

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 14 May, 1992, 12 PM, BH226

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

STUDENTS: J. Avarado, R. Baskerville, B. Goodwin, C. Jefferson, M. Marcelle, K. Nash, D. Perroneau, E. Richardson, J. Wooley

EXCUSED: R. Brown

GUESTS: A. Fuller, M. O'Riordan

1. Call to order

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes will be postponed until the September meeting.

3. Change of Agenda

Issues and Answers was moved to the end of the agenda to allow time for other items.

4. Announcements

A) Chair

Dr. Lieblich announced that BCC is looking for ways to raise money for a master plan which is needed in order to get money for college improvements. BCC is also trying to raise money for a new childcare center.

Ongoing capital projects include Sage Learning Center, the 8th floor of Colston for Computer Center and Business Office, Campus entranceways, Nichols lecture hall,

infrastructure projects including Colston facade restoration, and asbestos removal. On-going Bronx Borough President projects include Electrical Tech lab equipment, VCRs and Monitors for academic departments, business dept. equipment, Field House, GML Auditorium and Hall of Fame Theatre upgrade, GSC Cafeteria addition, Alumni Gym floor rehabilitation, and the merging of awards to form a \$960,000 "down payment" for a new Child Care Center.

The Executive Committee has recommended that Curriculum Committee be asked to study implementation of the College Preparatory Initiative (CPI). Curriculum Committee voted to co-operate with the Office of Academic Affairs in preparation of a draft implementation plan. Volunteers have made themselves available to work on the implementation during the summer, since the Board of Trustees wants an implementation plan to be ready by December 31. If appropriate, a sub-committee of Curriculum Committee will be formed for this purpose. Recommendations will be presented to the Senate.

Prof. Fogarty, who was elected chairman of Community Board #5, has written to Dr. Lieblich. He stated that Community Board #5, by unanimous vote, has asked the City Council and Mayor Dinkins to restore funds for community colleges in the proposed budget.

The second issue of the BCC Senator has been published. Dr. Lieblich thanked Prof. Spielberger the editor and Anne Scanlon and Maribel Trinidad for their diligent work in producing the issue.

The Student Government Association awards dinner will be held on May 28. Please forward nominations for awards and scholarships.

Dr. Lieblich thanked Dr. Bass for her diligent and careful recording in the overwhelming job of secretary of the Senate.

#### B) Deans

Dean Rempson thanked chairpeople Mr. Wooley and Prof. Skinner for the successful homecoming celebration on May 2. Mr. Wooley thanked everyone who came and participated. He indicated that everyone had a wonderful time. Special thanks were extended to Prof. Capers of Music and Art for a fantastic concert which she performed with a quartet of students and former students.

## 5. University Student Senate Resolution

There was discussion to the effect that the USS should be funded so that it can carry on its business, despite the fact that a few individuals may have misused their authority. It was requested that the Senate draft a motion in support of the USS. It was requested that a draft of the motion be submitted at the next meeting, so that Senators would know exactly what they were voting on.

## 6. Committee Reports

### a) Academic Standing

Prof. Read announced that the Committee passed a motion allowing the English Department to award mid-term grades of "S" (satisfactory) or "U" (unsatisfactory) in remedial English courses for one semester on a trial basis. A report on the experiment will be given at the end of the Fall 1992 semester.

A motion dealing with modifications in the Waivers and Suspension section of the CAS codification was removed from the table.

### b) Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan reported the following items which were approved by acclamation as routine items.

1. English 10 - change in prerequisites.
2. Music 12 - change in catalog description

(editorial)

3. Proposed new curriculum, Health Care Management, A.S., has been returned to the Committee for reconsideration as an option in the Business Administration Curriculum. This will be before the Committee, action possible in September 1992.

### ~~X~~ c) Committee on Governance and Elections

Prof. Miller thanked Harvey Erdsneker and Regina Tobin for their work in editing and updating the College Governance plan by adding the amendments passed since its original publication.

Elected as alternates to the University Faculty Senate were M. Glass and M. O'Riordan.

Ballots have been sent out for the Committee on Instruction and Faculty Development. Two faculty members are to be elected from each division. Only two people were nominated from the Humanities Division, V. Bonelli and A. Pomerantz. Therefore, they are declared elected. The candidates for the Careers Division are Professors Baron, Canada, Ghafoor, and O'Riordan. The candidates for the Science and Technology Division are Professors Alpert, Christian, and Squitieri. Ballots should be returned to Prof. Miller by May 27.

The New Disciplinary Committee procedures are effective immediately. They call for 2 faculty, 2 students and 1 person appointed by the President. The present committee was reduced by lot to conform with this. The new committee includes faculty members J. Suarez and J. Todoro, and students R. Baskerville and M. Montanez. Alternates are R. Canals (faculty) and L. McLane (student.)

At a previous meeting the Committee had ruled that a faculty member on Travia leave is eligible to vote in College elections. However, Dean Fuller has made available a letter from Mary P. Bass, General Counsel for Legal Affairs sent to the Associate Dean for Faculty Relations of City College, dated April 18, 1977, regarding this matter. In the letter, Mary Bass states that "a person on Travia leave may not vote in a departmental election, unless the governance plan of the college provides otherwise." Therefore the ruling of the Committee does not apply to departmental elections.

The questions of having students serve on the College P&B, and the Academic Review Committee, and the question of establishing an ethics committee were postponed until next September.

The following motion regarding the Calendar Committee was approved by the Committee: "To affirm the continued existence of the Calendar Committee, with membership comprising the four senior deans, the three division coordinators, the registrar, a representative of PSC-CUNY, and the College Senate Chair, as liaison to the College Senate. The calendar is to be presented to the Senate for approval."

**MOTION FROM THE SENATE FLOOR:** A motion was made to support the motion of the Committee on Governance and Elections: That the Chair of the Senate be included on the Calendar Committee and report the calendar to the Senate for approval and recommendation to the President.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

d) Committee on Instruction and Professional Development

Dr. Pomerantz reported that the Committee has been asked to decide on the allocation of funds for tutoring.

FROM THE SENATE FLOOR: As a point of information, it was asked if this function is listed in the Governance Plan. In discussion, it was stated that this function is not in the Governance Plan. A suggestion was made that it be submitted to the Committee on Governance and Elections to be formalized and submitted for approval by the Senate.

Dr. Pomerantz further reported that the Committee was preparing a final report on the Spring survey of faculty evaluations of the College.

The Dean's reception for the Science and Technology division will be held on May 20.

e) Student Activities

Ms. Perroneau reported that the Financial Aid Club and Nursing Club were newly chartered. The Education Society was rechartered.

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR: A motion was made to approve the chartering of the Financial Aid Club and the Nursing Club.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

f) University Faculty Senate

Dr. Galub announced that the Chancellor is preparing a statement of financial exigency, and that guidelines for retrenchment procedures are being discussed. Early Retirement is still in doubt. The Chancellor is active on all government levels, seeking funds for the University.

The UFS endorsed the College Preparatory Initiative (CPI). Dr. Galub will provide copies of information on CPI, and will also circulate copies of the memo by Concerned Faculty and the response by the Chancellor.

An ad hoc committee<sup>report</sup> on campus disruptions was accepted by the UFS without debate.

Cuts in the Mayor's budget will mean \$8 million in cuts for the Community Colleges, and possibly \$6 million

more if the Mayor is not able to impose all the taxes he has proposed.

The UFS held elections. Many of the current officers were re-elected. Dr. Galub will provide names of the new officers.

g) University Student Senate

Ms. Richardson announced that Mr. La Mar is graduating. The USS will be meeting to elect a new president.

7. New Business

a) Ombudsperson - Report and Election

Dr. Juechter reported on the activities of the Ombudsperson's office. Dr. Lieblich noted that the office is still listed as "Ombudsman" in the Governance Plan, and this should be corrected.

Before the election for Ombudsperson, it was noted that for this office, each student senator's vote is counted as three votes for this office. Each faculty senator's vote would be counted as one vote.

J. Juechter and K. Fogarty were nominated.

The vote was: K. Fogarty 39  
J. Juechter 15  
abstentions 2

Dr. Lieblich thanked Dr. Juechter for the wonderful job she has done as Ombudsperson.

b) Long Range Planning

Dr. Lieblich is seeking volunteers to be on the committee.

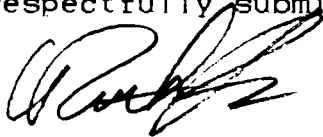
c) Committee on Deans

Dr. Lieblich announced that the Committee on Deans has met and is in the process of formulating proposals for a possible amendment to the Governance Plan that would redefine the Committee's role.

d) Earmarked Funds

Student Government is developing a proposal to earmark a percentage of the Student Activities Fee for the Library and for Music programs. The student body will vote on the proposal in Fall 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Bass', written in a cursive style.

Ruth Bass  
Secretary