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**Bronx Community College
Of The City University of New York**

College Senate

Minutes of Meeting of April 18, 1996

PRESENT: Ru. Bass, M. Bates, K. Berger, D. Cancienne, L. Corbie,
C. Daley, G. P. Diallo, H. Erdsneker, K. Fogarty, H. Fuld ,
A. Fuller , A. Galub, D. Gracian, S. Hernandez,
S. Hoberman, C. Joyner, J. Lieblich, J. Malinsky,
M. L. Nickerson, J. O'Sullivan, M. Pita, C. Polowczyk,
P. Read, J. L. Rempson, A. Resto, J. G. Riley, J. Skurdenis,
A. Smith, J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, B. Witlieb,
J. Wooley

GUESTS: F. Costello, I. Ghafoor, C. Honda, J. R. Morales, M. Pulver,
N. Ritze

1. Call to order 3:50 p.m. in NI- 104
2. Senator Holland could not attend because of a family emergency.
3. **Announcements by the Chairperson:**
 - a) Remember the rally to protest budget cuts on May 8, 1996. I urge faculty and students to attend.
 - b) Please participate in the letter writing campaign. Write letter to the governor and the legislators.
 - c) Rising junior exam: Chairmen has heard that there will be some adjustments in the scheduled implementation because of the quality of the exam.
4. **Announcements by President Corbie:**
 - a) Nancy Ritzie defended her dissertation and is now Dr. Nancy Ritze.
 - b) Prof. Squitieri has been appointed Dean of External Funding for Science at New York City Technical College.
 - c) The President met with Vice Chancellor Freeland, Prof. Otte, Vice Chancellor Nuñez and Dean Alice Fuller to discussion the rising junior exam and policy. It is "a work in progress."
 - d) Remember the blood drive on April 29, 1996.
 - e) 1.7 m in State funding for the child care center was approved.

5. **Announcement by Dean Polowczyk:** None
6. **Announcement by Dean Cancienne:**
 - a) He gave a brief review of the status of the capital budget.
 - b) A brief progress report of the status of the Master plan was presented.
7. **Announcements by SGA President Sergio Hernandez:**
 - a) Mr. Hernandez discussed the implications of the proposed restructuring of financial aid allocations.
8. Prof. Lieblich announced that students signed petitions for a letter of condolence for the family of Ron Brown.
9. Minutes of the last meeting were approved with a correction to the title of the secretary. Omit the title, "chairman".
10. **The Mission Statement:** A new mission statement was approved with new language submitted by Prof. Kathleen Berger. The statement reads as follows:

Mission

The primary mission of Bronx Community College is to provide a strong academic foundation for students of diverse backgrounds, preparations, and aspirations in order to further their success in their chosen vocations, their future education, and their community involvement. To achieve its mission, the College maintains high standards of instruction, meeting the learning need of every student.

Goals

- Establish the College as a center for education and research, together with cultural, social and health-related activities.
- Provide fundamental educational experiences which develop competence in basic skills including reading, writing and mathematics.
- Provide learning experiences which ensure that students become competent in critical thinking, descriptive analysis, problem solving and interpretation, and in the communication of these skills.
- Provide quality associate degree programs in liberal arts and career options in order for students to successfully transfer to a four-year college to pursue a profession or to successfully enter the work force.
- Offer programs which utilize current and new instructional techniques responsive to the varying needs and learning styles of all persons in order to promote academic excellence.

- Complement classroom instruction with ample support services including counseling, tutoring, extracurricular activities and cultural programs in order to promote academic success, enrich the educational experience, and enhance student life.

- Supplement the educational process with opportunities through student workplace internships, cooperative education and other work-based learning approaches.

- Provide technical skills training to qualify students for employment in order to assist community business in work force staff development.

- Respond to the varied educational needs of the local community through a broad range of continuing education, career training and community service programs while coordinating efforts with industry, business, professions and government.

11. **College Calendar:** The college calendar was distributed for the 1996/97 Academic year.

12. **Report from Curriculum Committee:** The body waived its rules to approve the report from the curriculum committee. After some discussion the report was approved by voice vote.

13. The Senate approved a report from the Student Activities Committee which included club constitutions.

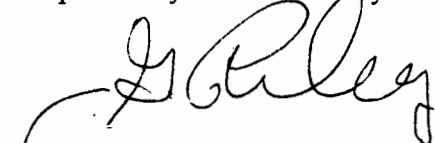
14. **Report from the University faculty Senate:** A report of discussions in the senate about the status of the lawsuit was presented by Prof. Galub.

15. Reconsideration of D/D+ inclusion in F grade policy: Prof. Joyner introduced a motion to reconsider the policy which would allow students to apply standing F grade policy to grades of D and D+. After much discussion, a motion to reconsile was approved

There was discussion of limiting the number of repeats for a course. The senate was advised that there is already a policy which limits the number of repeats. The chairman will report on this item at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Joseph G. Riley