

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE
Minutes of the Meeting of February 22, 1979
4 p.m., Schwendler Auditorium

PRESENT: Faculty and Staff

R. Bass, F. Buianouckas, L. Davis, W. Duncan, S. Ehrenpreis, T. Finnegan, H. Fuld, A. Fuller, J. Furst, A. Galub, N. Gilroy, J. Gorham, R. Gorman, R. Gosselin, A. Gotta, J. Graham, A. Hirshfield, G. Hobbs, C. Infante, A. Jackson, E. Just, M. Kalin, V. Katz, J. Kolliner, D. Lowenthal, A. May, S. Miranda, J. Mitchem, J. Prince, C. Polowczyk, R. Quinn, J. Rempson, G. Riley, J. Ryan, H. Skinner, L. Silverman, W. Sokolsky, J. Spielberger, M. Spivak, H. Stein, M. Steuerman, M. Todorovich, L. Weinstein, B. Witlieb

Students

A. El Hossri, J. Feliciano, E. Garcia, O. Richardson, J. Tabacco, A. Trinidad

Guests

P. Johnson, J. Juechter, R. Kor, A. Rodgers, P. O'Garro

ABSENT: Faculty and Staff

C. Auser, F. Autovino, D. Cancienne, C. Daley, N. Eagle, G. Gean, L. Harrell, H. Hermo, A. Levey, G. Lieblich, E. Palmer, L. Pinto, A. Pomerantz, T. Quiros, S. Reisin, A. Simon, H. Tyson

Students

S. Bean, J. Ellis, E. Encarnacion, C. Gonzales, J. Granchie, E. Griffith, D. Hall, C. Hernandez, G. Herbert, K. Hobson, N. Hoepelman, E. Jean, G. Kendricks, M. Kerrigan, H. Knowles, J. McCourt, J. McEvady, M. Miller, M. Ramos, E. Sabater, S. Schreyer, E. Simmons, R. Todman, J. Ward, F. Washington, A. Williams

Excused

J. Asch, J. D'Andrea, D. Davidson, A. Peretz

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CUNY Senate (Prof. R. Gosselin)

The University Faculty Senate is currently discussing the need to revitalize and strengthen the CUNY-BA Program (the BA course of studies that allows a student to take courses and work with faculty at other than the home college, and to incorporate individual research, travel, work, community and off-campus activities into an individual course of study). The UFS may be regarded as the responsible faculty governance body for this program.

Three search committees have been established to fill the presidential vacancies at Hunter, Brooklyn, and City colleges. There is considerable discussion regarding the role of the faculty in the search process and concern with the vagueness of the guidelines under which the Board of Higher Education is operating.

The Governor's 1979-80 Executive Budget, and the 1978-79 Deficiency Budget are expected to contain a "save-harmless" clause which will protect community colleges to a limited extent when there has been a decline in enrollment.

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Miss Peggy O'Garro announced that Miss Elizabeth Garcia was elected Vice Chairperson of the CUNY Senate and also that a mailgram had been sent to Mayor Koch opposing proposed increases in tuition.

B. Curriculum Committee (Prof. G. Riley)

Professor Riley reported that the Curriculum Committee approved an increase of one hour in piano and keyboard courses: Music 70, 71, 72 and Music 61 and 62. A report describing the changes will be mailed and will be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

C. Student Activities (Dean Steuerman)

This Committee is currently considering a constitution for student government and will meet on March 9 in Gould Student Center, Room 309.

Dean Steuerman solicited nominees from the faculty to serve on the Student Activities Committee to replace Angel Resto who is on fellowship leave.

D. Committee on Academic Standing (Prof. A. Gotta)

The Committee is currently discussing student appeals and will meet again on February 28, 1979.

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

The Budget and Grants Committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

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

The written report of this Committee on the governance plan of the College is being prepared.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate meetings of November 30, 1978 and January 18, 1979 were approved with the following revisions: N. Eagle should be added to the list of members present, and R. Gosselin should be added to the list of members excused at the meeting of January 18.

B. Student Resolution

The Student Resolution previously discussed at the Faculty Staff Caucus and the January 18 Senate meeting was introduced for action. It was suggested that since this resolution which proposes student membership on the College Personnel and Budget Committee does reflect upon the existing governance structure document of the College, that it would be appropriate to have it referred to the Governance Structure and Functions Committee. The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: To move that the Student Resolution be referred to the Committee on Governance Structure and Functions for the purpose of making comments and recommendations to the Senate.

A substitute motion was introduced as follows:

MOTION: To have the Student Resolution referred to the Committee on Governance Structure and Functions for the purpose of analyzing it and incorporating it into a proper referendum structure for the Senate to be able to vote upon it.

Discussion followed regarding correct procedures for instituting a change in the governance plan of the college.

The substitute motion was then voted upon.

ACTION: 23 - 20 - 5
Motion failed to carry.

The original motion was voted upon.

ACTION: 28 - 13 - 10
Motion carried.

The Student Resolution is to be referred to the Committee on Governance Structure and Functions for comment at the next Senate meeting on March 22.

C. Curriculum Committee Action Items

The following motions were made regarding Curriculum Committee actions:

MOTION: To approve the Report of the Curriculum Committee to the Senate dated January 18, 1979 and distributed at that meeting requesting approval of the Automotive Career Program and a new course offering, History of the Modern World, which is to be substituted for History 11 or History 12.

ACTION: 37 - 0 - 1
Motion carried.

MOTION: To approve a previous Report of the Curriculum Committee to the Senate dated November 29, 1978 and distributed at the meeting of November 30 requesting approval of a new course in Spanish, Advanced Spanish Composition and Creative Writing; and a revision of the Pre-architecture Option in the Engineering Technology Department.

ACTION: Motion carried.

D. CUNY Senate Charter Revisions

Several revisions in the Preamble and in Article I of the CUNY Charter were approved by the CUNY Senate in a plenary session and were forwarded to the Bronx Community Senate for approval. The following motions, therefore, were discussed and voted upon:

MOTION: To accept that for the purpose of this Charter the word "unit" will now be the Colleges of the University, the Graduate School, and the Graduate School of Biological Science of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

ACTION: Motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the insertion of the word "normally" in the following sections:

(In the "Preamble"):

"Its powers and responsibilities do not normally extend to matters falling within the areas of concern of such bodies, but only to matters of University-wide import."

(In Article I, Section 1):

"The powers and responsibilities of the Senate shall not normally extend to areas or interests which fall exclusively within the domain of the autonomous constituent units of the University."

ACTION: Motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the following revision which reads:

"The Senate shall be fully advised on all matters germane to the programs and operations of the University and shall routinely be consulted on all proposals before the Council of Presidents, the Board of Higher Education, and other University-wide bodies. All information and materials pertinent to the deliberations of those bodies shall be routinely received by the Senate.

ACTION: Motion carried.

MOTION: To accept the following change in wording and reordering of items concerning the role of the Senate in Article I, Section 4:

"Through formal procedures, and consonant with the Bylaws of the Board of Higher Education, the Senate or its representatives shall in addition participate fully, directly and at all stages in the making of decisions relevant to:
...d. the economic status of the Faculty..."

(Note: The change is requested because of the existence of a CUNY collective bargaining agent, the PSC)

ACTION: Motion carried.

E. Senate Resolution on President Brown's Proposal for Reorganization
(Attachment A)

Professor Prince noted that the President had indicated he would wait until the Senate had an opportunity to react to his reorganization proposal before formulating a final plan and submitting it to the Board of Higher Education. In an attempt to permit the Senate to formulate definitive resolutions, an ad hoc committee had prepared a draft statement to serve as a basis for generating productive discussion which had been discussed at the Faculty Staff Caucus meeting on February 15. A slightly revised statement was distributed for further discussion (Attachment B). The items were considered in reverse order as follows:

No. 5 - Movement of related departments to contiguous quarters
Dean Cancienne spoke against the statement. After discussion there was a consensus that the Senate should not comment on this specific item.

No. 4 - Physics-Engineering Technology
After hearing opinions of both the Physics and Engineering Technology Departments, the following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: To support the position that the integrity of the Physics and Engineering Technology Departments be maintained and the question of merger be set aside.

ACTION: 35 - 3 - 7
Motion carried.

A motion unrelated to any specific item in the preliminary draft resolution was made as follows:

MOTION: Whereas there appears to be little value in the President's proposed reorganization plan, the Bronx Community College Senate urges the President not to implement this plan but instead to engage in a process of further study and consultation.

ACTION: 16 - 20 - 5
Motion defeated.

No. 2 - Divisional Structure

MOTION: The Senate endorses the concept of a divisional structure provisionally as an experimental model to be reviewed by the Senate before the end of the first year of operation.

ACTION: 24 - 12 - 6
Motion carried.

A subsequent motion was made:

MOTION: That the review chain start with the President's Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee and then be forwarded to the Senate.

ACTION: 15 - 17 - 10
Motion defeated.

No. 3 - Library and Student Development

It was suggested that motions regarding the Library and Student Development Departments be considered separately. After discussion regarding the role of the Library with regard to the entire academic structure, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To support the position that the Library remain under the general supervision of the Dean of Academic Affairs as are all other areas of academic concern.

ACTION: 22 - 8 - 6
Motion carried.

Concerning the Student Development Department, the following motion was made and discussed:

MOTION: To support the position that the Student Development Department be incorporated into the divisional structure which is under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

ACTION: 0 - 15 - 8
Motion defeated.


III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Prince announced that the Task Force on Goals and Objectives of the College has been meeting and expects to have its proposal ready for discussion at the March Senate meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. without having time to address itself to item number one, the establishment of a basic skills program. Dean Polowczyk noted that since this item did not require Board approval discussion could be continued at the next Senate meeting on March 22, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,


Rosemary Quinn
Secretary

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COLLEGE SENATE

Resolution on President Brown's
Proposal for Reorganization
of Academic Programs
and Departments

The College Senate is pleased to have been given the opportunity to comment on President Brown's Reorganization Proposal before its final revision and submission to the Board of Higher Education. We believe the proposal contains elements that may have immediate and enduring impact on the educational programs offered to our students as well as the environment within which the faculty and staff of Bronx Community College carry out their professional responsibilities. As such, the Senate has an obligation, under its governance plan, to consider the President's plan carefully and indicate its position with respect to the various aspects of the proposal. We extend our thanks to all administrators, faculty, staff, and students who have already provided input to the President's ad-hoc committee or directly to the President during the developmental stages of this proposal.

The Senate, after due deliberation at its meeting of February 22, 1979, endorses the following positions with regard to the President's proposal (dated 1/30/79).

1. Creation of a Divisional Structure

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, That the Senate endorse the concept of a divisional structure provisionally as an experimental model to be reviewed by the Senate before the end of the first year of operation.

Motion carried: 23 - 12 - 6

2. Library

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, That the Senate support the position that the Library remain under the general supervision of the Dean of Academic Affairs as are all other areas of academic concern.

Motion carried: 22 - 8 - 6

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COLLEGE SENATE

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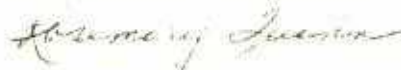
3. Physics-Engineering Technology

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, That the Senate support the position that the integrity of the Physics and Engineering Technology Departments be maintained and the question of merger be set aside.

Motion carried: 35 - 3 - 7

Respectfully submitted,



Rosemary Quinn
Secretary

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