

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 13 February 1992, 12 PM, BH226

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STUDENTS: B. Goodwin, D. Reid, E. Richardson, J. Wooley

EXCUSED: R. Brown

GUESTS: R. Baskerville, F. Buianouckas, A. Fuller, R. Mercado, M. O'Riordan

1. Call to Order

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 12:18 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting December 19, 1991 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 4. Committee Reports, Governance and Elections:

Nominating forms for Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee were sent to members of the Faculty Council.

The Committee is discussing the possibility of having a student and an HEO representative on the College P & B.

Page 6. New Business. A request was made that the Dean of Administration furnish the Senate with a breakdown of actual college expenditures.

3. Announcements

A) Chair

Dr. Lieblich announced that the Executive Committee of the Senate has appointed M. O'Riordan and J. Ryan to the Committee on Deans.

Dr. Lieblich read a letter from Robert Picken, Chairperson of the University Faculty Senate on behalf of

the UFS Executive Committee regarding the Chancellor's High School Preparatory Initiative. Forums will be held at the individual units and it is hoped that the college community will participate in deciding how the initiative will be implemented at that unit. Dean Polowczyk has formed a committee on campus to study implementation. However, the Executive Committee of the Senate has indicated that this matter should be in the purview of the Curriculum Committee and the Senate rather than a special committee.

Dr. Lieblich read a letter from Prof. Capers in which she expressed concern about the lack of funding for cultural activities on campus. She suggests that \$1 per student from the student activity fee be earmarked for cultural activities. Dr. Lieblich is forwarding the letter to the President of the Student Body for possible referendum.

Regarding health emergencies on campus, Dr. Lieblich has a 1988 statement on how to deal with emergencies that require first aid, prepared by the Committee on Instruction and the Department of Student Development. He will forward it to the departments.

B. Deans

i. Dean Polowczyk

Dean Polowczyk announced that Dean Ronald Berkman and Joyce Brown will be at BCC to present the Chancellor's College Preparatory Initiative on Thursday, February 20. They will be in Tech II room 331 from 1-3 PM.

The Enrollment Report for Spring, 1992 prepared by the Registrar is appended to the minutes. The College tried to keep the Spring 1992 the same as Fall 1991 by having the same targets. However, we exceeded our targets in all categories. Therefore there are many oversubscribed sections.

BCC may become the Telecommunications center for the City of New York. Prof. Canty should be congratulated for his development of the center. Audio-Visual Technology students and Advertising Art and Computer Graphics students will be involved in the activities.

The VCR monitors for individual departments will be available later in the semester.

ii. Dean Rempson

Work-study money is almost gone University-wide. The College will try to keep it going further into the semester.

Freshman Orientation will be augmented by a Freshman Orientation Week, which will be held on the week of March 9. Tuesday evening, March 10 will be Family and Friends Night, and family and friends of the freshmen will be invited to the College.

iii. Dean Cancienne

To facilitate parking, the Army is going to sign a lease amendment that will allow BCC to use part of their parking lot. This will provide 50 extra spots for students.

The parking lot behind Colston Hall is closed for repairs due to loose overhangs and the danger of concrete falling down. Cars used by the Automotive program have been removed from the lot behind the library in order to make room for additional faculty parking. There is usually space available in front of South Hall. Cars that park in front of fire hydrants or in spaces reserved for the parkers will be ticketed.

4. Update - College Nurse or EMT

Dean Rempson reported that in the past the services of the evening nurse had not been used. Therefore, Security had been designated to handle evening health emergencies.

The College Nurse, Ms. Muller said that there was nothing a good nurse could do in an emergency, that security could not learn to do, most commonly, to call for help, administer Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, or do the Heimlich Maneuver. She indicated that quick response was the most important element.

Dean Rempson said that Security is on the scene first and that Security should know CPR. He said that 4 or 5 members of Security would be trained in CPR, and that Dean Cancienne was looking into the possibility of having all members of Security trained in CPR. Dean Rempson indicated that the College does not have funds earmarked for a nurse, but does have one, although there are some CUNY units that do not have a nurse.

Several faculty members said that they would rather have the services of a nurse in an emergency, rather than having Security handle it. There was a request to learn the cost of an evening nurse, and for a job description of the College Nurse. The discussion will be resumed at a future meeting.

5. Issues and Answers - Academic Calendar 1992-1993

A motion was made to adopt Calendar Option III of the calendars approved by the Board of Trustees.

This would allow for classes to begin on September 8, 1992 and for final exams to be December 17 - 23.

The motion was carried by a show of hands.

6. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan announced that the first meeting for the Spring Semester will be held on February 25. The calendar has been adjusted so that courses introduced by that date can be acted on by the Curriculum Committee and the Senate this semester.

b. Governance and Elections

Prof. Miller announced that ballots had been sent to the members of the Faculty Council for the Committee on Student Activities and for the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee. Ballots should be returned to Prof. Miller by February 25 at 5 PM.

There was one nominee for University Faculty Senate, A. Galub. Therefore, he is elected.

There were two nominees for the two positions on the Committee on Deans, A. Resto and H. Skinner. They are elected.

Members of the Committee should forward their schedules to Prof. Miller, so that he can set the time for the next meeting.

The next meeting will include discussion of an amendment or statement on the constitution of the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee.

c. Instruction and Professional Development

Dr. Pomerantz announced that the Committee, in conjunction with Ms. Muller, the Nursing Department, and the Health and Physical Education Department, is planning a workshop on what to do in case of a health emergency.

On March 5, the Committee is co-sponsoring with the Committee on Affirmative Action a workshop on consciousness raising on a multi-cultural campus.

On March 19, there will be a workshop on faculty and student responsibilities and expectations on a multi-cultural campus.

d. University Faculty Senate

Dr. Galub reported that the Chancellor is reviewing programs throughout the University with a view to cutting costs and eliminating duplications. This may be part of a move to downsize the University.

There are a lot of uncertainties about the New York City and New York State budgets which may impact on the University.

The University Faculty Senate opposes adoption of the proposed changes in the CUNY disciplinary procedures. There is a public hearing scheduled by the Board of Trustees to discuss this matter on February 18. People who wish to make a statement must call the Board by Friday, February 14 at 4 PM in order to be put on the speakers list.

e. University Student Senate

Ms. Richardson said that the University Student Senate budget had been frozen, and therefore its plans are stalled. She reviewed the history of open admissions at the University and its importance to Black and Latino students. She urged the Senate to support the return of the funds to the student government, so that the students right to vote and to express their ideas would not be abridged. She also urged members to register to speak at the Board of Trustees meeting regarding both student government funds and the proposed changes in disciplinary procedures.

7. Action Items

a. Math 29 - Precalculus for Business Students

A motion was made to approve the action of the Curriculum Committee to accept Math 29 - Precalculus for Business Students as an experimental course with a change of hours that would mesh with the corresponding course at Baruch.

The motion was carried by a show of hands.

b. Governance Plan Amendment

An amendment to the Governance Plan failed in referendum and is returned to the Senate. It must gain a two-thirds majority in the Senate to carry.

The amendment reads: If a department representation on the College Senate, Curriculum Committee or Committee on Academic Standing cannot be decided by election, then a member of the department shall be selected by the chairperson. No person so selected shall be required to serve for more than one (1) year.

A motion was made to accept the amendment.

It was argued that chairpersons should have the right to appointment faculty to these committees as the chairpeople are responsible for the teaching schedules. Opponents argued that this was a violation of academic freedom and civil rights, and that this would violate the democratic nature of the Senate. It was suggested that Departments could simply decline to be represented when representation presented a problem. It was pointed out that all the standing committees currently have a quorum, and that therefore there is no threat to the governance of the College.

A secret ballot was held. The vote was 14 yes, and 23 no. The amendment failed.

8. New Business

a. High School Initiative

Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

b. Changes in the Disciplinary Procedures

The Committee on Governance and Elections may take up an alternate to the proposal presented by the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made to support the University Faculty Senate resolution opposing the changes in disciplinary procedures proposed by the Board of Trustees.

It was felt that the new procedures violate student and faculty rights. There was concern that the most recent text of the changes had not been made available to the BCC Senate. Dean Rempson said that the proposed changes were meant to add stability and efficiency to the process without violating due process.

A voice vote was taken on the motion. It carried with two abstentions and one no vote.

c. A request to see an itemized College budget was postponed until next time.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Bass
Secretary