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Bronx Community College
of the City University of New York

College Senate
Thursday - November 10, 1977
Schwendler Auditorium - 4 - 6 p. m.

- I. Meeting convened at 4:15 by chairperson, Dr. Polowczyk.
- II. Acceptance of minutes of October 13, 1977 with the following corrections:
 - 1) dated October 13
 - 2) L. Silverman present
 - 3) p. 2, line 28 to read and is the 11th....
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Committee on Budgets and Grants - Prof. Steuerman
Committee has elected a chairperson and secretary, next meeting to be held November 21, Agenda: President Brown will present the 1977-78 budget and 1978-79 request which will be submitted to the Board of Higher Education
 - B. Curriculum Committee - Prof. Riley
Committee has elected a chairperson and secretary to the sub committee on continuing education.
 - C. Committee on Space and Facilities - Prof. Ehrenpreis
Committee has elected a chairperson. Next meeting November 17, Agenda: Parking and complaints. Meeting of November 28 will support staff facilities.
 - D. Committee on Academic Standing - Prof. Daley
The next meeting November 16 - Agenda: Student appeals and grading policies.
 - E. Committee on Community Projects - Dr. Ray
Next meeting November 15, - 4 p. m. S. H. 2nd floor
 - F. Committee on Staff Welfare - Prof. Mandelbaum
Next meeting November 16
 - G. Committee on Governance Structure and Function
Next meeting November 22
Agenda: To review past reports
 - H. CUNY Senate Report - Prof. Rempson
Review of reports regarding financial aid to students (SEEK, College Discovery).

- I. AD HOC Committee on Legal Affairs - Prof. Gosselin
The committee is working on a report regarding retrenchment policies and the future of Public Higher Education. Prof. Ehrenpreis, voiced concern regarding Chancellors report (re: loss of faculty lines at Brooklyn College).
- J. Task Force Results - Dr. Polowczyk
Copies of the report have been distributed to all departments and to the library.
- K. Registration Committee - Dr. Polowczyk
Meeting held to evaluate and facilitate registration. Some recommendations made.
- L. Contract Report - Prof. Ehrenpreis
The contract is being reviewed and is to be submitted to the delegate assembly. PSC representative Carol Brandon will visit the BCC campus November 18 to present contract.
- M. Senate Seating Arrangements - Prof. Kolliner
Presented the following motion: - "at all Senate Meetings, senators are to be seated in a separate section to facilitate quorum and voting procedures." No discussion

Vote: Approved
- N. Middle States Report - Prof. Kolliner
Self Study Program report will be circulated so that all college members can review and submit written comments which will be incorporated into the final report.
- O. Senate Report:
There are 7 student delegate vacancies
There are 2 faculty delegate vacancies
- P. Curriculum Committee Report - Dr. Polowczyk
Minority report- mathematics department- after consulting with the executive committee, it was decided that items 2 and 3 of the report will be referred back to the curriculum committee for their recommendations. Motion to refer Mat Committee Item number 1, section 2 and 3 back to curriculum committee.

Vote: Approved

Q. Standards Report - Dr. Polowczyk

Sub committee on academic standards of the curriculum committee.

Motion: "to refer back to curriculum committee item number 6 of Standards report.

Vote: Approved

Motion: to refer back to curriculum committee item number 10 of Standards report.

Vote: Approved

Motion: to refer back to curriculum committee item number 11 of Standards report.

Vote: Approved

R. Community Projects and Special Events - Dr. Ray

Dr. Ehrenpreis - Motion "to postpone action on entire report until the Senate is able to study the committees report at greater length.

Dr. Ray - This report was distributed to all Senators at first Senate meeting.

Vote: to postpone: 15
 opposed 37
 abstain 4

Background: The faculty-student committee sets policy for cultural affairs presented. When the new governance plan was instituted, some of the former committee members remained and worked with the new committee. This committee would like to clarify their functions by amending the governance plan as follows:

"The functions of the committee on Community Projects and Special Events will include the following - 'to oversee and make programatic decisions regarding the cultural programs of the college."

Question: would this include veto powers of departmental or co-curricula cultural affairs - Answer: No

Debate of Issue

Prof. Ehrenpreis - "The powers sought by this committee are too broad and other language should be developed so that we know the parameters in which it may function. Other departments should have input.

Prof. Gilroy - Rejection of Affairs is not the question - since the body is comprised of 50% faculty and 50% students. Presentations will reflect all tastes.

Prof. Graham - Questioned the veto powers of the committee "as we do not know who will constitute the next committee, we should have some reservations regarding the sweeping nature of this ammendment."

Prof. Dale - Agreed with Prof. Graham and asked for guidelines regarding what are appropriate decisions and how these decisions are made.

Mr. Prince - Questioned if the faculty really trusts the committee.

Mr. Curtis - Stated that the committee was comprised of adults not children.

Motion: To recommend to the committee on Governance and Structure and Function the preparation of an ammendment in reference to policy recommendation number 1.

Policy Recommendation

In light of the above discussion, it is recommended that the present Governance Plan be amended to include under "Functions" of the Committee on Community Projects and Special Events the following: "to oversee and make programmatic decisions regarding the cultural program of the College."

For: 54
Against: 2

Prof. Rempson - Motion: "The Senate will go on record as being in favor of asking the present committee to continue to assume responsibility for overseeing the Cultural Affairs of the college, and will so advise the President.

Vote; For: - 56
Against: 4

IV. As a result of the Committee's investigation and observations, the following policy recommendations are proposed:

- 2. That the Administration of the College strongly urged to develop and set into motion a comprehensive community action plan detailing the following.
 - a) A prioritized list defining the various "communities" toward which resources of the College will be directed.
 - b) A systemized needs analysis of those communities so identified.
 - c) Realistic strategies toward meeting needs identified under "b" to include faculty and students as well as key personnel responsible for community involvement.

Motion to approve Item number 2

Vote: For: 30
 Abstain: 13
 Non-voters 7

3. Recommendation to develop action plan.

That the Administration and the Senate jointly develop action plans to improve the sense of community within the College.

Vote: For: 39
 Abstain: 4

4. That the reference in the Governance Plan "excluding educational projects projects originating in the Office of Continuing Education," under functions of the Committee on Community Projects and Special Events be amended to read"...including educational projects originating in the Office of Continuing Education."

Respectfully submitted,

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