

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, November 21, 1991, 12 P.M., BH226

H. Andima, R. Adewumi, R. Bass, V. Bonelli, M. Brady,
D. Cancienne, N. Canton, C. Daley, A. DeJesus, S. Deonarine,
M. Diehl, B. Ettinger, K. Fogarty, A. Galub, J. Graham,
S. Hoberman, W. Hynes, G. Lieblich, R. Miller, M. Nickerson,
C. Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, R. Rasaq, P. Read, J. Rempson,
A. Resto, J. Ryan, M. Rosenstock, R. Salgado, H. Skinner,
J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, J. Todaro, H. Tyson,
B. Witlieb

STUDENTS: J. Avarado, B. Goodwin, L. McClane, D. Perroneau.

EXCUSED: R. Brown.

GUESTS: N. Grill, J. Juechter, M. Marcelle, R. Mercado,
M. O'Riordan.

1. Call to order

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 12:17 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting October 17, 1991 were approved.

3. Announcements

A) Chair

Dr. Lieblich announced that he had attended a meeting of the chairpersons of individual CUNY college senates. A paper is being prepared outlining successful college senate programs. This information will be published. The Chancellor reported that her priorities include restoring programs at N.Y.C. Technical College, John Jay, and Medgar Evers; increased funding for community colleges; the High School Initiative; and additional services for students.

The Governance Committee of the University Faculty Senate has proposed that faculty representatives should be consulted in determining the budget of individual units. The problem of appointing people to College or University posts without appropriate search has been raised.

Items that pass through the College or that are sent by a College President to the Board of Trustees are discussed at a public meeting on the third Monday of each month. If enough people object, the item will be removed from the agenda.

Nancy Ritze has corresponded with the Chairperson, asking the College Senate to recommend the names of four faculty members for the Safety and Security Committee.

There are two vacancies on the Student Senate.

A student passed out in the evening in Gould Tech. No administrator, nurse, or other help was available and 911 was called. There is no nurse on duty due to budget restrictions. Dean Polowczyk has suggested that the College may be able to get an Emergency Medical Technician for the evening.

The Senate Executive Committee recommended faculty members for appointment to BCC Inc. and the Auxiliary Services Committee. From among the nominees, the President appointed Prof. Andima, Dr. Bonelli, and Prof. Salgado to BCC Inc. The President appointed Prof. Miller and Prof. Morales to the Auxiliary Services Committee.

The Chairperson is working to establish more activities for students on campus. Later today there will be a program on how the College works for evening students.

There is now a permanent Senate Conference room in the library. A Senate newsletter is in the planning stages.

Dr. Lieblich will have an issues and answers column in Communicator.

Study rooms will be set up by discipline in Gould Student Center with books and possibly tutors. The students are applying for a grant for computers to be housed in GSC. This should particularly benefit evening students.

The Chairperson is trying to address student complaints. For example, students have complained that there are no sanitary napkins in the dispensers, and that the cafeteria is filthy.

The Senate is working on policies and role for security. An ad hoc committee of faculty and staff is addressing the lack of a faculty dining lounge and looking into the possibility of upgrading the existing facilities in Colston Hall.

Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff who won Bronx Community College Foundation Awards. They are:

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS:

Foreign Students: Corolyn Forde, Dayne Gomes, Jamie Henry, Rajendra Mangal.

Physically Challenged Students: Eunice Adeghe, Charlotte Edwards, Dorian Mangual, Cynthia Propst.

Returning Older Adults: Josely Alcantara, Virginia Divito, Gloria Tanco, Ruel Williams.

COLLEGE RESEARCH AWARDS:

Dr. Patricia Ray Lanier, Careers;

Dr. Geraldyn Diallo, Humanities;

Mr. Mark Tomita, Sciences;

Mr. Trudayam Adaikalam, Cont. Ed., Grants & Development.

COLLEGE SERVICE AWARDS:

Dr. Hope Richardson, Careers;

Mr. Frank Sharpe, Humanities;

Dr. Howard Balter, Sciences;

Mr. Dennis Haralam, Cont. Ed., Grants & Development;

Ms. Kathleen Murray, Non-Instructional Staff.

b) Other Announcements

Prof. Salgado announced that the Blood Drive of November 7 was closed down by President Brown due to a student demonstration against Federal regulations that exclude donors from certain African countries.

Dean Polowczyk announced that for early registration purposes the class limit for each section will be listed as 999. TAP regulations may be changed.

During registration there will be a new station on the lower level of Colson Hall so that students with full financial aid will not be required to see the bursar.

The date for change of program has been changed to February 10 (from February 6). Late registration will be February 11.

Students will be able to get book money early next semester.

4. Issues and Answers

The Executive Committee of the Senate suggested that the club hour be changed from 12-2 on Thursdays to 2-6 on Wednesdays. After much discussion it was decided that the various college

constituencies, that is the day students, evening students, faculty, and administrators be polled to see what their preferences were.

The Chairperson thanked Dean Polowczyk for responding and giving assistance in this and other such matters.

5. Ombudsperson Annual Report

Dr. Juechter reported that due to the disruptions last spring, she received the lowest number of student complaints in quite some time. This semester there have been many more complaints. An election for Ombudsperson will be held this spring.

6. Committee Reports

a) Curriculum Committee:

Three new curricula and possibly a fourth are being proposed this semester.

b) Governance and Elections:

The Committee will be meeting soon.

c) Instruction and Professional Development:

The Committee will co-sponsor a workshop with the Committee on Affirmative Action on March 3.

Prof. Canada of Student Development has asked the Committee to co-sponsor a workshop on how to get a Ph.D.

The Committee and the Special Educational Services Department will co-sponsor a book fair on Education Day.

The Committee is willing to sponsor any workshop that will promote professional development.

d) Student Activities

Ms. Perroneau reported that the Committee approved the Student Support for Africa Club with Dr. Diallo as faculty advisor.

e) University Faculty Senate

Dr. Squitieri announced the plenary body passed a resolution regarding hate speech.

At the annual dinner there was a presentation by the Director of Asian-American Studies Queens College. Working papers based on presentation will be made available.

f) University Student Senate

Mr. Goodwin reported that the Steering Committee was elected. The members are: Chairperson, Jean La Marre; Legislative Affairs, Ronal Quartermin; Fiscal Affairs, Lavonda Davis; Vice Chair for Graduate Students, Michael Yomi; Vice Chair for Disabled Students, Donald Passintino; Vice Chair for Senior Colleges, Ralph Theano; Vice Chair for Community Colleges, Luz Marie Lambert; Vice Chair for Evening and Part-time Students, Grace Stofan; and Vice Chair for International Students, Makhou Diagne.

7. New Business

a) The problem of getting a nurse on duty for evening students was discussed. Questions about the nurse's job description and what to do in an emergency emerged. In an emergency the New York City Emergency Medical Service (911) should be called.

A motion was made requesting Dean Polowczyk to make inquiries into having an Emergency Medical Technician on campus full time from 9-5 as well as evenings and Saturdays.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

b) A motion was made and seconded to support the position of the Health and Physical Education Department as follows:

The Department strongly opposes the support given by the administration to the disruption of the blood drive, a college-wide sponsored activity, caused by a group of students.

A substitute motion was made to set aside the departmental motion and to deplore the Federal regulations in the blood collection program that seemed to be discriminatory.

The substitute motion failed to carry.

A motion was made to postpone the original motion until the next meeting. This was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

c) The Chairperson requested nominations for the Campus Security Committee.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Bass
Secretary