

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 7 March 1991, 12 pm, BH 226

Present: H. Andima, M. Bates, M. Brady, S. Deonarine, B. Ettinger,
J. Fahey, S. Forman, V. Foster, A. Galub, J. Graham,
F. Haase, L. Leva, G. Lieblich, E. Miller, A. Netburn,
M. Nickerson, C. Polowczyk, M. Rosenstock, J. Ryan,
R. Salgado, L. Squitieri, F. Stabile, J. Todaro, H. Tyson

M. Orlando

Excused: R. Brown

Guests: A. Pomerantz

1. Call to Order

Prof. Galub called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting, 21 February 1991

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

4. Announcements

A. Chair of the Senate and Executive Committee

There were no announcements.

B. Deans

There were no announcements.

C. Other announcements pertaining to governance

There were no announcements.

5. Reports from University bodies

A. University Faculty Senate

This report was postponed to the next meeting.

B. University Student Senate

This report was postponed to the next meeting.

6. Reports from Standing Committees of the College Senate

A. Academic Standing Committee

There was no report.

B. Curriculum Committee

The committee report dated 3/6/91 "Curriculum Committee Recommendations concerning A.A.S. core curricula" was distributed for discussion under agenda item 7.

C. Governance and Elections Committee

Prof. Lieblich raised the question concerning department representation on the BCC Senate and other college committees: What if no one accepts nomination for election to elective positions? Discussion was postponed to New Business.

D. Instruction and Professional Development Committee

Prof. Pomerantz reported that a copy of the protocol that his committee is using in its research project with the University of Arizona at Tempe was in each department office. At present, members of his committee are interviewing faculty with respect to policies the administration follows which foster performance. It was suggested that the committee ensure that those interviewed be a representative sample of the population.

E. Student Activities Committee

There was no report.

7. Curriculum Committee - Report on Core Curriculum

Prof. Eysn summarized the rationale behind the recommendations to require a second English course and at least one course in Health or Physical Education. Essentially, the reason is to improve the academic preparation of students in the A.A.S. curricula and to bring the degree requirements in line with the New York State regulations for these degrees which requires that 33% of the non-concentration courses be in the liberal arts. Dean Polowczyk pointed out that BCC is the only community college in CUNY which doesn't require a full year of English Composition and that a similar recommendation was also made by the Long Range Planning Committee. In response to concern that requiring a second English course may replace an other elective in the humanities curricula, Prof. Graham expressed the view that it will not have a negative impact because students will be able to write at the college level and have a more positive experience as a result.