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BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 1979
4 p.m., Schwendler Auditorium

PRESENT: Faculty and Staff

J. Asch, R. Bass, F. Buiañouckas, 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, H. Hermo, C. Infante, A. Jackson, E. Just,
M. Kalin, V. Katz, J. Kolliner, A. Levey, G. Liebllich, D. Lowenthal,
S. Miranda, J. Mitchem, E. Palmer, L. Pinto, J. Prince, C. Polowczyk,
A. Pomerantz, R. Quinn, S. Reisin, J. Rempson, G. Riley, J. Ryan,
L. Silverman, W. Sokolsky, J. Spielberger, M. Spivak, H. Stein,
M. Steuerman, M. Todorovich, H. Tyson, L. Weinstein, B. Witlieb

Students

A. El Hossri, J. Ellis, E. Garcia, G. Herbert, N. Jackson, A. Rodgers,
J. Tabacco, H. Torres

Guests

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I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CUNY Senate (Prof. R. Gosselin)

Professor Gosselin reported that the Chancellor has accepted the recommendations of the search committee for director and assistant director of university relations.

With regard to the role of the faculty in the presidential search process, it was reported that the position of the faculty on presidential search committees has been greatly strengthened. The substance of the changes has been communicated to all faculty in a memorandum dated March 8, 1979 from Ann Burton, Chairman of University Faculty Senate.

The first meeting of the University Senate Executives and Vice Chancellors took place on March 21, 1979. One of the items discussed was the exploration of a rational approach to the retraining of faculty in departments where there is an excess so that they will not be terminated from any connection with the university.

B. Community Projects and Special Events (Prof. L. Pinto)

The Committee is working on social and cultural events for the semester and on the first annual Bronx Community College Arts Festival which will take place on this campus from April 27 through May 14,

- C. Committee on Student Activities (Dean M. Steuerman)
Dean Steuerman reported that the Committee has had difficulties in meeting the quorum requirement and that this has impeded progress on the completion of the draft of the student government constitution. However, two students have been selected to fill student vacancies and Dean Hobbs is filling the vacancy in the faculty caucus position. The next Committee meeting is on March 30 at 10 a.m. Agenda items will include eligibility for student government elections and the student government constitution.

Discussion followed indicating the concern of students with producing a quality student government document within a reasonable time period. The following motion was made:

MOTION: That the draft document of the student government constitution be brought to the Senate by the Student Activities Committee at the April Senate meeting.

Discussion followed during which Dean Steuerman stated that he felt confident that a quorum would be obtained at the next Student Activities Committee meeting and that to bring out a document without significant student input would be counterproductive. An amendment to the motion was proposed:

AMENDMENT: That the Student Activities Committee be directed to bring forward a draft of the student government constitution at the May Senate meeting.

The amendment was not accepted by the maker of the original motion. The amendment was seconded and voted upon.

ACTION: 29 - 14 - 11
Amendment carried.

The amended motion was voted upon as follows:

ACTION: Motion carried.

- D. Senate Executive Committee (Dr. J. Prince)
The Senate Executive Committee made the recommendation that Item IV on the agenda, discussion of the Governance Structure and Functions Report, be postponed until both the student and faculty caucuses have had an opportunity to discuss the report.

MOTION: To postpone discussion of Item IV on the agenda until both caucuses have had the opportunity to meet and to discuss the Report on Governance Structure and Functions.

ACTION: Motion carried.

The recommendation was also made that a time limit be imposed on the discussion of Items III and V, the President's Proposal for Reorganization and the Task Force Report on Goals and Objectives of the College.

MOTION: To change the order of agenda items to permit consideration of action items before discussion items.

ACTION: Motion carried.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate meeting of February 22, 1979 were approved as written.

B. Curriculum Committee

The following motion was made regarding Curriculum Committee action:

MOTION: To approve the report of the Curriculum Committee Chairman, Professor Riley, presented at the February 22 Senate meeting regarding an increase of one hour in piano and keyboard courses: Music 70, 71, 72 and Music 61 and 62.

ACTION: Motion carried.

C. Election of Two Non-Senators from Faculty to Committee on Nominations and Elections

The following nominations were made from the floor:

Professor Bennett - Mathematics Department
Professor Squitieri - Biology Department
Professor Grill - English Department

MOTION: To close nominations.

ACTION: Motion carried.

Voting ballots were distributed. Professors Bennett and Squitieri were elected to the Committee.

A question was raised regarding the role of the Committee on Nominations and Elections in supervising student government elections. It was brought to the attention of the Senate that a motion had been passed by the Senate in the spring of 1977 which stated that all elections would be handled by the Committee on Nominations and Elections. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that resolution of the issue required further investigation. Therefore, Dr. Prince would check the Senate minutes and meet with the chairperson of the student caucus; the chairperson of the faculty caucus; the chairperson of the student government; and the chairperson of the Committee on Nominations and Elections to resolve the question and report back to the Senate.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of President's Reorganization Proposal - Basic Skills Program

Discussion of the Basic Skills Program in the President's Reorganization Proposal had been deferred to this meeting. The Chairperson read the statement on the Basic Skills Program and the statement from the Ad Hoc Committee of the Senate.

An inquiry was then made concerning the status of the President's Reorganization Proposal. Dean Polowczyk reported that the President had submitted a draft of his proposal to Vice Chancellor Brenner's office for comment and advice. The Dean also reported that based upon input the President had received, the plan now called for the appointment rather than the election of division heads. He emphasized that the plan is not yet official and has not yet been sent down to the Chancellor's office.

Discussion followed during which negative reactions to this revision were voiced and the following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: That the Senate deplores the change in the appointment of division heads and reaffirms that division heads should be elected.

ACTION: 37 - 4 - 7
Motion carried.

The following motion was also made regarding the President's Reorganization Proposal:

MOTION: To reaffirm the earlier motion of the Senate that it is opposed to the President continuing in his position to merge the Physics and Engineering Departments.

ACTION: 35 - 0 - 7
Motion carried.

With regard to the Basic Skills Program, the following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: That the Senate endorse the position expressed by the Senate Ad Hoc Committee in its report of February 15, 1979 with respect to the Basic Skills Program and that the following statement be forwarded to the President:

We agree in principle with the desire to improve the coordination among the basic skills areas. We do not believe the planned Basic Skills Program, involving academic subjects the way it does, can be successfully conducted outside the supervision of the Dean of Academic Affairs. We see, therefore, the potential for an unproductive sharing of academic responsibilities between two Deans.

MOTION (Cont'd.)

Substantial questions can also be raised regarding the status of instructional personnel attached to a separate Basic Skills Program in relation to the rest of their department, their chairperson, P & B Committee, etc.

An amendment to the above motion was proposed:

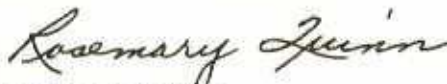
AMENDMENT: It is the sense of the Senate that in any Basic Skill Program departments retain jurisdiction over their course offerings including the staffing of such offerings.

The mover of the original motion did not accept the amended motion.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made almost immediately after the Chairperson had left to meet a class and turned the meeting over to the Chairperson of the Student Caucus. The meeting, therefore, adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at 4 p.m. in Schwendler Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosemary Quinn
Secretary