

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, November 12, 1992, 3:50 PM, BH226

N. Abdelatif, H. Andima, R. Bass, V. Bonelli, D. Cancienne,  
S. Deonaraine, M. Diehl, B. Ettinger, K. Fogarty, F.  
Francabandera, H. Fuld, A. Galub, D. Gracian, J. Graham, G.  
Lieblich, N. McLaughlin, R. Miller, M. Nickerson, C.  
Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, P. Read, J. Rempson, A. Resto, J.  
Riley, J. Ryan, R. Salgado, J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri,  
B. Stein

STUDENTS: B. Goodwin, R. Mercado, G. Perez, J. Wooley

EXCUSED: R. Brown

GUESTS: A. Fuller, N. Grill, M. O'Riordan

1. Call to order

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 3:54 PM.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting October 15, 1992 were approved with the following corrections.

Page 2, paragraph 2, line 3 should read K. Fogarty.

Page 5. It should be noted that ballots for the presidential search committee were delivered to the departmental offices by hand, but returned through the college mail.

3. Announcements

a) Chair

Dr. Lieblich introduced Dr. Nasser Abdelatif who is the new representative from Engineering.

Dr. Lieblich thanked the staff of the Senator for the new issue. They are J. Spielberger, Maribel Trinidad and Anne Scanlon. He also thanked the contributors who include B. Goodwin, R. Mercado, and C. Polowczyk.

Bruce Hoffacker, Executive Officer of the UFS, has corresponded with the chair regarding the UFS conference on

Strengthening College Governance which will be held on December 4, 1992 at John Jay College. Mr. Hoffacker has also written about the UFS resolution regarding the termination of the faculty senate of the University of the District of Columbia.

B. Goodwin, R. Mercado, G. Perez, J. Wooley, and the other members of SGA are congratulated for the wonderful reception they held for evening students.

This Friday, November 15 there will be a reception for Phi Theta Kappa, the honors society, at 7:30 in the Rotunda. Everyone is invited.

The retirement dinner for Herb Tyson will be held on November 20.

Thanks to the BCC Duplicating staff for their help and professional work on the minutes and The BCC Senator.

There will be an open forum tonight regarding the Presidential Search Committee to get input from the faculty. The members of the search committee include Thomas Tam, Sylvia Bloom, Charles Innis, Susan Monnier, Raymond Bowen, and Hilda Arroyo, a BCC alumna, as well as the members elected by BCC faculty and SGA. The projected schedule is to screen candidates in February, to interview in March, campus visits in April, and then to report to the Chancellor with a list of the top three candidates. The final selection will be made in May or June.

The Sub-Committee on Diversity and Pluralism requests faculty to return the questionnaires regarding classroom practices.

An article in the November 11 issue of The New York Times indicates that community colleges are experiencing problems nationwide. Perhaps political action is needed.

A letter sent by a group of concerned faculty to President Brown regarding the Presidential Search Committee was read. The letter deplored the absence of women, and women of color on the search committee. It requested that a BCC faculty woman be appointed to the committee.

#### b) Deans

Dean Polowczyk said that the shortened term is going quickly. Final exams will be given right after the last day of classes. Please inform students that the exam schedule will be forthcoming.

#### 4. Issues and Answers - Space and Facilities

Dean Cancienne made a presentation of information regarding space and facilities. He indicated that there was an ad hoc committee on space and facilities that would be meeting next week.

He indicated that the College has 970,000 square feet classified as outside growth square footage. It is entitled to one custodian for each 14,000 of square footage. Of this, 552,000 square feet are assignable in classifications such as classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls, offices, the gym, the pool, etc. There are 82 assignable classrooms and 34 labs, including the computer lab.

The Dean went over the way in which instructional space is assigned, and indicated how space usage is altered for new programs within a department or when a new program for an outside group was brought to the College. He indicated that sometimes such groups were brought in at the request of people outside of the College such as the Chancellor, that the ultimate decisions were made by President Brown in accordance with his vision of the mission of the College.

The discussion that followed centered on health and safety concerns, and of the needs of academic departments and students as they might come into conflict with the needs of outside programs. It was suggested that there should be faculty and student input into the assignment of space and the quality of the space assigned before such decisions were made. One suggestion was an amendment to the Governance Plan reconstituting the Committee on Space and Facilities.

Regarding outside programs, it was pointed out that some of these programs paid for renovation of College spaces. However, concern was expressed about housing incompatible programs in the same building. Student complaints were reported about fumes generated by vocational programs in buildings where lectures are given. These might be of particular concern to pregnant students or people with asthma. Also reported were student concerns about ventilation in classrooms, because of the recent resurgence of tuberculosis in New York City. There was also a good deal of discussion about designated smoking areas and how to deal with the problems of people who might be allergic to cigarette smoke.

There was much discussion about parking spaces. A faculty member had been mugged in the afternoon in the parking space near Colston Hall. Also cars have been vandalized. It was suggested that there be an escort service to take people to their cars at night, but this would probably not have prevented the daytime mugging. Installation of "panic buttons" around the campus was suggested. The Dean indicated that there would be a security booth near Colston Hall with a guard. He indicated

that the Automotive program is trying to move cars they use for practice from prime parking areas.

## 5. Committee Reports

### a) Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan reported the following items.

Policy Implementation: Recommendations of the Subcommittee on the A.A.S. Curricula, implementing the resolution adopted in the Curriculum Committee and approved in the senate in the Spring of 1990. The core courses for A.A.S. curricula are herein defined and all A.A.S. curricula are herein defined and all A.A.S. pattern sheets are restated according to uniform norms. This is an informational item; no further Senate action is needed.

Policy statement: Recommendations concerning the implementation of the first phase of CPI (Fall, 1993) at BCC were approved. Students who pass the WAT and DTLs tests will get 2 units of English credit, and each college English course will be considered one more unit. Students who pass the Math Assessment Test and who have not had High School math will be given one unit. A.A.S. curricula that can't meet CPI requirements will require a waiver. The central board is imposing a ceiling of 66 required credits for any new curricula.

New Course (experimental): English as a Second Language - Intensive. 12 rec. 0 cr. was approved.

### b) Governance and Elections

Professor Miller announced that the Committee welcomes suggestions for amendments to the Governance Plan.

The Committee ruled that the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development has the authority to make recommendations on the allocation of tutoring funds.

Peter Richter of the Library has been elected to the vacant Science Division slot on the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development.

A. Galub was elected as the third faculty representative to the Presidential Search Committee.

Monday at 2:30 ballots will be counted for the election of faculty members to the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee.

Nomination forms have been sent out for delegates to the University Faculty Senate. Although two delegate terms are expiring, we may only replace one, due to the shrinking size of the faculty. We will be electing one delegate and one alternate.

The Committee approved the following amendment to the Governance Plan for presentation to the Senate.

To IV. THE COLLEGE PERSONNEL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE add:

f. Two (2) students elected by the Student Government Association, subject to the requirements for Student Government Association Senators. The length of term for the students shall be one (1) academic year. The students shall have voting rights. If any faculty member requests that the student members absent themselves from personnel deliberations, they will do so without giving up their right to vote and/or make recommendations.

#### 6. Proposed Amendment: Student on the P & B

The Chairperson suggested that the proposed amendment reported by Governance and Election not be discussed. He asked members to raise questions at the current meeting which would be answered at the next meeting. He also suggested that a committee be formed to prepare a list of pros and cons regarding the amendment. Prof. Riley offered to organize the committee.

A number of questions were asked and possible changes suggested. The following motion was made and seconded:

To allow answers today to some of the questions that can be easily responded to.

The question was called.

The vote on the motion carried 14 for, 7 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

It was agreed that the remaining committee reports on the agenda would be postponed until the next meeting to allow discussion on the amendment.

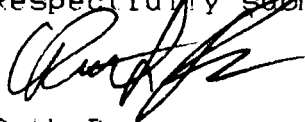
The discussion included the following concerns. It was suggested that the last sentence of the proposed amendment should be deleted, because one would have difficulty making decisions if one was not at the discussions. The possibility of conflicts of interest was raised. In cases where a student might be voting on one of his/her teachers. The opinion that faculty are members of a

profession and are voting on their peers was voiced. Other speakers indicated confidence that student senators would act in a responsible and professional manner, and that they might be able to judge credentials just as a faculty member from one discipline could judge the credentials of faculty in other disciplines. It was indicated that there are students on the P&B of John Jay, Medgar Evers, and the Graduate School; also that students would be representing a constituency of 7000.

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ruth Bass  
Secretary