

5th Mar '76

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE SENATE
March 25, 1976
Room 104 Nichols

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carl Polowczyk

- I. The minutes of the meeting of February 19, 1976 were approved.
- II. Motion: In absence of a quorum all resolutions will be approved at the first meeting to be held with a quorum.
for 22 against 1 abstain 1
Motion accepted.

- III. Proposed amendment to the BCC Governance document - presented by Dr. Leo Lieberman.
 - A. Motion for debate of proposed amendment:
for debate 10 opposed 12 abstain 4
Proposal to be debated
 - B. Proposal: To increase the number of Senators representing Building and Grounds from 1 to 2 members.
Discussion:
 - 1) against, sets precedent, as each college department grows, provisions will have to be made to elect more representatives
 - 2) Professor Church suggested proportional representation
 - 3) Professor Sokolsky stated that no provisions were made for proportional representation
 - 4) Professor Rempson questioned the use of alternates
- Vote for approval of proposal:
for issue 17 against issue 12 abstain 5

- IV. Report of Ombudsman - Dr. Wolk
Dr. Wolk has accomplished the following:
 - 1) established an Office of the Ombudsman and publicized its use
 - 2) frequent meetings with students and various groups
 - 3) 122 students have met with Dr. Wolk concerning resolution of problems
 - 4) attempt made to improve academic due process
 - 5) establishment of "Suggestion Box"
 - 6) establishment of a "Legal Advisory Bureau"

Motion: That the Committee on Governance and Structure propose a minimum of six hours release time for the Ombudsman.

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Discussion: Professor Ryan - What is the amount of release time allotted now?

Professor Wolk: The Ombudsman is given 6 hours of release time but spends over 25 hours per week as Ombudsman.

Professor Polowczyk: The Ombudsman's interaction with Department Chairpersons may be precarious and the P & B may want to reduce the hours of the Ombudsman.

Professor Steurman referred to the minutes of the Senate meeting of 3/2/75 where he asked for resources to allow the Ombudsman to function.

vote for motion 37 against 0 abstain 2

- V. Report of the Presidential Search Committee - Professor Polowczyk
- 1) Two advertisements have been placed in the New York Times
 - 2) Applications are being accepted
- VI. Nominations for College Senate - Michael Silverman
- 1) Nominations for college senators have been mailed. To be certain that your name has been included on the ballot call Michael Silverman at extension 584.
- VII. Report of the Committee on Governance Structure and Functions - Professor Leo Lieberman
- 1) The committee has been charged with devising a method of filling vacancies of student Senators. Joint meetings have been held with the Nominations Committee.
 - 2) The committee has been discussing the absentee problem and possible solutions.
- VIII. Report on Visit to Albany - Professor Sokolsky - Mr. Vasquez
Students and faculty had visited various state senators and discussed the 20 million dollar "windfall bill."
- IX. Possible merger of BCC and Hostos College
- 1) The faculty caucus had decided not to respond to the planned merger.
 - 2) Professor Wolk - Motion: "We the members of the BCC Senate support the desire of the students and faculty of Hostos Community College to remain a separated and independent unit in the City University."
Discussion of Motion:
Professor Sokolsky asked for appraisal of alternatives. Holly Sampson stressed Hostos' need for a separate campus as the college serves a specific purpose. Ron Zodda voiced opposition to the plan. Professor Bindler questioned the implementation of the proposed merger.

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Dr. Rosenstock stated that he is to attend a BHE meeting tomorrow at which this issue will be discussed. Roosevelt Williams - a 2/3 majority vote is necessary to waive the rules of procedure in order for Dr. Wolk's motion to be brought to floor. Vote to bring motion to floor:

for 15 against 15 abstain 0
Motion not to be voted on.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Morowitz, Secretary

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