

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, April 15, 1993, 3:50 PM, BH226

PRESENT: R. Adewumi, R. Bass, V. Bonelli, S. Deonarine, B. Etinger, F. Francabandera, H. Fuld, A. Galub, S. Hoberman, G. Lieblich, R. Miller, M. Nickerson, C. Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, P. Read, J. Rempson, M. Russell, J. Ryan, M. Rosenstock, S. Saddawi, R. Salgado, J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, J. Todaro

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

EXCUSED: R. Brown, N. Canton, D. Gracian

GUESTS: A. Fuller

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Chair

Dr. Lieblich announced that the Calendar Committee had met and decided that next semester would have 13 weeks of classes. The club hour would be Thursdays, 2:30-4:30. Dr. Lieblich indicated that the chairperson of the Senate had not been apprised of or invited to the meeting of the Calendar Committee. (At the Senate meeting of May 14, 1992 the following motion carried unanimously by a voice vote: 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.)

Five candidates for President of the College will be visiting the campus from April 15-20. The various constituencies, which include students, academic department chairpersons, faculty, academic/administrative/student services department heads and support staff, and community outreach program representatives. The Presidential Search Committee will meet on Sunday, April 25 to review the reports from the constituencies and will choose three candidates to present to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will make a recommendation to Chancellor Reynolds who will make the final decision.

The Cultural Festival will commence on April 26. Student Government and Student Activities have planned a wonderful program which will include a flag ceremony, the SGA awards dinner on April 30 and Alumni Homecoming on May 1. Prof. John Hamell will conduct the Hall of Fame Concert on May 1. On Sunday, May 2, an ecumenical service will be held in Gould Student Center.

On April 23 there will be a luncheon for the benefit of the BCC Childcare Center. Please try to attend.

On March 24, Dr. Lieblich went to Albany with BCC students and students from University Heights High School to meet with legislators, including Edward Sullivan, Aurelia Green, and Roberto Ramirez. Each legislator was presented with an Elizabeth Catlett poster.

b) Deans

Dean Polowczyk

Dean Polowczyk announced that the Ford Foundation has awarded \$150,000 to the Bronx Educational Alliance to assist in improving education in the Bronx from kindergarten through college.

The Dean met with the Dormitory Authority and with CUNY Central Planning to select a firm to prepare a Master Plan for BCC. The two finalists are Peter Gisolfi Associates of 566 Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and Perkins, Eastman and Partners in a joint venture with Buckhurst, Fish, Hutton, Katz and Jacquemart of 437 Fifth Avenue.

A delegation from the Russian Republic will visit BCC, one group arriving in New York on Saturday night, and a second group on Sunday night. On April 20 they will visit the campus and participate in a roundtable discussion in the TV studio. The delegates come from Baltic University, Moscow Business University, and International Business University.

The main speaker at the Cultural Week will be Charles Flemming, a BCC alumnus who is U.N. Ambassador to Saint Lucia.

The Danforth Foundation will be visiting the campus on May 21 or 22.

Health and Hospital Workers Union local 1199 will not be putting a school in McCracken Hall due to lack of funds. District 9 is interested in putting a model middle school on campus.

New York City Technical College has voted to transfer its Automotive program to BCC. The program has 200-250 students. The current plans are to renovate the basement of Nichols. The College is not yet prepared to move the Music Department to Bliss. Dr. Frisz is making a presentation to the Curriculum Committee. The Automotive Program may be put into the department of Engineering Technologies.

Dean Rempson

Dean Rempson announced that students cannot early register unless they have met the immunization requirements.

Student elections were slated for the first week in May. However, voting machines and the necessary technicians will not be available at that time due to local school board elections. Therefore, the election will be postponed to the week of May 10. We are having difficulty in getting qualified students to run for office. Please encourage qualified students to pick up an application in GSC 309.

Faculty members who wish to take action against a disruptive student must write a letter to the Dean of Students. However, faculty members should be advised that the student has the right to see the letter.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 18, 1993 were approved was approved with the following corrections.

Page 2, paragraph 3: the spelling should be Charles Flemming

Page 3, Curriculum Committee, item B) the vote was 16-0-1.

Page 4, Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee should include the statement that BCC has never complied with the CUNY requirement to formulate a code of behavior for students.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan announced that the committee had a series of meetings to discuss implementation of CPI and that an 8-page document on implementation was approved. It will appear in the committee minutes of April 13. Departments should revise flow charts to show how students needing to satisfy CPI requirements should do so.

b) Governance and Elections

Prof. Miller announced that there are 22 nominees for Senator-at-Large. They are: H. Balter, M. Bates, C. Daley, F. Donnangelo, K. Fogarty, A. Galub, I. Ghafoor, N. Grill, H. Irby, G. Lieblich, R. Miller, M. O'Riordan, P. Read, J. Riley, J. Ryan, A. Smith, J. Spielberger, L. Squitieri, B. Stein, J. Suarez, B. Wilson, B. Witlieb. Nominations close tomorrow. Nominations will be accepted by phone in the Math Department office. A question was asked as to why HEO's did not get nomination forms for senator-at-large. However, HEO's do not qualify to run for this position.

Prof. Miller received communications questioning the method of balloting for the University Faculty Senate election. There was concern that ballots could be duplicated. He asked if there was a challenge to the election. As nobody challenged the election, he announced the results:

L. Squitieri	54
F. Buianouckas	32

A motion was made to accept the results of the election. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

c. Instruction and Professional Development

Dr. Pomerantz announced that a workshop on caring for aging and ailing relatives and friends will be held on April 29 in TT 332 at 3:35. M. Cummins and C. Honda spoke on their experiences teaching abroad in "East Meets West; West Meets East."

5. ACTION ITEMS

a) Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan requested that the items presented at the meeting of March 18 (here attached) be approved. It was moved and seconded to approve the actions. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

b) Governance and Elections Committee Proposed Amendments

Prof. Miller submitted a list of seven proposed amendments to the BCC Governance Plan (here attached.)

AMENDMENT 1, which would allow students to serve on the College Personnel and Budget Committee, was approved

by the Senate at its January, 1993 meeting and will go to referendum.

AMENDMENT 2, which proposes the addition of a Committee on Space and Facilities, was presented at the March, 1993 meeting. Several suggestions were made for changes. These include changing the title to the Committee on Space, Facilities and Physical Plant. It was suggested to change the wording of function #1 to "serve as a resource regarding the preparation of the master plan." It was suggested that the College Facilities Officer should be a non-voting member. The number of faculty, students, and not-faculty members to serve was discussed.

MOTION - The following motion was made and seconded: To send the amendment back to the Committee for revision of the language regarding the function and the membership.

The motion carried by a voice vote with one no vote.

AMENDMENT 3 which would change the functions of the Committee on Deans was introduced and briefly discussed.

AMENDMENT 4, which would establish a Committee on Instructional Staff Welfare, was presented and briefly discussed. It was suggested that the following language be deleted from Functions: "including salary problems, work load, the working environment, recommendations on discipline, grievances, promotional opportunities and faculty standards, retirement and benefits" as these might be construed as contractual matters. It was suggested that the committee would have an ombudsman-like function for the faculty.

The following amendments were presented but not discussed due to time restrictions.

AMENDMENT 5 would establish a Student Advisory Committee.

AMENDMENT 6 would change Section 1-B of the Revised Governance Plan, approved April 30, 1981 to require the Administration to provide the Senate with information on all matters germane to the programs and operations of the College and its facilities.

AMENDMENT 7 would change the membership of the Curriculum Committee to make the registrar a non-voting member.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Student elections

It was pointed out that in order for the Board of Trustees to act on any amendments, they must receive the amendments by May 13. Student elections will be held on the week of May 10 and will not be finished in time to meet the deadline.

MOTION - The following motion was made and seconded: To have a special student election on referendum items before the general election in order to have the results in time for submission to the Board of Trustees on May 13.

The Dean of Students indicated that his office could not handle such a special election. The Committee on Governance and Elections would run the election.

The vote, by a show of hands, was 13 yes. 11 no. 3 abstentions.

The chair ruled that an abstention is tantamount to non-support and that the motion did not carry. A request for a recount was made and carried by a voice vote. A request was made for secret ballots.

The motion carried: 16 yes 13 no

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Bass
Secretary