

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the City University of New York

College Senate Minutes of September 12, 2002

The College Senate

Present: Nasser Abdellatif, Andrew Akinmoladum, Ruth Bass, Madelaine Bates, Kathleen Berger, Virginia Bernard, Vincent Bonelli, Thomas Brennan, Alba Cancetty, Mary Coleman, Diane D'Alessio, Frederick DeNaples, Rebecca Encarcion, Sandy Fernandez, Dawn Freeman, Marjorie Garrido, Paula Gilbert, Allan Glasser, Debra Gonsher, Marcia Keizs, Ann Keleman, Mohammed Khan, Roman Kossak, Howard Iepzelter, Charles Maliti, Donna Mangiante, Mark Padnos, Andrew McInerney, Franklin Moore, Helen Papas-Kavalis, Ivan Petrovic, Marianne Pita, Rosemary Quinn, Don Read, Phyllis Read, Nicholas Roldan, Khalid Saleh, Rossney Soljour, Steve Santana, Christina Sassi-Lehner, Malcolm Schryer, Brenda Scranton, Carlos Sierra, Frank Sharpe, Henry Skinner, Martha Soto, Michele Stern, Dagoberto Suero, Howard Wach, Carolyn Williams, Kathleen Williams, Ali Zaidi

Guests: Chris Efthimiou, Jason Finkelstein, Alice Fuller, Arelis Hernandez, McThaddeus Holden, Andre Hurni, Bernard Gantt, Isabel Mirsky, Nadine Posner, Nancy Ritze, Mary Rogan.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Dr. Ruth Bass.
2. A motion to add NYPIRG presentation to the agenda was approved and voted unanimously by a voice vote.
3. The minutes of May 2 were amended as corrected and carried unanimously (correction: Item 7D – instructional, not institutional)
4. Dr. Ruth Bass: A) Election for a Vice Chairperson of the College senate – Nominated: Rossney Soljour and Carlos Sierra; Elected: Carlos Sierra. B) The Chancellor will be invited to a College Senate Meeting this semester.
5. President Carolyn Williams: A) The Convocation will take place on Friday, September 13. B) A recommendation to rename Gould Tech has been presented to the Board of Directors. C) Mary Rogan has been appointed Labor Designee, Legal Council. D) David Taylor is serving as Acting Vice President of Administration and Finance at York College.
6. Vice President Keizs: A) The LPN Program (formerly a certificate program) has been approved by the State Education Department as a credit-bearing program, hence eligible for financial aid. B) Three new certificate programs, Early Childhood, Special Needs and Bi-lingual, have been approved by the state. C) On Wednesday, September 18 a team of sight visitors will be on campus to close the review of changes in admission policies. They will look at the impacts of the policies. Faculty

and administration will be contacted for comments. D) The Center for Teaching Excellence has been launched under Title V. E) The New Faculty Orientation Program has been expanded to include adjunct faculty. A cohort of 13 new faculty from the departments of Health, Education and Wellness; Math; Nursing; Modern Languages and Biology will be involved.

7. Vice President Mary Coleman: A) The overall Community College Budget appears to be \$6 million better. B) The mayor has announced the need for a 7 1/2% budget reduction for community colleges. The BCC reduction portion is approximately \$1 million, but could end up to be as low as \$500 thousand. C) Everyone needs to wear CUNY identification! ID validation must be obtained in Colston, First floor, behind the bursar's office. D) The new parking manual has been published and distributed. E) Three proposals to the city budget have been funded at a portion of the requests. The request are : improvements in Biology Labs, upgrades in Business and Information Technology and improvements for the Playhouse.
8. Vice President Brenda Scranton: A) The "Student Handbook" has been completed and is now available. B) The Scholarship Bank is now located in the Financial Aid Office. C) \$40,000 has been allocated to provide services to students on academic probation. 25% of those students have been identified so far. D) Overall CUNY enrollment is up 5% - the largest increase in 7 years.
9. Mr. Bernard Gantt: A) This year's enrollment target is 7, 450. As of this date 7,140 have enrolled and 6,920 have paid. 430 students are enrolled in special programs. The FTE target is 5,602 – we have surpassed that target B) Open House is scheduled for October 8 – contact Carol White.
10. BCC, Inc. :The first meeting is scheduled for October 23.

11. Committee Reports and Action Items:

- A. Academic Standing: In the Spring the CAS voted on three items: 1- the elimination of a semester honors list. 2- the F-grade policy: students can only replace an F-grade with a C or better and can do so only if 16 or more credits have been accumulated. The student can substitute until graduation. 3- Exemptions: and adhoc committee to examine course substitution has been formed. If a student wishes to substitute a course, the chairperson from the department of that course must give permission.
- B. Curriculum: No report.
- C. Governance and Elections: Don Read – Forms to nominate a full time and an adjunct Senator of Faculty Council have been distributed. Please make sure the candidate is willing to serve. The nominations are due by September 26.

- D. Instruction and Professional Development: Kathy Williams - A) President Williams has initiated the Presidential Grant proposals. They are due October 22 for the period January – June, 2003. B) CUNY Faculty Development proposals are due October 18.
- E. Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: A) \$800 thousand is allocated to Gould Memorial Library – scaffolding is now up. B) New doors are needed in Colston Hall. C) The water analysis project is moving forward. D) The stairs down to the lower parking lot are in disrepair.
- F. Student Activities: No report.
- G. Student Government: The SGA retreat resulted in: planning to get SGA electronically involved on campus; making efforts to get more students involved, overall; and exploring a reduction in cafeteria prices.
- H. University Faculty Senate: no report.
- I. University Student Senate: no report.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Mangiante". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna Mangiante