

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the City University of New York  
College Senate Minutes of April 3, 2003

The College Senate

Present: Andrew Akinmoladum, Ruth Bass, Madelaine Bates, Vincent Bonelli, V.P. Mary Coleman, Diane D'Allessio, Rebecca Encarnacion, Paula Gilbert, V.P. Marcia Keizs, Ann Kelemen, Roman Kossak, Howard Lepzelter, Charles Maliti, Donna Mangiante, Andrew McInerney, Franklin Moore, Mark Padnos, Helen Papas-Kavalis, Ivan Petrovic, Marianne Pita, Rosemary Quinn, Don Read, Phyllis Read, Henry Skinner, Regina Tobin, Howard Wach, Kathleen Williams, Ali Zaidi.

Guests: Howard Clampman, Jason A. Finkelstein, Dean Alice Fuller, Dean Bernard Gantt, Mac Holden, Andre Hurni, Jose Lopez Marron, Dean Nadine Posner, Dean Nancy Ritze, Mary Rogan, V.P. George Sanchez.

Excused: Debra Gonsher, Carry Peppermint, Christina Sassi-Lehner, Malcolm Schryer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Dr. Ruth Bass.
2. The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
3. The minutes of March 6 were approved unanimously by voice vote.
4. President Williams, Dr. Bass and members and guests of the Senate extended congratulations to Phyllis and Don Read on their Wedding Anniversary.
5. Faculty Council: Elections for Faculty Council will be deferred to the Fall, as the May 1 College Senate meeting may need additional time in order to allow for Senate elections.
6. Dr. Marianne Pita, reporting for the Union: Because of pending budgetary constraints, including tuition increases and financial aid cuts, faculty, staff and students are urged to take action by sending cards to congress and by attending the rally on Education Cuts on May 3 in Albany.
7. V.P Keizs: A) Open forums on General education will take place on April 11, 10 a.m., Brown Student center and on May 2, 2 p.m., PH 11. B) The AACCC conference in Texas will include team presentations from BCC on creative teaching and on classroom assessment and outcomes assessment. C) A student and mentee of Dr. Brennan has been accepted to MIT for a summer fellowship.
8. BCC Inc. and Auxiliary Enterprises: No reports.
9. Dean Bernard Gantt: Faculty are encouraged to call with any questions about registration. Registration information will be distributed to all departments by interoffice mail.
10. Committee Reports:
  - a. Academic Standing: no report
  - b. Curriculum: Action items approved by the Curriculum Committee from 3/18 to 4/1 were approved unanimously by a voice vote at the College senate.
  - c. Governance and Elections: Ballots have been distributed for elections of University Faculty Senate,

HEO's and CLT's. Professor Don Read extended thanks to Professors Howard Wach, Frederick DeNaples and Andrew Akinmoladun for their assistance in getting ballots out.

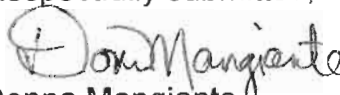
- d. Instruction and Professional Development: Faculty/Staff surveys will be distributed from Dean Ritze's office next week.
- e. Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: No report.
- f. Student Activities: A) IOC Bylaw revisions are being processed. B) A motion to accept Chartered Clubs carried unanimously by a voice vote at the College Senate.
- g. Student Government Association: no report.
- h. University Faculty Senate: A) The Chancellor was unable to attend the last meeting. B) Al Levine spoke at the meeting and addressed tuition increases, pointing out that 4-year college increases are greater than those at 2-year colleges. C) The Chancellor does not have authority to interfere with the establishment of criteria for tenure and promotion. D) Plagiarism and cheating matters are to be investigated at the discretion of individual instructors.
- i. University Student Senate: no report
- j. Vice-Presidents and Deans: no report.

**11.** Report from Dean Nancy Ritze on Bronx Initiative/ ITSP (Institutional Technology Strategic Plan): BCC, Hostos and Lehman are working with consultant Bill Brennan on a plan to address problems and focus on priorities in technology. Goals include the development of common e-mail systems, increased efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The team is discussing how the plan can impact academic efforts. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 10 a.m. in the South Hall Conference Room. Reports on the meetings are available on BCC e-mail. The plan will be completed by the end of the semester.

**12.** Other announcements: A) The Child Development Center Golden Acorn Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April. Helen Papas-Kavalis and Mary Coleman will receive awards. B) The Renaming of Gould Tech is scheduled for May 9. C) V.P. Keizs has received a Fulbright Scholarship to China this summer.

**11.** The meeting was adjourned at 1: 45 p.m. by Dr. Ruth Bass.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donna Mangiante