

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

College Senate Minutes of December 13, 2001

The College Senate

Present: Nasser Abdellatif, Andrew Akinmoladum, Ruth Bass, Madelaine Bates, Vincent Bonelli, Thomas Brennan, Alba Cancetty, Mary Coleman, Diane D'Alessio, Monique Francis, Patricia Fraticelli, Marilyn Gagion, Marjorie Garrido, Paula Gilbert, Allan Glasser, Donna Goetz, Debra Gonsher, Marcia Keizs, Roman Kossak, Erika Leon, Howard Lepzelter, Charles Maliti, Donna Mangiante, Andrew McInerney, Mark Padnos, Helen Papas-Kavaalis, Ivan Petrovic, Marianne Pita, Rosemary Quinn, Phyllis Read, Christina Sassi-Lehner, Brenda Scranton, Carlos Sierra, Frank Sharpe, Henry Skinner, Michele Stern, Howard Wach, Khalilah Walton, Kathleen Williams

Guests: Howard Clampman, John Davis, Alice P. Fuller, Bernard Gantt, Andre Hurni, Isabel Mirsky, Jennifer Missick, Nancy Ritze

Excused: Kathleen Berger, Frederick DeNaples, President Carolyn Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Dr. Ruth Bass.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes were approved with the following corrections:#4: Clapman corrected to Clampman and #8B: delete lines 6 and 7, "we...meeting"
4. Vice President Keizs (for President Carolyn Williams) announced that the Presidential Grant recommendations have been received and responses will go out during the week of December 17.
5. Dr. Ruth Bass reported that a special Senate Executive Council meeting was held on November 16 that included a discussion of the budget in reference to the pooling of resources in non-academic areas. Dr. Bass also announced that Professor Don Read has been elected Chair of the Committee on Governance and Elections.
6. Vice President Marcia Keizs , report on academic affairs: a) Dean Nadine Posner is recovering well and will return after Christmas. Projects are moving, with assistance from Dr. Jason Finkelstein. b) Adjunct positions have been advertised. c) The budget notwithstanding, full-time faculty lines will be advertised, with a priority to replace retired faculty.
7. Professor Phyllis Read, report on Faculty Council: a) The Chancellor will oppose an early retirement incentive this year, as the University cannot currently afford to lose full-time faculty and staff. He hopes to see no loss of positions because of economic constraints. b) In the October resolution to support academic freedom the University Faculty Senate voted positively across the boards.
8. Vice President Scranton announced Bernard Gantt as the new Dean of Academic Enrollment. Mr. Gantt reported that, as of December 13, the number of registered students was 3,467 and reports on the statistics of

those students will be divided by curriculum and distributed to Department Chairs.

9. Vice President Mary Coleman, report on budget: a) Instead of the anticipated 15% budget cut to the University, the total cut is projected at \$19 million. The University projects that BCC may be \$150 thousand short of promised revenue. We may be required to implement some staffing freezes, but we hope to hold on to all full time positions. Financial plan revisions are due by the week of December 17. b) Auxiliary Enterprises had a meeting. From the general fund budget of auxiliary Enterprises, the bookstore provides approximately 50% of the revenue. Vice Presidents, Deans and Chairs have been requested to get copies of book requisitions to Vice President Coleman as soon as possible. c) BCC, Inc, held its first meeting on November 28. Copies of the minutes of that meeting will be circulated to the Senate and the Faculty Council.

10. Committee Reports:

- A) 1. Academic Standing: Isabel Mirsky reported that a change in the criteria for eligibility for the Dean's List is being discussed. 2. The issue of eliminating doubtful cases (1.95 GPA) will come back to the Senate in February
- B) Curriculum Committee: 1. The motion to approve a change in the course title/description of PEA 41 – Beginning Modern Dance was unanimously approved by voice vote. 2. A motion to approve changes in prerequisites and corequisites in EDU 16, 24, 26 and 30 (change to EDU 10 as a prerequisite or corequisite) was unanimously approved by voice vote. 3. A motion to defer the issue of CLEP exams to the February meeting was carried unanimously.
- C) Instruction and Professional Development: 25 Presidential Grants have been received and are being considered. Call Betty at 5423 for information on Grant/Research opportunities.
- D) Governance and Elections: Voting on the determined nominations will take place in early February.
- E) Space, Facilities and physical Plant: no report
- F) Student Activities: Clubs have been chartered.
- G) Student Government Association: Thanks were extended to faculty involved in the Town Hall meeting. Efforts to recruit students to protect the BCC budget are still active.
- H) University Faculty Senate: 1. Dr. Debra Gonsler presented a motion to take a University-wide look at Security. 2. Currently, fundraising activities are crucial.
- I) University Student Senate: A task force is being developed to research the CUNY immigration law.
- J) Vice-Presidents and Deans: no report.

11. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully, Donna Mangiante