BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of February 21, 2008

Present: C. Aleong, L. Augustus, R. Bass, M. Bates, M. Ben-Nun, T. Brennan, J.-A. Campbell, M. Coleman, P. Cunningham, F. De Naples, J. Freeman, M. Garrido, C. Grenda, G. Guarnieri, L. Hurley, A. Kerr, D. La Blanc, C. Maliti, A. McInerney, T. McManus, I. Mirsky, J. Moghaddasi, L. Montenegro, F. Moore, A. Moreno, H. Papas-Kavalis, M. Pita, I. Puello, D. Read, P. Read, L. Rosario, G. Sanchez, M. Schryer, H. Skinner, V. Thomas, R. Tobin, A. Togha, F. Villar, H. Wach, C. Williams, J. Wilson
Absent: D. Cabrera, R. Dempster, A. Durante, Y. Ferreira, O. Hill, T. Ingram, K. Ismail, L. Lopez, A. Maglieri, P. Pascual, G. Rosado, R. Wiltshire
Excused: D. Mangiante,
Guests: L. Broughton, A. Cancetty, H. Clampman, J. Finkelstein, B. Gantt, D. Gonsher, M. Kirk, A. Lal, N. Posner, A. Robinson, M. Rogan, C. Savage, D. Taylor

1. **Call to order** 12:30 p.m., R. Bass

2. **Agenda** Approved by unanimous voice vote

3. **Minutes** Accepted by unanimous voice vote

4. **Demonstration of Immediate Electronic Voting System**

   H. Wach and A. Robinson explained the workings of the IEVS and conducted a demonstration of the system; for the Spring 2008 semester, all votes will be conducted on paper and the IEVS; vote data will be maintained by the Secretary, a member of the Governance and Elections Committee, and one other person to be determined

5. **Committee on Academic Standing**
   A. Abolition of NC Grade

   I. Mirsky presented for action a recommendation by the CAS to abolish the NC grade; motion passed: **39 – 1 – 1** (paper) or **40 – 0 – 1** (IEVS)

6. **President's Report**

   See SVP and Deans Report, below

7. **Announcements and Reports**

A. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson's Report:

R. Bass explained that the motion made by A. McInerney and voted on by the body at the 12/6/07 Senate meeting should have been presented at two meetings before ratification (and is now moot because a tuition increase was not, after all, presented in the budget);

P. Cunningham announced that at the 2/29/08 Martin Luther King Dinner, a Legacy Award will be given out as well as a new award, "Starting the Legacy Award," for outstanding students;

P. Read announced the 2/28/08 Faculty Council agenda and thanked M. Holden, Public Safety for opening the Osborne Place gate to facility automobile traffic

B. Senior Vice-Presidents and Deans Report:

G. Sanchez (on behalf of C. Williams) thanked BCC students, faculty, and staff who recently met with members of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus in Albany, NY; he also thanked participants of the World Congress (2/18-20)**;** he noted that the IEVS has classroom applications; he encouraged members of the body to participate in Middle States Activities

M. Coleman reported on the proposed decrease, by $50 per FTE, of CUNY community colleges' operational budgets by the State of New York tuition and proposed budget cuts by New York City; she requested that faculty and staff contact Public Safety to volunteer to be trained for defibrillator operation; in addition she asked that all members of the community register for CUNY Alert; questions were raised about the sinkhole: repair is to begin this semester and should be completed by Fall 2008

B. Gantt reported on enrollment trends and changes in the late registration process; he announced the CUNY Summer in the City program and CUNY's recommended changes to identifying students attempting to transfer to CUNY Nursing programs

C. Savage announced the BCC Gala, 4/16/08, and announced the Faculty Scholarship Awards for travel reimbursement

8. Auxiliary Enterprises:

No Report

9. BCC, Inc.:

No Report

10. Committee Reports

A. **Committee on Academic Standing:** I. Mirsky presented a proposal to limit students on probation to only one course at a time in the Summer and Winter sessions; first presentation, no action possible
B. **Curriculum:** H. Clampman presented three items
C. **Governance and Elections: NR**
D. **Instruction and Professional Development:** A. Lal reported that the committee is reviewing the student evaluation form
E. **Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant:** L. Montenegro announced that the committee will meet in March
F. **Student Activities: NR**
G. **Student Government Association: NR**
H. **University Faculty Senate: NR**
I. **University Student Senate: NR**
J. **Vice-Presidents and Deans: NR**

11. New Business: None

12. Adjournment: 1:45, R. Bass

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick De Naples, Secretary