Minutes of the Meeting, January 14, 1993, 1 PM, BH226


EXCUSED: P. Brown


1. Call to Order
   Dr. Lieblitch called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

2. Announcements

   Dr. Lieblitch announced that Vice Chancellor Freeland has written to President Brown regarding the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning. Each campus has been asked to form a consultative body in accordance with college governance plans to respond to the suggestions. A preliminary report should be ready by March 31.

3. Action Item

   a. Student representation on the College Personnel and Budget Committee.

   MOTION: It was proposed that the amendment under discussion be amended as follows: The two student representatives will be two (2) students chosen by the College Senate from a panel of four (4) elected by the Student Government Association.

   The amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment.

   The motion under discussion is an addition to Part IV of the College Governance Plan. The College Personnel and Budget
Two (2) students chosen by the College Senate from a panel of four (4) elected by the Student Government Association. The length of term for the students shall be one (1) academic year. The students shall have voting rights. If any faculty member requests that the student members absent themselves from personnel deliberations, they will do so. However, they will retain their right to vote and/or make recommendations.

A Pro and Con statement regarding the motion was distributed. (See attached.) After some discussion an amendment was offered.

MOTION: It was moved that the students have a voice but not a vote, and that a vote be given at a later time.

This was not accepted as a friendly amendment and was ruled to constitute a substitute motion.

In discussion it was pointed out that no timetable was established as to when the vote would be given.

MOTION: A friendly amendment to the substitute motion was offered and accepted: that the amendment be reviewed at the end of one year.

The substitute motion on floor reads as follows:

Two (2) students chosen by the College Senate from a panel of four (4) elected by the Student Government Association. The students shall meet the requirement for Student Government Association Senators. The length of term for the students shall be one (1) academic year. The students shall not have voting rights. If any faculty member requests that the student members absent themselves from personnel deliberations, they will do so. However, they will retain their right to make recommendations. The question of the student members' right to vote will be brought to the Senate for review after one year for a new referendum.

MOTION: A motion was made to call the question on the substitute motion. A quorum count was made. The body voted to call the question by a voice vote.

POINT OF ORDER: As point of order it was said that the substitute motion should not be voted on first, because the body had not voted to accept it.
The chair ruled that the body would vote on the substitute motion first. If it passes it will supersede the original motion.

A request for secret ballot was made, and ballots were distributed. Another quorum count was made.

The substitute motion carried: yes 18, no 17, abstain 0.

The motion must now go for referendum. In order to pass both constituencies, faculty and students must vote positively, with at least 30% of the faculty voting and at least 10% of the students voting. If defeated, the Senate can reinstate the amendment by a 2/3 vote.

b. PSC-CUNY sample resolution on the Report of the Chancellor’s Committee on Academic Program Planning

A Committee of volunteers including Dr. Galub and Prof. Skinner will draft a proposal for BCC.

4. New Business

Chancellor’s Committee on Academic Program Planning

Dean Polowczyk announced that a plenary committee has been formed to review the elements of the report that relate to BCC. These include the possible movement of the NYC Technical College Automotive program to BCC, the question of abandoning the Physical Education program, the question of abandoning Secretarial Studies at BCC, and the institution of a freestanding Biology major at BCC.

The committee consists of the three Division Coordinators, nine faculty members (three from each division), three students, department chairs, and the Faculty Council chair. The deliberations of the task force will be brought to the Senate.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Ruth Bass
Secretary