

Bronx Community College
of the City University of New York

College Senate

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 October 1984
Tech Two 228 - 4 P.M.

Present: J. Asch, R. Barnette, M. Bates, R. Cabral, E. Cabrera, W. Duncan,
H. Erdsneker, B. Ettinger, L. Fergenson, J. Freeman, A. Galub, M. Glass,
R. Gourin, F. Hasse, S. Hatch, A. Jamison, G. Lieblich, J. Magaziner,
S. Miranda, D. Mitchell, S. O'Neill, M. O'Riordan, J. Patterson,
C. Polowczyk, O. Rodzianko, M. Rosenstock, R. Salgado, A. Scimia,
J. Stuchin, H. Tyson, M. Walwyn, I. Zimmerman

Excused: Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., President

Guests: G. Paige, A. Fuller, F. Costello

1. The Senate tendered its vote of appreciation for the work of Prof. O'Riordan as its former Secretary.

2. Introduction of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Upon being welcomed by the Senate, Dean John O. Stevenson stated that BCC has a salutary history of providing services for students. He expects to be involved with identifying the successful activities of the college and with delivery of services to students.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Committee:

1. At the meeting of 9 October 1984, the Committee elected F. Costello, J. Rempson, R. Salgado, M. Salzberg, J. Seals, and M. Steuerman, of whom President Brown designated J. Rempson, J. Seals, and M. Steuerman to serve on the Governing Board of BCC Assn., Inc. As the faculty panel for the Governing Board of the Auxiliary Enterprises, Inc., the Committee elected F. Costello, L. Pinto, F. Terrill, and F. Wong, of whom the President designated F. Terrill and F. Wong to serve on the Governing Board.
2. Dr. Lou Alpert and Dr. Michael Glass will be temporarily replaced as Science-Mathematics-Technology Division Representatives to the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development by Professors Annette Peretz and Louise Squitieri.
3. Concerning the formation of an ad hoc Committee on Student Health Standards, S. Miranda, J. Riley, and M. Wenzel were requested to submit memoranda on the scope of such a committee.
4. The Chairpersons of Committees were requested to update their membership rosters, indicate the term of office of their members, and forward them to Prof. Tyson, GT 118.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Committee (continued):

5. The SGA Constitution sets forth the standards for the functions of SGA officers. All vacancies of office are filled by the Executive Committee which may consider nominations from the SGA.

B. Governance and Elections: Student members are requested to submit their programs to Dr. Lieblich to facilitate the scheduling of meetings. The SGA Constitution is being edited by an ad hoc Editorial Committee, convened by Dean Miranda at the request of Prof. Tyson. Dr. Bernard Wittlieb, of the English Department, has been added to the Committee.

C. Academic Standing: A written report of CAS action and the Codification of Academic Regulations were made available to new Senators and those who did not receive copies last semester.

D. Curriculum: No report.

E. Student Activities: No report.

F. Instruction and Professional Development: Future reports will be made by Dean Stevenson. Suggested themes for the Committee are: Student evaluation of instruction, the meaning of retention for BCC, and measurable outcomes of instruction and testing strategies. The Committee will have a day of discussion of these items considering recognition of and building on successful activities.

G. Community Relations and Special Events: The Chairman was requested to review the membership and the activities of the Committee.

4. Report from the University Faculty Senate:

A. Dr. Galub reported that the UFS is discussing the responsibility of the University for defense and indemnification of committee members sued for their judgment on personnel actions. Dean Polowczyk noted that the City of New York insures faculty against accident claims by students and provides legal representation against claims in cases of non-reappointment. Individual faculty members might consider the advisability of retaining their own counsel. Professional liability insurance is also available from a number of underwriters.

B. The BHE is considering the restoration of Medgar Evers College to four-year status.

C. Prof. Tyson requested that the UFS list its members with their affiliations. He also expressed a strong objection to the format of their minutes, that made them virtually unreadable.

5. Report from the University Student Senate:

- A. Mr. Mitchell reports that the USS voter registration drive has enrolled 270 new voters at BCC.
- B. The USS has been discussing the questions of free tuition at CUNY and increases in budget.
- C. The USS proposes to develop uniform student election procedures and dates for all campuses.
- D. Discussion of discrepancies in the USS budget was tabled.
- E. The USS will host Leadership Conferences on 2 November and 7-9 December 1984.

6. Report on Title III: Activity 7, CAI, (Computer-aided Instruction). Dean Stevenson reports that rote work can be transferred from the classroom to computer services. Beginning 9 November, a project will train a faculty group in the use of computers to translate their course objectives and concepts into computer programs. The prospects of locating computers in or near classrooms, and of developing a facility for faculty to develop their programs are being explored.

7. Announcements:

- A. Dean Polowczyk announced that a Task Force on Remediation, assisted by Dr. Williams, will be formed. Discussions on the constitution of TAFOR are being held.
- B. Mr. Mitchell announced that December will be "Save the Planet Month," promoting the theme of world unity. February will be "Black History Month," and March will be "Hispanic History Month."

8. Action Items:

- A. The minutes of the Senate meeting of 20 September 1984 were corrected to show the presence of Dr. Zimmerman, and were so accepted.
- B. The report by Prof. Hayde of CAS actions for the 1983-1984 academic year was completed after the last Senate meeting of that year. The Senate unanimously voted to receive the report of actions which had been approved.

9. New Business:

- A. Chairpersons of Senate Standing Committees are reminded to update their rosters, indicating terms of office of members, and including dates and times of meetings, if fixed times have been established.
- B. Chairpersons of Departments are asked to advise Prof. Tyson of any changes of departmental representatives.
- C. Dean Miranda will report on the Day Care Center personnel practices at the Senate Meeting of 29 November.

9. New Business (continued):

- D. Dean Miranda reported that a new committee will be formed to review all awards and scholarships presented at commencement. The Faculty Council will provide one member of this committee.
- E. Mr. Mitchell expressed the concern of students about the proposed opening of a Drug Rehabilitation Center in the vicinity of the Day Care Center. The matter should be referred to Mr. Virgil Logan, the College's officer for community relations.
- F. Ms. Hatch inquired about the policy concerning the presence of children of students in classrooms. Dean Polowczyk stated that the presence of children in any laboratory is prohibited. In other situations, faculty are to use their discretion.

10. The next meeting of the Senate will be on Thursday 29 November 1984.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Haase, Secretary