have a full board. Furthermore, we want to delete part (d) of item (4) in the Senate bylaws since last academic year we separated academic appeals from ASC.

**Meeting concluded at 4:30pm**