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BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE
Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 1979
4 p.m., Schwendler Auditorium

PRESENT: Faculty and Staff

J. Asch, F. Buianouckas, D. Cancienne, S. Ehrenpreis, T. Finnegan,
A. Fuller, J. Furst, G. Gean, 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, A. Levey, G. Lieblich,
D. Lowenthal, A. May, S. Miranda, J. Prince, C. Polowczyk,
A. Pomerantz, R. Quinn, S. Reisin, G. Riley, J. Ryan, H. Skinner,
L. Silverman, W. Sokolsky, H. Stein, M. Steuerman, B. Witlieb

Students

G. Brewster, A. El Hossri, E. Garcia, G. Herbert, N. Jackson, M. Kerrigan,
O. Richardson, A. Rodgers, A. Ruiz, J. Tabacco, A. Trinidad

Guests

P. Borkon, J. Frazier, J. Hayde, A. Lumley

Excused

F. Autovino, J. D'Andrea, D. Davidson, L. Davis, A. Galub, A. Peretz,
M. Spivak, H. Tyson

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Nominations and Elections (Prof. H. Stein)

Professor Stein reported that the date for submission of nominations for BCC Senate representatives has been extended to June 4, 1979.

With regard to student elections, it was clarified that if less than 10 percent of eligible students vote, the President will appoint students to government offices.

B. Committee on Student Activities (Dean M. Steuerman)

Dean Steuerman distributed copies of the proposed Student Government Constitution which had been approved by the Committee and which is eligible for action at the next Senate meeting.

C. Curriculum Committee (Prof. G. Riley)

Professor Riley reported that the Committee had taken action on two proposals from the Nursing Department (Pharmacology Computation and Pharmacology as Applied to Health Sciences) which will require Senate Approval. The last meeting of the Curriculum Committee for this semester will take place on Tuesday, May 22, 1979.

D. CUNY Senate (Prof. R. Gosselin)

Professor Gosselin reported that the Board of Higher Education will hold a public hearing on May 21 regarding the proposed tuition increase for CUNY lower-division students and that he will speak on behalf of the University Senate. Any faculty member who wishes to speak before the Board at this meeting is encouraged to do so and should arrange to have his name placed on the agenda.

- E. Committee on Academic Standing (Prof. J. Hayde)
Professor Hayde, Chairman of the Committee, distributed copies of page two of the Minutes of the Committee on Academic Standing dated May 2, 1979. At this meeting the Committee had approved a proposal of the Nursing Department to establish for the Fall, 1979 semester only priorities for admitting students to Nursing 31-38.

This proposal was prompted by a Board of Higher Education mandate which limits the number of students in all nursing courses to 300. Discussion followed. This proposal is scheduled to be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 22, 1979 and April 26, 1979 were approved as written.

B. Report of the Curriculum Committee of April 25, 1979

The following motions were made concerning the five-part report which had been distributed:

MOTION: To approve items 1, 2, and 3 of the Curriculum Committee Report:

- Item 1 - Business and Commerce New Course Proposal
Advanced Cobol Programming
- Item 2 - Business and Commerce New Course Proposal
Computer Programming Concepts and Introduction
to R.P.G. Programming
- Item 3 - Business and Commerce Curriculum Revision
Business Career Curriculum

ACTION: Motion carried

MOTION: To approve item 4, Recommendations on Academic Standards

ACTION: Motion carried

MOTION: To approve item 5, Revision of Curriculum Committee Codification

ACTION: Motion carried

C. Election of Ombudsman

Several nominations were made from the floor as follows:

- Professor B. Witlieb - English Department
- Professor J. Brand - Nursing Department
- Professor J. Seals - Student Development
- Professor L. Pinto - Language Department

The Chair ruled that according to his interpretation, the "tenured teaching faculty" eligibility requirement excluded Student Development personnel and the Chair was challenged.

MOTION: To challenge the Chair on the interpretation of the eligibility requirement of "tenured teaching faculty" to exclude Student Development personnel.

ACTION: 18 upheld chair; 18 against
Chair was upheld

In view of the fact that some of the nominees were not present the following motion was made:

MOTION: That the Chairpersons of the Student and Faculty Caucus approach suggested nominees who were not present and that the election of Ombudsman be postponed until the next Senate meeting.

ACTION: Motion carried.

- D. Proposed Schedule of Additional Senate Meetings
Discussion took place regarding the necessity and probable productivity of the additional Senate meetings scheduled on June 4, 5, and 6.

MOTION: That the additional Senate meetings scheduled on June 4, 5, and 6 be cancelled.

ACTION: 24 - 20 - 2
Motion carried

- E. Election of Senators

Professor Buianouckas noted that under the current Governance Plan approximately half of the Senate is disenfranchised because of the two consecutive two-year term stipulation. Many Senators would become eligible for re-election under the proposed revised Governance Plan which extends a Senator's term to three consecutive terms. The following motion was made:

MOTION: To postpone the election of the Senate until September, 1979

The Chair, noting that the College currently has a Charter under which it is operating, ruled the motion out of order and was challenged.

MOTION: To challenge the ruling of the Chair

ACTION: Ruling of Chair was sustained

111. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Senate meeting is on June 7, 1979 at 10 a.m. in Schwendler Auditorium. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary