PATRICK KILCOYNE, EDUCATOR, IS DEAD

Ex-Brooklyn College President Supported Antiwar Efforts — Was Ordained in '80

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The Rev. Patrick Francis Kilcoyne, a former president of Brooklyn College who was active in New York City education for 48 years, died Saturday at Kings Highway Hospital Center in Brooklyn. He was 82 years old and lived in Brooklyn.

Father Kilcoyne — who was not ordained a priest until 1980 after the death of his wife — joined Brooklyn College, a part of the City University, as an English instructor in 1930, the year the college opened.

A lifelong liberal, Father Kilcoyne spoke at a college antiwar rally in 1935, and, in 1967, as college president, sought lenient treatment for antiwar protesters arrested in a clash with police on campus. He mediated an ensuing student strike over allegations of police brutality that closed the campus for five days.

In 1976, he resigned from the city’s Board of Higher Education to protest plans to impose tuition at the colleges in the City University system.

Taught at Hunter College

Father Kilcoyne was born in Lawrence, Mass. After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Boston College, he joined Hunter College as an instructor of English in 1928, before moving to Brooklyn College.

From 1939 to 1954, while continuing to teach, Father Kilcoyne was director of public relations at the college. In 1954, he became dean of administration and served in that post until 1966, when he became acting president. As interim president in 1967, he announced a $33.7 million construction program for classrooms, lecture halls and an art museum.

After retiring in December 1967, Fa-