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BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting of November 2, 1978
4 p.m., Schwendler Auditorium

PRESENT Faculty and Staff

J. Asch, R. Bass, F. Buianouckas, D. Cancienne, C. Daley, L. Davis,
W. Duncan, N. Eagle, S. Ehrenpreis, T. Finnegan, H. Fuld, A. Fuller,
J. Furst, A. Galub, G. Gean, N. Gilroy, R. Gorman, R. Gosselin,
A. Gotta, J. Graham, L. Harrell, H. Hermo, A. Hirshfield, G. Hobbs,
C. Infante, A. Jackson, E. Just, M. Kalin, V. Katz, J. Kolliner,
A. Levey, G. Lieblich, D. Lowenthal, A. May, S. Miranda, E. Palmer,
A. Peretz, L. Pinto, C. Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, J. Prince, R. Quinn,
S. Reisin, A. Resto, G. Riley, J. Ryan, W. Sokolsky, J. Spielberger,
M. Spivak, H. Stein, M. Steuerman, H. Tyson, L. Weinstein, B. Witlieb

Students

A. El Hossri, J. Ellis, E. Encarnacion, G. Herbert, D. Hall
C. Hernandez, M. Ramos, O. Richardson, E. Sabater, E. Simmons,
A. Trinidad, F. Washington, A. Williams

Guests

M. Diehl, N. Jackson, P. Read, P. Rosenfeld, M. Shopkow

ABSENT Faculty and Staff

C. Auser, F. Autovino, J. D'Andrea, J. Gorham, J. Mitchem, T. Quiros,
J. Rempson, L. Silverman, A. Simon, H. Skinner, M. Todorovich

Students

S. Bean, J. Feliciano, E. Garcia, C. Gonzales, J. Granchie, E. Griffith,
K. Hobson, N. Hoepelman, E. Jean, G. Kendricks, M. Kerrigan, M. McCourt,
J. McEvady, M. Miller, H. Knowles, R. Todman, J. Ward, S. Schreyer

Excused

D. Davidson

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Curriculum Committee (Prof. G. Riley)

The Committee approved "Advanced Spanish Composition and Creative Writing" and is considering course proposals from the Departments of History and Engineering Technology. The next meeting of the Committee will be on November 14 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

B. Budget and Grants Committee (Dr. J. Prince)

Because of a possible misunderstanding about the time of the meeting, President Brown was not present to discuss the budget as planned. Dr. Prince will try to reschedule President Brown's presentation for the next meeting of the Senate on November 30.

C. Governance Structure and Functions (Dr. F. Buianouckas)

The Committee is meeting weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of Language Hall.

- D. Faculty Welfare (Prof. S. Ehrenpreis - in absence of chairperson)
At the meeting on November 2 the Committee discussed the President's proposal for reorganization of departments, particularly as it would affect tenure, seniority, and faculty rights in new departments.
- E. Committee on Academic Standing (Prof. C. Daley)
The Committee will consider raising the credit limitation for suspended students who are returning to the College from 11 to 12 credits. The next meeting of the Committee is on November 8 at 2 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room.
- F. Student Activities (Dean M. Steuerman)
The Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on November 17 in the Gould Student Center, Room 309.
- G. Community Projects (Prof. L. Pinto)
Carol Banks has been elected chairperson. Events are scheduled for November 9 and November 30. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 3 p.m.
- H. CUNY Senate (Prof. R. Gosselin)
Task forces will be set up in the following areas: continuing education, studio and performing arts, foreign language, library, and facilities. Professor Gosselin asked for recommendations of Bronx Community College faculty to serve on these committees to be sent to him.

A Search Committee has been set up to fill the office of Director of University Relations. Professor Ed Roberts of Lehman College and Professor Gosselin are faculty representatives on this committee.

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A. The minutes of the Senate Meeting of September 28, 1978 were approved as written.
- B. Election of Senate Chairperson - Dr. Jack Prince elected.
- C. Election of Senate Secretary - Prof. Rosemary Quinn elected.
- D. Revision of Grading System (Attachment A)
Professor Tyson summarized the main advantages of adopting the revised 8 level grading system which introduces a B+, C+, and D+ grade. This new system would permit the assignment of grades which would more closely approximate student performance; would result in higher cumulative indices; and hopefully would contribute to both student motivation and student retention. Professor Tyson emphasized that the proposal had been approved by the Committee on Academic Standing and by 15 of the 18 departments of the College.

A motion to amend the proposed grading system was made by Professor Ehrenpreis.

MOTION: That the course average for granting the academic grade be revised as follows:

<u>Course Average</u>	<u>Academic Grade</u>
90-100	A
86-89	B+
80-85	B
76-79	C+
70-75	C
66-69	D+
60-65	D

Professor Gorman questioned the appropriateness of considering action items that had not been before the Senate for two consecutive meetings and discussion followed.

It was reported that the Executive Committee of the Senate in anticipation of expediting action on the revised grading system had presentations of the proposal made before both the Student Caucus and the Faculty-Staff Caucus prior to the Senate meeting. Therefore, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To temporarily suspend the two consecutive session meeting requirement for voting on an action item and thereby permit consideration of the motion to amend the grading proposal and the grading proposal itself.

ACTION: Motion carried: 53 - 3 - 3

Professor Ehrenpreis' motion to amend the proposed grading system was re-stated and voted upon.

ACTION: Motion defeated: 17 - 44 - 3

A motion was then made to vote upon Professor Tyson's proposal.

MOTION: To approve the adoption of the proposed 8 Level Grading System for Bronx Community College as submitted by Professor Tyson to the Senate retroactive to September 7, 1978.

ACTION: Motion carried: 59 - 6 - 2

The Chairperson noted that the Registrar would be informed of the Senate's action so that students and faculty could be informed as soon as possible.

E. Resolution from Task Force on Goals and Objectives (Attachment B)

MOTION: To accept and approve the proposed resolution from the Task Force on Goals and Objectives.

ACTION: Motion carried: 30 - 3 - 15

F. Minority Report from Curriculum Committee on Voting Procedures

Professor Riley made the following motion:

MOTION: That the Minority Report from Curriculum Committee on voting procedures be tabled until further notice.

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting: November 30, 1978 at 4 p.m. in Schwendler Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosemary Quinn
Secretary