

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

College Senate Minutes of February 14, 2002

The College Senate

Present: Andrew Akinmoladum, Ruth Bass, Madelaine Bates, Kathleen Berger, Vincent Bonelli, Thomas Brennan, Alba Cancetty, Mary Coleman, Diane D'Alessio, Frederick DeNaples, Rebecca Encarnacion, Monique Francis, Paula Gilbert, Allan Glasser, Debra Gonsher, Kayanne Goodin, Roman Kossak, Erika Leon, Howard Lepzelter, Charles Maliti, Donna Mangiante, Andrew McInerney, Mark Padnos, Ivan Petrovic, Marianne Pita, Rosemary Quinn, Don Read, Phyllis Read, Christina Sassi-Lehner, Malcolm Schryer, Frank Sharpe, Henry Skinner, Michele Stern, Howard Wach, Carolyn Williams, Kathleen Williams, Ali Zaida

Guests: Howard Clampman, Marsha Cummins, John Davis, Bernard Gantt, Andre Hurni, Leidy Manon, Jennifer Missick, Isabel Mirsky, Jennifer Missick, Gabriel Reeney, Nancy Ritze, George Sanchez, David Schulster, David Taylor, Mitch Wenzel.

Excused: Helen Papas-Kavalis

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Dr. Ruth Bass.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes were approved.
4. Report from President Carolyn Williams: **A)** A chief Librarian, Dr. Theresa Dr. Mannus has been hired – thanks to Dr. Padnos for serving as acting librarian and thanks to Dr. Gonsher for chairing the search committee. **B)** Letters have been mailed in response to those who applied for faculty/staff development grants – thanks to Dr. Kathleen Williams for chairing the committee. **C)** A delegation is going to Albany to discuss African-American and Puerto-Rican concerns – President Williams, Vice President Sanchez, Dr. Jason Finklestein and five students will attend.
5. Report from Dr. Ruth Bass: Academic Review Board members have been elected, but as Dr. Gutworth is now acting chair of History, she cannot serve. A list of eligible professors will be circulated to elect one more member to take Dr. Gutworth's place.
6. Report from Professor Phyllis Read, Faculty Council: **A)** The February Faculty Council meeting has been postponed – the next meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 12:10 p.m. **B)** Chancellor Goldstein has requested that the state not participate in early retirement. This issue is being examined.
7. Report from the Office of Academic Affairs: CUNY and Health/Hospitals Corporation have negotiated to upgrade their contract with the intent to increase enrollment in Allied Health.
8. Report from Vice President Mary Coleman: **A)** For 2002 the budget cut has been decreased from a \$2.7 million cut to \$1.3 million. The University gave us approximately \$500,00. The remaining \$730,00 cut has been

implemented via vacant positions, part-time staff, substitute lines and OTS. **B)** The Mayoral cut of \$700,00 eliminates honors programs. **C)** A \$13 million cut is anticipated for next year – BCC’s portion of that cut is projected at \$1.5 - \$1.7 million. **D)** The University will be investigating campus construction needs – for BCC a bid opening for the Child Development Center will go out in March and by the spring construction will commence in the library as well as reconstruction of the locked rooms and the sound system in the rotunda.

9. Report from Dean Bernard Gantt: **A)** Assistance for students with psychological problems has been instituted, allowing \$75 for fulltime students and \$37.50 for part time students per semester. **B)** Dr. Missick and Vice President Scranton will attend an AACC conference. **C)** The current enrollment is 7,300. **D)** The result of the lawsuit on issues of undocumented students has resulted in favor of the University. 81 students are in this category at BCC.
10. Report from Dr. Jennifer Missick, BCC, Inc.: **A)** On November 7 \$ amount allocations to chartered clubs were discussed at the Budget Committee meeting. Dr. Rosemary Quinn raised the issue that the business club received \$100, a considerable decrease from past years. Vice President Coleman emphasized the importance of student representation at Budget Committee meetings in order to secure funds. Budget Committee meeting schedules will now be published on Broadcast.
11. Committee Reports and Action Items
  - A) Academic Standing: Two items passed at Academic Standing – 1. Dean’s List requirements are 3.2 GPA/semester and 3.0 GPA/year; both carried unanimously via voice vote at Senate. 2. The “doubtful case” policy, where students, on an individual basis, are allowed to graduate with a 1.97 GPA: vote at Senate resulted in 11 yes, 22 opposed.
  - B) Curriculum: 1. Action items 1 a and 1 c from 2/11 curriculum committee, College credit for CLEP exams and Early childhood, Bilingual early childhood and Special education certificates are deferred to the next Senate meeting. 2. Speech Pathology option carried unanimously via voice vote. 3. Medical Technology Certificate carried unanimously via voice vote. 3. Instituting Writing Intensive Courses: 28 yes, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.
  - C) Governance and Elections: A memo has been drafted to start a series of nominations
  - D) Instruction and Professional Development: no report.
  - E) Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: Eight contractors are on campus now in the process of construction.
  - F) Student Activities: IOC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 12 – 2 p.m. Senate requested that student activities events be included in the calendar.

- G) Student Government Association: Student Government elections are scheduled to take place in April.
- H) University Faculty Senate: The Chair of the Committee on Higher Education will be invited to speak at BCC.
- I) University Student Senate: CUNY Day is scheduled for March 7.
- J) Vice Presidents and Deans: no report.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted'

Donna Mangiante