

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

Senate Minutes: 2/8/01.

The College Senate:

Present: Nasser Abdellatif, Ruth Bass, Madeline Bates, Madeline Bates, Kathleen Berger, Vincent Bonelli, Ray Canals, Marty Cohen, Mary Coleman, Diane D'Alessio, Howard Fuld, Marjorie Garrido, Paula Gilbert, Allen Glasser, Donna Goetz, Kay Anne Goodin, Debra Gonsler, Jamala Johnson, Tyrone D. Josie, Roman Kossak, Marcia Keizs, Miguel Lejara, Jackson Liautaud, Andrew McInerny, Virginia Mishkin, Nelson Melendez, Carmen Perez, Rosemary Quinn, Phyllis Read, Nelson Reynoso, Liana Rodriguez, James Ryan, Malcolm S. Schryer, Brenda Scranton, Frank Sharpe, Henry Skinner, Jeff Spielberger, Michele Stern, Jerome Thomas, Howard Wach, Carolyn Williams, Bernard Witlieb, Silvana Young, Ali Zaidi.

Guests: Alice Fuller, Bernard Gantt, McThaddeus Holden, Andre Hurni, Nadine Posner, Nancy Ritze.

Additional Guests: John Davis, Kenneth Fogarty, Germana Glier, Maria Psarelli, and Kathy Williams.

Excused: Marsha Cummins.

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Ruth Bass, at 12:30 PM.
- II. Announcement made that Chancellor Goldstein would not be in attendance at the meeting, as expected. Agenda for today will include regular reports and moves for pending actions. The notes from the last Senate meeting were not distributed, as Donna Mangiante was unable attend today. Marjorie Garrido will take notes instead.
- III. President's Report
 - A. Enrollment for this semester has exceeded that of fall 2000 by 3%, and spring 2000 by 5%. While it is good news, it also raises the target for future enrollment. President Williams gave thanks to all enrolled in the enrollment management efforts.
 - B. President Williams continues to work with University Heights High School and other relevant individuals to develop a new high school on campus, which will share a common philosophy and mission with BCC.
 - C. Presidential grants will continue in the spring 2001 semester. There were ten awards in the fall.
 - D. ACT exit test is now official, but there are still glitches to be worked on.
 - E. Reminder that faculty convocation is on 2/9/01. The speaker will be Terry O'Banion.
 - F. The President's five-year review will be in March 2001. Evaluators will be on campus on from 3/18 to 3/20 to speak to faculty and staff.

IV. Announcements and Reports

A. Chairperson, Dr. Ruth Bass brought up possible issues for the Senate to discuss with Chancellor Goldstein. Possible questions seemed to focus on budget issues.

B. VP Keizs - Echoed thanks for everyone's help with the entire registration process.

1. Announced that there will possible modifications and/or additions to the ACT, including computerized testing and testing for ESL students.

2. There were lots of activities during intersession focused on helping students exit remediation.

3. There will be a 45-credit proficiency exam that will be given to students and which will not replace the WAT. The English Department and Dr. Finkelstein will collaborate on workshops to help students pass this test.

4. Writing intensive courses are in place to help students with writing skills.

5. A Therapeutic Recreation Associate Degree, through the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Wellness, will be considered at the next CUNY-wide meeting. It will have an articulation program with Lehman.

6. Faculty lines will be added for the fall 2001 for some departments.

7. The WAT no longer exists. The ACT replaces the WAT. Students who registered prior to fall 1999 and transfer students who registered before fall 2000 are exempt from the proficiency exam, provided that they passed the WAT. If a student has completed all requirements for graduation, but has not passed the proficiency exam, it is possible for him/her to continue in a CUNY senior college. The student will have to take the proficiency exam at the 4-year school.

8. The ACT can be taken until 2003, after which students will have to take the proficiency exam. Rules may be obtained from Dean Ritze.

C. VP Coleman - Enrollment grew beyond our expectations and as a consequence, we do not have to take any other measures to further cut our budget.

1. The Governor put forth a budget for next year, which is not helpful to community colleges. The City cannot remove its current level of support.

2. Everything that the legislature put forth last year has been removed from current negotiations.

3. There are no changes for TAP funds.

4. All registered students will have e-mail accounts.

D. VP Scranton - Beginning her third year at BCC.

1. Announced the first issue of the Student Development Newsletter, which will focus on retention. The newsletter will be distributed at convocation.

2. One hundred to one hundred and twenty-five students will be registered in the Delayed Start Program. The total enrolled students for the spring are 6,918.

3. The dates for summer school will be from 6/18 to 7/26. The Immersion program will be from 6/25 to 7/26.

4. Final rosters will be available on 2/16.

5. We are down by 262 applications for admission because of the new CUNY allocation system, but enrollment management surpassed this number by 253.

6. There will be 2,973 book vouchers for students who qualify. A new procedure will be implemented for the fall 2001 semester to help reduce lines and allow students to get books early. Vouchers can be used only at BCC bookstore because of the contract with the bookstore. Student Development is looking to keep the bookstore open on evenings and Saturdays for the first two weeks of classes.

7. The final rosters will not take into account the pre-requisite requirements for specific courses.

8. Telephone registration is in effect but not many students are using it. VP Scranton stated that she would like to include the instructions for telephone registration in the Schedule of Classes in English and Spanish.

E. Dean Ritze - a statistical comparison of where we are compared to five years ago shows that although our enrollment numbers are lower, our graduation rates have increased.

V. Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Academic Standing - no report

B. Curriculum Committee - Prof. Glier, Chair of the Mathematics Department requested that motion "C" be removed from the agenda in order to postpone the vote on that item today. The motion was seconded and it appeared as if the motion would not be discussed until April's Senate meeting. Discussion focused on whether items B and D would be voted on. Items B and D were passed without further discussion. A lengthy and heated debate on item C took place. Item C proposed to include Math 12 to satisfy the math requirement in the Liberal Arts track. The Math Department opposes this change, as Math 12 was designed for students on a career track, not planning on continuing to a 4-year school. It was countered that 71% of the Curriculum Committee voted to include

Math 12; 19% voted to call the question and 17% voted to leave it as is. A vote was taken and the results were: 24-20-1. Twenty-four senate members voted to include Math 12 in the Liberal Arts Curriculum, twenty to keep it as such, and one abstention. A secret ballot vote was requested and denied. The issue that stopping discussion of this matter may have been parliamentary correct, but inappropriate towards colleagues was raised.

- C. No report by Deans' Committee.
- D. Governance and Elections Committee - Howard Lepzelter is the CLT representative and Alba Cancetty is the HEO representative. Nominations for Senators will be needed late in March. There will be 15 at-large openings.
- E. Instruction and Professional Development - report on student evaluation forms will be given at the next Senate meeting.
- F. Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant - report will be given at the next Senate meeting.
- G. Student Activities - there are many activities planned for Black History Month and the students will have a Valentine's Day dance.
- H. Student Government - no report
- I. University Faculty Senate - Suggestion that plagiarism on campus be discussed. Suggestion that Chancellor Goldstein be asked about raising money for BCC.
Faculty Council - postponed until March meeting.
- J. University Student Senate - no report.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Garrido 