

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, March 18, 1993, 3:50 PM, BH226

R. Adewumi, H. Andima, R. Bass, V. Bonelli, S. Deonarine, H. Erdsneker, B. Ettinger, K. Fogarty, F. Francabandera, H. Fuld, A. Galub, D. Gracian, J. Graham, S. Hoberman, W. Hynes, G. Lieblich, R. Miller, C. Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, R. Rasag, P. Read, A. Resto, J. Riley, M. Russell, J. Ryan, M. Rosenstock, S. Saddawi, R. Salgado, H. Skinner, J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, J. Todaro, B. Witlieb

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

EXCUSED: R. Brown

GUESTS: M. Bates, M. Cummins, A. Fuller, C. Honda, J. Missick, M. O'Riordan, R. Quinn, A. Smith, M. Stern

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Lieblich called the meeting to order at 3:55 PM.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Chair

Dr. Lieblich announced that there was limited parking on campus due to the snow. Dean Cancienne has informed him that professional snow pushers will be hired if there are future snow storms. Work on 20 new parking spaces behind Stevenson Hall will be started next week. Work on the facade of Colston Hall is planned. There will be a meeting of the Space and Facilities committee to discuss parking problems on March 24 at 1 PM. Students wish to be informed of Space and Facilities Committee meetings.

The Committee on Deans has made a suggestion to the Committee on Governance and Elections for an amendment to the Governance Plan.

The Irish Heritage celebration on March 12 honored Dean Fuller and Mr. James Campbell.

There will be a luncheon on March 26 in the Rotunda from 12-2 to celebrate Women's History Month. Geraldine Ferraro and Phyllis Read will be honored.

A pre-Passover celebration will be held on April

The Hall of Fame Foundation Dinner will be held on April 14 at the Sheraton Hotel.

The luncheon for the Child Care center will be held on April 23.

The BCC Cultural Week will be held beginning April 26. Mr. Mercado is requesting suggestions from faculty and others, so that all groups will be included. Charles Fleming, a BCC alumnus who is now U.N. ambassador to Saint Lucia, will be honored. There will be discussions with Russian visitors.

A delegation is going to Albany to meet with state legislators regarding the state budget. Those interested in going should see Mr. Goodwin or Dr. Lieblich.

The Presidential Search Committee is interviewing candidates this weekend. Please forward questions you would like to have asked. Ten out of approximately 45 applicants are being interviewed. The five finalists will be making campus visits in April.

b) Deans

Dean Polowczyk announced that the Calendar Committee is meeting. At a preliminary meeting of the deans and registrar, it was decided to continue with a calendar that includes 13 weeks of classes. For Fall, 1992 in which the 13 weeks of classes was tried experimentally, the number of ABS grades was down by 30%. The time for the common hour has not been decided on.

On March 8 there was a plenary session on the BCC response to the Chancellor's Committee on Academic Program Planning Report.

Faculty are urged to attend Freshman Convocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 1993 were accepted by a voice vote.

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1993 were accepted by a voice vote with the following correction. A. Resto was present.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan reported the following new actions:

A) Revision of an Existing Curriculum: Paralegal Studies, Lay Advocate and Lawyer's Assistance Options, Dept of Business, approved 17-0-0.

B) Revision of an Existing Curriculum: Electrical Technology: Dept. of Engineering Technologies, approved 17-0-0.

C) New Course (experimental) : Tapping the Multicultural Roots of Success 2 rec. 1 cr. Dept of Student Development, approved 9-8-0.

D) Revision of an existing course: Bio 50: from "Biology and the Law" 3 rec. 3 cr. to "Biology, Bioethics and the Law" 2 lec., 2 lab. 3 cr. Dept. of Biology, approved 15-0-0.

E) New Curriculum Option: Health Care Management Option, Business Administration AS, Dept. of Business, approved 10-0-1.

b) Governance and Elections

Prof. Miller reported that the committee had approved an amendment to the Governance Plan to establish a Committee on Space and Facilities (here attached.)

An election was held for BCC delegates to the University Faculty Senate. R. Adewumi was elected adjunct delegate. M. Glass and G. Riley were elected alternates.

A protest regarding the results of the election for faculty delegate to the University Faculty Senate was made to the committee. The protest was based on the fact that one candidate had written to the chairperson of the committee withdrawing from candidacy and mailed the letter in the College mail on November 16. The chairperson did not receive the notice until December 3 when some of the ballots had already been sent to college departments. Therefore the name of the withdrawn candidate was printed on the ballots. A notice was sent to each department notifying them of the change. However, the withdrawn candidate received nine votes, suggesting that some faculty did not know of the withdrawal.

The margin between the two leading contenders was two votes. Therefore, the committee voted to rerun the election for this one office.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to ratify the decision of the committee to rerun the election.

AMENDMENT: It was moved that the election be rerun including a reopening of nominations. This was seconded and ruled to be an amendment to the original motion.

The amendment was defeated: 12 yes, 17 no, 3 abstain.

In the discussion of the original motion, the question arose as to whether another candidate who was running for delegate could withdraw. Dr. Lieblich ruled that this was irrelevant. If the motion carried, any individual who wished to withdraw could do so subsequently.

VOTE: The motion carried 26 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain

Prof. Miller announced that nomination papers for the at-large members of the College Senate had been sent out and were due shortly.

c) Instruction and Professional Development

Dr. Pomerantz announced that a workshop on faculty and student expectations and responsibilities is being held today. A workshop is planned on caring for aging relatives and friends.

d) Student Activities

Dr. Missick reported that the committee chartered the following groups: the Rainbow Club, Forensics Club (reactivated) and the Veterans Club. The Senate voted by a voice vote to ratify the decision. The College now has 47 chartered student groups.

e) University Faculty Senate

Dr. Galub distributed the Proposed Resolution of the University Faculty Senate on the Report of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning.

f) University Student Senate

Mr. Wooley reported that the USS was not in agreement with the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning. The USS is working on a new constitution. They are planning a trip to Washington to meet with legislators. Faculty support is requested. A Senior Trip is being planned. Tickets go on sale next week. Faculty are welcome.

g) Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee

Mr. Mercado pointed out that BCC does not have an official code of behavior but together by faculty and students as stipulated by the by-laws. This should be addressed.

5. THE CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PROGRAM PLANNING REPORT -- BCC'S RESPONSE

A draft of a BCC Senate resolution on the report was circulated. Dean Polowczyk indicated that the BCC response should show strength in all science and math areas. Freestanding majors in Math and Chemistry as well as the suggested freestanding major in Biology should be explored. The Humanities Division wishes to study the distribution of Humanities major through the city, since there is concern that minority students will be denied access to Humanities majors.

The report will indicate that the Chancellor's Advisory Committee failed to include medical secretary students when tabulating the number of secretarial students. Dr. Frisz will report to the Curriculum Committee regarding plans to transfer the NYCTC Automotive program to BCC.

The report of The Department of Health and Physical Education circulated previously has been corrected to indicate that "Documentation dated December 17, 1992 from the State Education Department regarding the definition of Liberal Arts does not support the rationale (p.148) that "The State Education Department will not count Physical Education credit toward any degree program's liberal arts/general education distribution of credits." rather the policy of the State Department of Education is to "Accept the widely understood definition of Liberal Arts and to allow reasonable latitude in interpretation.."

The Senate voted unanimously to adopt the Physical Education document as amended.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Bass
Secretary