Minutes of the Meeting, 18 April 1991, 12 pm, EH 226


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Excused: R. Brown

Guests: A. Fuller, A. Pomerantz, J. Asch, J. Seales, K. Fogarty, E. Stein (and many other faculty, students and members of the administration)

1. Call to Order
   Prof. Galub called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   The agenda was approved by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes
   Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 21 February and 7 March were postponed until the next meeting.

4. Report of Curriculum Committee

   A. Core Curriculum proposals (action possible)

   The Senate voted unanimously to adopt the proposals made at the previous meeting: the inclusion of ENG 12 in all A A S. degrees and of at least one Health or Physical Education course in curricula where the number of required credits does not exceed the maximum.

   B. Miscellaneous Curriculum proposals

   Prof. Ryan presented the following proposals to be considered as action items at the next meeting of the Senate:

   a. A revision of the Paralegal Studies Curriculum to include a new course: Immigration Law, 3 rec., 3 cr. Approved: 18-0-1
b. A revision of Alphabetic Shorthand 1 from "5 rec., 3 or" to "4 rec., 3 cr." Approved by Viva Voce: Unanimous

c. Acceptance of a new course, Introduction to Desktop Publishing. 3 rec., 3 cr. Approved: 19-0-0


e. Acceptance of the experimental course, Water Aerobics, 2 rec., 1 cr. Approved: 18-1-0

f. Acceptance of the revision of the Human Services Curriculum to offer a new menu of choices. Approved: 20-0-0

g. Acceptance of a new course, Television Performing, 3 rec., 3 cr. Approved: 19-0-1

5. Committee on Governance -- proposal regarding selection of departmental representatives to College governance bodies

The Amendment to The BCC Governance Plan proposed by the Governance Committee (distributed at the meeting) was amended to read:

AMENDMENT: If department representation on the College Senate, Curriculum Committee or Committee on Academic Standing cannot be decided by election, then a member of the department shall be selected by the chairperson. No person so selected shall be required to serve for more than one (1) year.

Vote to accept the substitute motion: 15-9-3
Vote on the motion as amended: 14-10-0

6. Committee on Academic Standing -- proposal regarding temporary modification of College grading system

The Committee decided that any change in the grading system would be premature at this time.

7. Reports on student occupations of buildings, and related issues

Dean Polowczyk recounted the actions of the students, the Administration and the Court, to date. Prof. Kenneth Fogarty reported on the meeting of delegates from the Committee of Concerned CUNY Faculty with Chancellor Reynolds. Prof. Bates' motion to support Free Brown and the Administration in seeking new initiatives in getting the students' message concerning the proposed tuition increase, financial aid cuts, budget reductions and layoffs across to Gov. Cuomo and the State Legislature was approved: 25-0-0. The students
reported on the lack of response by Gov. Cuomo to the students who went to Albany. They reiterated their intent to act in concert with the other CUNY schools. They expressed their desire for another avenue of protest and expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of faculty involvement in their struggle. The discussion ended with the observation by Prof. Scales that there was a need for a forum for dialogue between faculty and students.

8. New Business

There was none.

9. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Bates
Secretary