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PRESIDENT MICHELEN SUBMITS LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO BOARD

In a letter of April 26, 1971, to the Hon. Frederick H. Burkhardt, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education of the City University of New York, Dr. Nasry Michelen submitted his resignation as President of Hostos Community College. A copy of this letter is attached.

In his letter to Mr. Burkhardt, President Michelen stated that it is "extremely difficult if not impossible" for him to serve as President of Hostos during a period of crises at the college when he does not feel that he has the full support and confidence of the Board of Higher Education.

President Michelen recommended to the Board that it select as his successor a person who is Puerto Rican and who is committed to the Systems-oriented "Hostos Approach" to education now in operation at the college. He also recommended that the Board consider a reorganization of policy-making procedures for the City University that would enable local boards to make policy for the colleges within their particular communities.

Dr. Michelen was named President of Hostos Community College by the Board of Higher Education on May 27, 1969. Before coming to Hostos, he served as Director of Lincoln Hospital; in addition, he was an assistant commissioner of the City Department of Hospitals and an assistant professor of community health at Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

The 46-year-old physician, who was born in the Dominican Republic, was director general of hospitals there from 1956 to 1962 and later was assistant administrator of Elmhurst General in Queens.

He received his doctor of medicine degree from the American University in Beirut, Lebanon, and a master of science in hospital administration from the Columbia University School of Public Health.

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