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MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE SENATE  
February 19, 1976  
Room 104 Nichols

1. Meeting called to order by Roosevelt Williams, chairperson.
2. Minutes of December 16, accepted (vote: for 45, abstain 2).
3. Mr. Williams requested that all Senators present persuade fellow senators to attend Senate meetings.
4. As the assembled Senate was 4 members short of a quorum, Dr. C. Polowczyk made the following motion: "The assembled Senate suspend "Roberts Rules of Orders" specifications for a quorum, in order to conduct business. This is done with the stipulation that all approved motions are subject to approval at the next Senate meeting.

5. Meeting Times for Spring '76

Proposal No. 1-Mr. Pichardo; protested any change in the Tuesday evening meeting date as evening students had already adjusted their schedules accordingly. This traditional date will allow people to participate more fully. Mr. Williams: Tuesday evening was designated as the meeting date for Fall '75 only.

Proposal No. 2-Dr. C. Polowczyk voiced the majority opinion of the Faculty Staff Caucus. In reviewing the past problems of obtaining a quorum, it was felt that Tuesday 5-7 creates difficulties for many students and faculty. Dr. Polowczyk felt that Thursday 4-6 might be more amenable to a greater number of Senators.

Proposal No. 3-Roosevelt Williams; presented a staggered schedule meeting dates. The rationale for this would be that no one group would be prevented from attending meetings.

Dr. Ryan: Method of voting: Show of hands

Proposal No. 2 Passed: Spring '76 Senate Meeting dates: Thursday 4-6 p.m.

	First Vote	Second Vote
Proposal No. 1	For 12	For 13
No. 2	" 15	19
No. 3	" 3	X

6. Question and Answer Period from the Floor

A. Mr. R. Johnson: How does the college intend to involve the Residential community in participating within the Senate.

Dr. Polowczyk: Referred this question to the Committee on Governance Structure and Functions. Mr. Pichardo: implored the Committee on Governance Structure and Functions to devise methods which would allow the residential community to participate.



- B. Mr. R. Zodda; took this opportunity to inform the College Senate of two bills now pending before the Albany Senate. 1) a bill suppoorting free tuition 2) a bill which would include evening students in the "Tuition Assistance Program." This bill would be most necessary in the event that tutition is to be charged as of September. He urged all Senators to write their state congressmen.
- C. Prof. Steuerman; requested information regarding the Presidential Search Committee. Dr. C. Polowczyk announced that this committee will meet Monday, February 23, 3 p.m. Mr. Pichardo; asked why a student was not elected to this committee. Dr. Polowczyk; stated that it was the prerogative of Dr. Colstor to appoint a member to this Committee. Dr. Colston decided to appoint Dr. Polowczyk as per the advice of the Faculty Staff Caucus and Roosevelt Williams as the student rep.
- D. Mr. R. Zodda; asked if Mr. Williams will remain chairperson of the College Senate once a new college president is chosen. Mr. R. Williams; stated that his Fall '76 plans have not been formulated yet.
7. Governance Structure and Function Proposals

Replacement of Senators: History:-At the November 18 College Senate meeting, the following motion was presented by the Committee on Governance Structure and Function regarding Replacement of Senators. Discussion of this motion was in order at this meeting.

Dr. Ryan: motion for Discussion of this issue. For discussion 15, against 15. As a 1/3 vote is necessary for discussion debate followed. Dr. Witlieb; that procedures are intended for the replacement of at large members? The Faculty Staff will elect from its own body. Mr. Frank Petrone: The Student population is to wide spread to run an election each time a Sentor must be replaced. The cost of unning a mail election for students is approximately \$1,500.00 Mr. Petrone urged defeat of the motion. Dr. Witlieb; supported Mr. Petrones suggestion and Michael Silverman and Dean Rosenfeld supported Mr. Petrones suggestion. Prof. Sokolsky: If this motion is defeated, what procedures will prevail. Roosevelt Williams: Students can replace their senators from a list of "runners up." The Faculty Staff Caucus can continue to use its existing method. R. Zodda; suggested that this motion be sent back to the Committee on Governance Structures and Functions; Dr. Polowczyk; stated that he felt the method of picking the next "runner-up" to be undemocratic. Dean Rosenfeld; finds that the proposal is ambiguous and may lead to problems at a later date. Prof. Benson; stated that the appointing of people to decision making positions gives too much power to few people. vote: approval of recommendation A

For 9 - Against 19 Abstain 2

Motion: To debate Item B - for 0 Against 28



no debate ensued.

Motion: approval of recommendation B

For 28 Against 0 Abstain 0

Recommendation B - Approved

8. Item C

Motion: to postpone any decision on item C

For 27 Against 1 Abstain 0

Item C postponed

9. Motion: Approval of report of 12/16 from the Curriculum Committee  
(Prof. Ryan pointed out that item B was not up for approval as it had  
been returned to Prof. Takai for further work-up).

For approval: 30 Against 0 Abstain 0

report approved.

10. Dean Rosenfeld: - Appealed to all Senators to cooperate in curbing the  
enormous rise in telephone bills

11. Dr. M. Rosenstock: Acting President of BCC

Dr. Rosenstock: - extended his congratulations to chairperson Williams  
and pledged his full support to both Mr. Williams and the College Senate.  
Mr. R. Johnson; on behalf of the Student body welcomed Dr. Rosenstock  
and thanked him for his concerted effort in bringing together the various  
factions at BCC.

Respectfully submitted

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