

COLLEGE SENATE

November 8, 1979

Present: J. Asch, D. Cancienne, L. Davis, F. Donnangelo, R. Donovan, H. Fuld, A. Fuller, A. Galub, N. Gilroy, A. Gotta, L. Gottesman, N. Grill, A. Hirshfield, C. Infante, A. Jackson, J. Jupp, M. Kalin, V. Katz, W. Kleiber, A. Levey, G. Lieblich, S. O'Neill, A. Peretz, A. Pomerantz, R. Quinn, J. Rempson, J. Ryan, W. Sokolsky, L. Squitieri, M. Stern, M. Stillerman, H. Tyson, B. Witlieb, V. Bonelli, F. Buianouckas, G. Hobbs, I. Berger, C. Daley.
E. Babanikas, G. Brewster, J. Cordero, C. Henry, M. Miller, A. Rodgers, A. Ruiz, J. Tabacco.

Guests: F. Washington, K. Fogarty, M. Steuerman, R. Riccardo, R. Gomaz.

1. Dr. Prince called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. The minutes of Oct. 25 were approved with the correction that Prof. A. Hirschfield was present.
3. Announcements:
 - A. Dean Steuerman, for the Committee on Student Activities, announced that the Student-Government Constitution will be presented to the Senate at the next meeting for possible ratification.
 - B. Dr. Prince responded to correspondence from Annie Rodgers, Chairperson of the Student Caucus (10/30/79), noting that she had misstated circumstances, and that student committee members had been elected officially.
 - C. Dr. Ryan, for the Curriculum Committee, stated the Curriculum Committee was moving to implement the Senate's recommendations with regard to coordinating information of the goals and objectives of entry level courses.
 - D. Prof. Gotta, for the Committee on Academic Standing, announced that the Committee has been discussing the August graduates.
 - E. Dean Cancienne, for the Committee on Space and Facilities, announced a new Centrex phone system; proposed changes in elevator service in Tech Two; and the moving of the Admissions Office from Philosophy to Loew Hall.
 - F. The meeting time of the Committee on Cultural Affairs was announced as 5:00 p.m., Fridays; the December event will be the awarding of a medal to author James Baldwin. It was stated that the presence of one student is necessary to effect a quorum. A subcommittee was established to define the function of the Committee itself.

Motion: To adopt p. 3 of the proposed Governance Plan as is.

The motion passed by viva voce.

5. Motion: To adopt p. 4 of the proposed Governance Plan as amended.

The motion passed by viva voce. (See Appendix A)

6. Amendment: Galub, second Ryan: To add to p. 5, item 4 the following:

The Senate shall then decide whether to reaffirm its position; if it does so, its position and that of the President, if available, will be transmitted to the Board of Trustees.

Amendment passed: 23 - 6 - 6

7. Amendment: Sokolsky, second Galub: To add the following after the first sentence of p. 5, item 5:

Any member of the College may also propose amendments to the Governance Plan.

Motion was disapproved by viva voce.

8. Motion: To adopt p. 5 of the proposed Governance Plan as amended.

The motion passed by viva voce. (See Appendix B)

9. Motion: To adopt p. 6 of the proposed Governance Plan as amended.

The motion passed by viva voce. (See Appendix C)

10. Motion: Sokolsky, second Galub: To reconsider p. 6 of the proposed Governance Plan.

The motion was defeated: 6 - 21 - 3

11. Amendment: Sokolsky, second Buianouckas: To change, p. 7, item 6.a, the words "from more than three" to three.

The motion passed by viva voce.

12. Motion: Ryan, second Sokolsky: To change the wording of p. 7, item 6.a to the following: "Any Senator absent from three regularly scheduled consecutive Caucus and/or Senate meetings may be vacated from office upon action by the Executive Committee."

Motion passed: 21 - 10 - 4

13. Motion: Grill, second Witlieb: To defer discussion of p. 7, item 6.c until completion of discussion on the individual Committees.

Motion passed by viva voce.

14. Motion: To adopt p. 7 as amended except for item c.

The motion passed by viva voce. (See Appendix D)

15. Student Senator Gary Brewster presented a report based on his interviews of the two nominees for the vacated post of Ombudsman. The nominees are Prof. Bernard Bates and Prof. Kenneth Fogarty.

The ballot was declared invalid by the Chairperson. Therefore, the election for Ombudsman will appear on the next meeting's agenda.

16. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 6.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernard L. Witlieb
Acting Secretary

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APPENDIX A

D. FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE

1. The Senate shall have legislative power with regard to:
 - a. Academic affairs, including curricula. degree requirements, admissions, and grading structure.
 - b. Academic policy with regard to College educational programs.
 - c. The protection of academic freedom of instructional staff and students, as well as the rights and liberties of each member of the Bronx Community College community.
2. The Senate shall have the following advisory and associated powers:
 - a. To advise on and participate in the search for and appointment of the President of the College, as requested by the Board of Trustees.
 - b. To advise on and participate in the appointment and reappointment of all individuals holding Deans and/or Directors titles. These recommendations of the Senate are to be submitted for the consideration of the President of the College through the Committee on Deans and Directors.
 - d. To advise on long-range planning to achieve the overall goals of the College.
 - d. To advise on campus life and activities, including ancillary services within the College, student organizations and community relations.

APPENDIX B

3. The Senate shall advise on and act on problems of the community insofar as such problems may be dealt with legally and reasonably within the educational commitments of this institution.
4. In the event that the President of the College disagrees with or fails to implement within the time limit specified a policy adopted by the Senate, the President shall explain his position before the Senate at the next Senate meeting following the time limit specified. The Senate shall then decide whether to reaffirm its position. If it does so, its position and that of the President, if available, will be transmitted to the Board of Trustees.
5. The Senate may propose amendments to this document; specifically, amendment of this charter may be prepared by the Committee on Governance Structures and Functions, and upon a majority vote of approval by the Senate be submitted to referendum of the entire college community. A minimum of 30% of each of the constituencies of each caucus must participate in the vote. Amendments so ratified must be approved by the Board of Higher Education.

Should the minimum required vote fail to be obtained in either constituency, the referendum shall be resubmitted to the entire Senate body and it shall be deemed valid for Board of Higher Education action if it succeeds in obtaining the favorable vote of 2/3 of the membership of the Senate.

APPENDIX C

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE IN THE SENATE AND ON SENATE COMMITTEES

1. Student Senators and Student members of committees shall be elected annually for a one-year term, and shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.
2. Student members of the Senate or Senate bodies must have and maintain a minimum cumulative index (the index used for determination of matriculation status) of 2.00. Students may be elected in their first semester, but must achieve and maintain the required 2.00 index to continue to hold office.
3. All full-time Faculty/Staff representatives shall be elected to serve two-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms of service.

In order to establish a pattern of overlapping two-year terms, for the first election only, the departmental representatives from half the departments, as well as half plus one of the Senators elected by the full-time faculty at large receiving the greatest number of votes, shall be considered to hold two year terms, and the remaining Senators from these groups shall be considered to hold one-year terms.

The Senate Committee on Committees shall choose by lot those departments whose representatives shall initially serve one year terms. Officers of the Senate shall have one year terms, regardless of their terms as Senators.

APPENDIX D

4. All elected part-time or adjunct Faculty/Staff representatives shall be elected annually for two-year terms and serve no more than three consecutive terms.
5. No person shall hold more than one standing committee membership, except by approval by the Executive Committee.
6. Vacancies
 - a. Any Senator absent from three regularly scheduled Caucus and/or Senate meetings may be vacated from office upon action by the Executive Committee.
Quorum shall be adjusted in the event of vacated seats. Student Senators may be vacated from office, also for failure to maintain an index of 2.00.
 - b. The last Caucus meeting of each semester shall have time allocated for election of members to seats vacated in the two Caucuses. These members shall hold said seats only for the duration of the term of the original member.