

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 19 March, 1992. 12:15 PM. BH226

R. Adewumi, H. Andima, H. Balter, R. Bass, C. Daley, A. DeJesus, M. Diehl, B. Ettinger, K. Fogarty, A. Galub, W. Hynes, G. Lieblich, R. Miller, M. Nickerson, C. Polowczyk, R. Rasag, J. Rempson, J. Riley, J. Ryan, M. Rosenstock, R. Salgado, H. Skinner, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, J. Todaro, B. Witlieb

STUDENTS: B. Goodwin, D. Studmire, J. Wooley

EXCUSED: R. Brown, N. Canton, H. Erdsneker

GUESTS: E. Kish, R. Mercado, M. O'Riordan, H. Richardson, F. Wong

1. Call to order

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting February 13, 1992 were approved with the following correction: M. Diehl and J. Graham were present.

3. Proposed Change of Agenda

Dr. Lieblich proposed that the question of faculty membership on committees be included under New Business. An objection was made on the grounds that this had been presented to the body in April, 1991, considered in a referendum, and rejected. It was pointed out that the Committee on Governance and Elections had a report on this matter. It was also suggested that the matter be discussed in the context of the problem of poor faculty morale. Decision on the proposal was postponed pending the report from Governance and Elections.

4. Announcements

A) Chair

1. Dr. Lieblich announced that the first six members of Security will be going for CPR training, starting March 28.

2. There will be a Solidarity Day rally on Thursday, March 26 from 12-2 to protest CUNY budget cuts and tuition increases.

3. On March 31 there will be a rally at Lehman College at 4 PM.

4. Prof. Galub spoke out against the proposed changes in student disciplinary procedures at the open hearings. The Board of Trustees has passed the new procedures.

5. A hearing will be held on the proposal for changes in the college associations in the individual CUNY units. The proposal is that each college association have 3 faculty members, 3 administrators, 3 students, and a chairperson appointed by the college president. The matter will be decided on Monday, March 23.

6. Rev. Jesse Jackson addressed the students at BCC on March 18. He particularly stressed the importance of voter registration.

7. A survey of students determined that 4-6 on Thursday was the most popular choice for club hour. Over 3,000 students responded to the survey.

8. Any motion brought before the Senate requires at least 2 meetings, one to discuss the matter and one to vote on it.

9. The Chancellor has appointed a blue-ribbon panel chaired by Leon Goldstein, and consisting of distinguished professors, to study savings through program consolidation.

#### B) Deans

Dean Polowczyk announced that the Board of Trustees is expected to approve a motion that every department and every program be evaluated at least once every five years. This would include self-study by the department and study by an outside team.

#### 5. Update - College Nurse or EMT

The cost of a College Nurse for 240 additional hours a semester at \$20 an hour would be \$4800 or \$9600 for the year. An EMT would cost \$25 per hour which would cost \$12,000 per year.

The question of liability should a person become ill on campus when no nurse or EMT was available was raised.

Dr. Galub will ask the Vice-Chancellor for Legal Affairs for an opinion.

It was suggested that a survey of the student body be done to determine whether BCC students have more health problems than at those at some other units. This might justify adding more hours. At present there is no service for evening students. The nurse provides immunization and reviews certification of students for physical education courses.

Dean Rempson will take the advice of the Senate under consideration. Inquiries will be made as to what kind of service is provided at other CUNY branches. The Dean will look at the possibility of re-allocating the College Nurse's hours.

## 6. Issues and Answers - College Preparatory Initiative

Dean Polowczyk distributed a summary of the recommended units made by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on School System Collaboration which is appended to these minutes. Also appended is a letter regarding CPI from Eve Zarin, Chair, Student Affairs Committee of the University Faculty Senate.

The following comments and questions were discussed.

- a. The policy on G.E.D. students is not clear.
- b. Community College students would have two years to finish the CPI units, while students at four-year colleges will have four years.
- c. The purpose of CPI is to eliminate remediation by eliminating the need for remediation.
- d. Can the same college level courses fill both High School and College requirements?
- e. If a student passes a unit in High School are there circumstances under which he/she will be required to take the same course in CUNY.
- f. A correlation study should be done between the CUNY Skills Assessment Test and CPI.
- g. Can the WAT test be used as an exit requirement for High School students? How would it be graded and by whom?
- h. An articulation agreement would require the four-year colleges to accept the CPI units earned in the community college.

i. How can you compare the California study on which the Chancellor is basing this program to New York as there are different demographic factors?

j. Funding should be in place before CPI is implemented. Where will we get the resources of teachers, equipment, etc.?

k. What is the definition of an academic unit?

l. What will happen to career programs such as secretarial, paralegal, and nursing in which there is a no (or a limited) math and science requirement?

## 7. Committee Reports

### a) Academic Standing

A letter from Mr. Erdsneker (here appended) was distributed indicating that CAS is discussing the use of the grades S and U in remedial courses for Mid Term Evaluations only.

### b) Curriculum

Dr. Ryan distributed a report (here appended) of Curriculum Committee actions reported to the Senate for the first time. The actions will be discussed at the next meeting.

### c) Governance and Elections

Prof Miller reported on the following actions.

1. J. Bacote and V. Bonelli were elected to the Committee on Student Activities.

2. The members elected to the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee are faculty: J. Todaro, J. Suarez, R. Canals; and alternates, H. Irby, Chairperson, V. Bonelli, M. Stern. Student electees are: E. Richardson (declined), R. Baskerville, L. McLaine, and M. Montanez; and alternates B. Goodwin, and P. Perez.

3. Nomination forms were sent out for two alternates to the University Faculty Senate.

4. The Committee reconsidered the amendment to the Governance Plan originally proposed to the Senate in April, 1991 which outlined methods for departments to appoint ~~members~~ members to College governance committees. The proposal was

rejected. It was the the majority view that this matter should be left to the individual departments to decide.

5. The Committee ruled that faculty on Travia's leave may vote in elections as they are still officially on payroll. Therefore, faculty on Travia's leave must be counted as part of the faculty in determining whether or not there is a quorum in a vote on a referendum.

6. The Committee considered whether the Governance Plan could be amended to include new disciplinary procedures. However, the Board of Trustees ruling on Disciplinary Procedures specifically states that "The provisions of a duly adopted college governance plan shall not be inconsistent with the provisions contained in this article. This would render any changes on this matter moot.

7. Consideration of student representation on the College P & B has been postponed pending further information.

#### d) University Faculty Senate

A letter to the Senate from Bruce Hoffacker, Executive Director of the University Faculty Senate (here appended) requested approval of an amendment to the Charter that would change the terms of the Secretary and Treasurer to coincide with the terms of the Chairperson and Vice Chair.

A motion was made to support the amendment. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Galub reported that the UFS will discuss CPI on Tuesday.

The Chair of the Senate proposed two amendments to and requested two clarifications of the changes in disciplinary procedures.

Amendment one provides that the president of a college will appoint three chairs of disciplinary panels in consultation with the appropriate governance body on campus and that these chairs will serve in rotation and the chair will be a member of the instructional staff. In other words, the president will not have the power to designate a dean to serve as the one chair of the disciplinary panels.

Amendment two provides that a chair can be brought from off campus only in the case that there is no one on campus who can or is willing to serve. If a person is brought in from off campus, that person must be selected by lottery from the total core of chairs available and appointed on other campuses.

The clarifications are as follows.

Firstly, the University as an entity is not required to provide counsel for students, but it in no way is meant to take away that which is specified in Article 16 of the Bylaws: the ability of student associations or student governments to provide a legal plan for students and legal representation so long as it is available to all students equally and evenly.

Secondly, the Chancellor or her designee will only exercise the power to suspend students at University facilities--that is at 80th St., 57th St., etc. It is not envisaged that the Chancellor is going to go to any specified campus and suspend students.

e) University Student Senate

Mr. Goodwin reported that the USS budget was frozen. This is a serious detriment to student lobbying efforts.

8. New Business

a) Club Hours

A motion was made to adopt a 4-6 PM on Thursday club hour for evening students and to maintain the original 12-2 Thursday club hour.

After discussion, the motion was amended to endorse the adoption of a 4-6PM Thursday club hour.

The motion was carried unanimously.

b) Other matters under New Business are postponed until next meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Bass  
Secretary