

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Of the City University of New York

College Senate Minutes, 11/9/2000

Present: Joshua Abbey, Nasser Abdellatif, Ruth Bass, Madeline Bates, Thomas Brennan, Vincent Bonneli, Ray Canals, Alba Cancetty, Mary Coleman, Marsha Cummins, Diane D'Alessio, Howard Fuld, Arthur Galub, Marjorie Garrido, Paula Gilbert, Kay Ann Goodin, Debra Gonsher, Jamala Johnson, Marcia Keizs, Karla Lawrence, Howrad Lepzetter, Jackson Liautaud, Donna Mangiante, Andrew McInerny, Mark Padnos, Carmen Perez, Rosemary Quinn, Liana Rodriguez, Mary Rogan, James Ryan, Malcolm Shcryer, Antonias Seas, Frank Sharpe, Henry Skinner, Howard Wach, Bernard Witlieb, Sivia Young

Guests: Marcia Cummings, Gemma Hodge, Jennifer Noble, P. Meleties, Alice Fuller, Mac Holden, Andre Hurni, George Sanchez, Isabel Mirsky, Nelson Melendez.

Excused: Allan Glasser, Donna Goetz, Mal Nickerson, Nelson Reynoso, Carolyn Williams

- I. Meeting called to order , 12:22 by Dr. Ruth Bass.
- II. Agenda approved.
- III. Minutes approved.
- IV. President's report: The president and the chancellors attending a presidential retreat.
- V. Announcements/reports:
 1. Dr. James Ryan to speak at University Faculty Senate Conference on "Campus-based General Education", City College, December 1.
 2. Vice President Keizs announced that new faculty lines in the future will be considered, but conservatively. The hope is to guarantee all lines currently in place. There is a commitment to the Spring substitute lines, but no guarantees for the Fall.
 3. The "Student Art Show", to occur in December at the Bliss Gallery, needs works to be submitted by November 27.
 4. Faculty Council: Petition protesting the evaluation of faculty chairpersons has been proposed.
- VI. New Grading System- Isabel Mirsky and Bernard Gantt: The new grading system is now in the college catalogue and is being enforced. BCC was previously out of compliance with City University's practice that dictates a grading system must have **both** pluses *and* minuses, or none at all. There was no vote to change the grade equivalents/ranges by Committee of Academic Standing in June 1998.(A- = 90-92.9, etc.) The students state that the raised grading standards are not consistent with the support available to achieve the grades. V.P. Keizs reported that tutorial programs have not been cut, and that, in fact, some improvements have occurred. Dr. Ruth Bass suggested that the students form a subcommittee to address the issues they have raised concerning academic support and tutoring. Any reconsideration of the grading system must go through the governance process.

- VII. Committee reports and action items:
1. Academic standing: The completion of ABS and INC grades must occur by the 10th week of the following semester. If an extension is needed, the student must get permission from the instructor or the chairperson. The Department must submit the extension request to the Senate and it must be approved by the two meeting rule. Financial Aid issues arise if completion of the academic tasks are not in compliance.
 2. Curriculum Committee: Action Item – The Philosophy course has been officially transferred from the Social Sciences Department to the History Department. Other – There will be a change in the name of the preexisting “Stress Reduction and Wellness” course to be named “Stress Management”
 3. Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: Improvements are needed concerning the condition of chalkboards, stairs and windows in Colston Hall, as well as many sidewalks on campus.
 4. Student Government Association: The 2nd Annual Talent Show scheduled for December 1. The rechartering of student clubs needs to occur, with support from BCC, Inc.
- VIII. BCC Promotional Film – viewed by Senate.
- IX. Meeting adjourned, 1:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

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