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BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Minutes of the College Senate
April 29, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Roosevelt Williams

- I. Motion: In the absence of a quorum all resolutions will be approved at the first meeting to be held with a quorum.

Motion accepted: 33-5-1

- II. The minutes of the March 25, 1976 meeting were approved with the stipulation that item III be resubmitted to the first meeting to be held with a quorum since the chairperson's vote would have changed the outcome.

Motion accepted: 22-0-4

III. Report of the Governance Structure and Functions Committee

Amendments to the Governance Plan

- a. That for the Spring 1976 semester the Academic Review Committee be constituted of one full professor elected by each of the three College P & B subcommittees and one full professor elected at large by members of the College P & B Committee; and that these four persons be joined by the Dean of Academic Affairs' designee for personnel matters.

Motion for debate defeated

Motion accepted: 24-4-7

- b. Motion: That after July 1, 1976 the Academic Review Committee be constituted of one full professor elected by and from the departments comprising each of the three College P & B subcommittees (one by and from the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Engineering Technology, Library Science, Mathematics, Physics; one by and from the departments of Business and Commerce, Health and Physical Education, Music and Art, Nursing, Secretarial Studies, Student Development; one by and from the departments of Communication Arts and Sciences, English, History, Modern Language, Social Sciences, Special Educational Services); and one full professor elected by and from the faculty at large; and that

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these four persons be joined by the Dean of Academic Affairs' designee for personnel matters.

Motion for debate defeated.

Motion accepted: 24-2-2

- c. That between general elections the filling of Student Senator vacancies be accomplished by a 2/3 vote of the remaining members of the Student Caucus; that such vacancies be publicized; and that the Caucus accept nominations for positions from the student body at large.

Motion accepted unanimously

- d. That between general elections the filling of Faculty/Staff Senator vacancies be accomplished by an election of candidates by and from the appropriate constituency.

Motion for debate carried

Discussion: The designation of a pool of alternates from the previous slate of candidates was suggested.

Motion carried: 17-15-1

- e. That released time for the Ombudsman be calculated according to a formula of 1/2 hour released time per 1,000 students registered at the College; and that the BHE grant these released time hours each year in addition to the College's regular allocation.

Motion to send the item back to the committee failed: 9-1-22

Motion to divide the issue into two parts at the semi-colon carried: 19-0-10

Motion to debate defeated

First part of motion amended to include "or fraction thereof per semester" after the word "students."

Amended motion defeated: 2-24-6

First part of motion accepted: 16-4-7

Motion for debate on second part defeated

Second part of motion accepted: 23-4-4

IV. Report of the Academic Standing Committee

Professor John Hayde explained that the committee is engaged in a review of the academic regulations of the college. He urged senators to review the discussion items in the CAS minutes of March 24.

V. Report of the Committee on Instruction

Dean Herbert Tyson recently gave an informative presentation, with exhibits, on effectively starting college courses at the beginning of a semester by the preparation, duplication, and distribution to students of "General Course Information" and "Course Schedule" sheets.

VI. Report of the Search Committee for a New President

Dr. Polowczyk reported that the committee has been expanded to include two members from Hostos and that Professor J. E. Roland Gosselin, a BCC representative to the CUNY Faculty Senate, has relayed a request to the committee to expedite matters.

VII. Implications of the Merger

Dr. Polowczyk reported that President Rosenstock has received executive authority to begin the process of the merger. President Rosenstock has been appointed to head a committee to oversee the merger. A document approved by the University Senate recommends guidelines for CUNY mergers. One recommendation is that 7-person Personnel and Budget committees be formed consisting of two members elected from each of the two merged institutions and three members from the same discipline from other institutions in CUNY. Preservation of tenure and the creation of a committee to administer the college are other recommendations. These guidelines are to be presented to the Chancellor.

VIII. Motion to suspend rules: Accepted unanimously

Resolution: WHEREAS, Dr. Morton Rosenstock has been in the service of Bronx Community College almost since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenstock has given capable, intelligent and highly respected administrative service to this college community culminating in his appointment as Acting President of Bronx Community College; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of Bronx Community College have confidence in the ability of Dr. Rosenstock to function as a leader and conciliator in the difficult period which lies ahead for the College and the University; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff are aware of the additional challenges to be met by this community in the event that a merger of Bronx Community College and Hostos Community College becomes a reality; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff are mindful that a committee of the Board of Higher Education is now engaged in a search for a president of the merged institution and will carefully consider a number of outstanding candidates; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the College Senate of Bronx Community College urges upon the Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Higher Education its positive consideration of the candidacy of Dr. Morton Rosenstock, Acting President of Bronx Community College, as President of such combined institution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be communicated to the members of the Search Committee, the Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, and to such publications as the Chairman of the Faculty/Staff Caucus may deem appropriate.

- IX. Mr. Harry Tracey addressed the Senate to outline student plans to protest BHE actions.
- X. Resolution: This body condemns the outrageous brutality of the New York City police in attempting to deal with the student-faculty demonstration at the Board of Higher Education on Monday, April 5, 1976, and that it calls for a full investigation by the Mayor's office to determine who was responsible for the violence, particularly the beatings within the buildings. This body demands an assurance that such police violence will not be used in the future. Copies of this resolution should be sent to Mayor Beame and the Chief of Police and requests for support to Chancellor Kibbee, the Professional Staff Congress, and the University Student Senate.

Discussion: Those who were not at the rally would not be able to vote on this resolution.

Motion to refer the resolution to the executive committee:

Motion accepted: 25-2-3

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Carole Slade
Acting Secretary