

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 3:50 PM, May 13, 1993, BH226

PRESENT: R. Adewumi, R. Bass, V. Bonelli, D. Cancienne, N. Canton, D. Canty, H. Erdsneker, B. Ettinger, K. Fogarty, F. Francabandera, H. Fuld, A. Galub, D. Gracian, W. Hynes, G. Lieblich, M. Nickerson, C. Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, R. Rasag, J. Rempson, A. Resto, J. Riley, M. Russell, J. Ryan, M. Rosenstock, S. Saddawi, R. Salgado, H. Skinner, b. Somerville, J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, J. Todaro, B. Witlieb

STUDENTS: B. Goodwin

EXCUSED: R. Brown

GUESTS: A. Fuller, M. O'Riordan, M. Steuerman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 3:54 PM.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) CHAIR

Dr Lieblich welcomed Barbara Somerville who is the new Social Sciences representative to the Senate.

He announced that there have been problems in getting faculty participation at student functions. It was suggested that student events be put on the yearly calendar, so that faculty could plan to attend.

Prof. Steuerman announced that the party for President Brown will be held on June 2nd in the colonnade, weather permitting.

Dr. Lieblich announced that the Tau Alpha Pi reception will be held at 4 PM in the Engineering Technology office.

June 4 is graduation day. President Brown will be the speaker.

The College Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 9 from 12-2 on the Quadrangle.

Summer School registration is June 15.

The Presidential Search Committee will extend the search for another year. A new advertisement will be composed in September. The Chancellor is expected to select an Acting President by June 24.

Dr. Lieblich thanked Dr. Bass for taking over as Chairperson of Governance and Elections on short notice due to the serious illness of Prof. Miller.

Dr. Lieblich thanked all the senators for making the Senate so effective and influential.

b) Deans

DEAN POLOWCZYK

Dean Polowczyk announced that the Executive Committee met with the two finalists for the contract for the Master Plan. The winner will consult widely with various constituencies on campus. The contract will be awarded shortly and a building assessment plan should be ready by November 1st.

The NYCTC Automotive program is being acquired this will increase our enrolment by 260. The expected enrollment for Fall, 1993 is projected at 8,100 FTE with 8,600 projected for Spring, 1994.

The University is asking for budget projections sooner than usual this year.

The final exam schedule was changed at the last minute this semester. In the future, more notice will be given.

DEAN CANSIENNE

The school buses that have been on campus lately were from a school in Kingsbridge that suddenly became aware of an asbestos problem. Luckily the College was able to accomodate the pupils. Tomorrow is the last day they will be on campus.

In response to a request from the floor, Dean Cansienne said that he would try to see if renovations on the exterior of Colston Hall could be stopped during exam period.

In response to request from the floor, Dean Cansienne said that he would request Mr. Civetta to provide an itemized breakdown of money in the check which reflects back pay owed faculty members because of the new contract.

3. OMSBUDSPERSON REPORT

Prof. Fogarty reported on his many activities for the year which include participation in SGA workshops, production of a film in co-operation with Audio-Visual, work on projects fostering multiculturalism, participation in The CUNY Resolution Consortium, and participation in scholarly conferences.

Office hours were maintained during the day and evening to make the services of the Omsbudsperson accessible. More than 40 students sought advice. About one third were redirected elsewhere and found solutions to their difficulties. Several students were assisted in difficulties with agencies outside the college. Several students were assisted with problems relating to waiting lists for programs with a limited number of seats.

It is recommended that office space and staff be provided to the Omsbudsperson as well as travel funds which would allow his participation in related professional activities.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting April 15, 1993 were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) Curriculum Committee Items

Dr. Ryan presented three new non-actionable items, reported to the Senate for the first time (see attached.) He reported regarding the transfer of the Automotive Program from NYCTC to BCC, that Dr. Frisz had not presented a formal proposal. The Committee approved the general direction of his plan in principle. The NYCTC students will take courses according to their original curriculum and BCC will prepare a new curriculum to mesh with the former.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to waive the two meeting rule for non-actionable items and to make actionable the three items presented for the first time.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the three items as presented.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

b) Governance and Elections Committee Proposed Amendments

Dr. Bass presented for action six proposed amendments to the BCC Governance Plan which Prof. Miller had presented at the meeting of April 15, 1993 as follows.

1) Committee on Space, Facilities and Physical Plant

This had been formally returned to the Committee for revision, and the Committee incorporated the suggested changes including a change in the title and a reduction in the number of members on the Committee.

From the floor it was suggested to add the words "and implementation" after preparation under a. Functions (1). under b. Membership (1) the line was corrected to read "The Campus Facilities Officer as a non-voting member."

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the revised Amendment as presented.

The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

(Text of the Amendment is here attached.)

2) Committee on Deans

No suggestions for changes were made.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the Amendment.

The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

(Text of the Amendment is here attached.)

3) Committee on Instructional Staff Welfare

This Amendment had inspired considerable discussion at the previous Senate meeting. Although it was not formally returned to committee for revision, the Committee had revised the proposal.

MOTION: It was proposed and seconded to accept the Amendment as proposed.

MOTION: An amendment to the motion to delete the word "full-time" from the membership of the Committee so that adjuncts might serve.

The amendment to the motion failed as follows:

12 yes 17 no 1 abstention

MOTION: An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to add one student representative to the membership of the Committee.

The amendment to the motion failed by a voice vote.

The vote on the motion to institute a Committee on Instructional Staff Welfare carried by a voice vote with one abstention.

(Text of the Amendment is here attached.)

4. Student Advisory Committee

The purpose of this amendment is to keep SGA advised of all actions and recommendations from College committees which pertain to the students' general welfare.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the Amendment.

In discussion it was suggested that there might be a more expeditious way to accomplish this. It was suggested to form an ad hoc committee in order to allow for more time in working out a suitable solution.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to postpone action on the proposed amendment until next semester and to request the Acting President to take action to insure that students will be adequately informed.

The motion failed to carry as follows.

10 yes 15 no 2 abstention

A voice vote was called for the original motion, and it failed to carry.

5. Functions of the Senate

To Section 1-B of the Revised Governance Plan was added the proviso that the Senate "Advise the College's administrative officers on the formulation and allocation of the College budget, of policies relating to grants, of allocation of space and facilities, and in the making of decisions pertaining to the allocation of resources for educational programs and for research and scholarly activities."

Likewise it was added that "In carrying out its responsibilities, the Senate shall be fully advised of, shall routinely receive, and shall be free to seek information from the College's administrative officers on

all matters germane to the programs and operations of the College and its facilities.

"The College administration shall provide to the Senate in a timely fashion all pertinent information, including information on College resources and policies."

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the Amendment.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

(Text of the Amendment is here attached.)

6. Curriculum Committee

This Amendment would change the membership of the Curriculum Committee to make the Registrar, or representative from that Office, a non-voting member.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Amendment.

By a voice vote, the motion failed to carry.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT.

a. Governance and Elections

Dr. Bass announced that Remi Adewumi and Valerie Lagakis had been elected to the Senate by the Part Time faculty.

A corrected ballot for Full Time Faculty Senator-at-Large was hand-delivered to departmental offices on May 11. The envelopes were individually addressed to eligible voters. There are 22 candidates for 12 places.

Return the ballots to Bliss 303 by May 21. Additionally a locked ballot box will be placed with the security guard in Colston Hall on May 20, May 21, May 24, and May 25.

Ballots will be counted on Wednesday May 26 at 2 PM. Results will be sent to each candidate and each department chairperson through interoffice mail.

Elections for Student Government Association are being held on Monday, May 10 through Saturday, May 15 at 1 PM. Students are also voting on two referendum items. The first relates to student participation on the College P&B. The second would earmark a portion of the Student Activity funds for cultural activities. Since the second item was

put on the ballot late, the voting for that will be Wednesday, May 12 through Tuesday, May 18 at 8PM.

The Committee wishes to thank Prof. Luis Pinto who translated Amendment #1 into Spanish so that it could be available to Hispanic students at the ballot booth.

b. Committee on Instruction and Professional Development

Dr. Pomerantz requested faculty members to return the Annual Survey of Faculty questionnaires to the office of Institutional Research as soon as possible.

Tutorial co-ordinators will receive an outline of the final report.

c. University Faculty Senate

Dr. Galub reported that the Chancellor will be receiving responses to and specific recommendations on the Goldstein report. She is also concerned with fostering better articulation between the units.

The CUNY New York City Police Cadet program was canceled. The UFS passed a resolution supporting its reinstatement.

d. University Student Senate

Mr. Goodwin reported that the Chancellor had suggested that the By-laws be changed before funding is restored. Since the By-laws have been changed, it is hoped that the funding will be received.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Ruth Bass
Secretary