

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

College Senate Minutes: <sup>41</sup>~~3/4/04~~

College Senate:

*Present:* Nasser Abdellatif, Ruth Bass, Madelaine Bates, Mary Jo Ben-Nun, Vergena Bernard, Vincent Bonelli, Thomas Brennan, Alba Cancetty, Mary Coleman, Sandy Fernandez, Marjorie Garrido, Paula Gilbert, Debra Gonsher, Marcia Keizs, Ann Kelemen, Andrew McNerny, Teresa McManus, Franklin Moore, Helen Papas-Kavalis, Marianne Pita, Rosemary Quinn, Don Read, Phyllis Read, Nelson Reynoso, Lourdes Rosario-Moran, Malcolm S. Schryer, Henry Skinner, Carrie Walker, Kathleen Williams, President Carolyn Williams, Michael Witter, Joan Wilson.

*Guests:* Howard Clampman, Kirk Daley, Alice Fuller, Bernard Gantt, Mac Holden, Nadine Posner, Nancy Ritze, Mary Rogan, George Sanchez.

*Other Guests:* Lisa Amowitz, Frederic De Naples, Laraine Ferguson, Fernando Lopez, and Lynne Tycke.

*Excused:* Donna Mangiante, Maria Psarelli, Howard Wach.

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:25 PM, by Dr. Ruth Bass.
- II. Introduction of and welcome to Trustee, Rita DiMartino and Jay Hershenson, Vice Chair of University Relations.
  - A. Ms. DiMartino praised BCC's leadership and President Williams close working relationship with the Board of Trustees and legislators. She commended BCC for its outreach strategies and stated that private fund raising efforts ought to be increased. Ms. DiMartino said that she is looking forward to assisting BCC in fund raising efforts. She voiced her support for the use of city and state funds to improve BCC's physical environment.
  - B. Ms. DiMartino opened the floor for questions. Michael Witter, SGA, extended welcome on behalf of BCC students. Henry Skinner spoke of the importance of utilizing faculty and staff resources to increase internship opportunities for BCC students. Review of the minutes of the meeting held on 9/11/03.
  - C. Mr. Hershenson mentioned the "Student Express" link that lists all CUNY internships and that is available through the CUNY website. He also discussed the increase in enrollment in CUNY's community colleges, which is 16.5% higher than in 2001.
  - D. Teresa McManus raised the issue of obtaining private funding and possibly naming the library after a benefactor. She also brought up the need for space at BCC and the importance of continuing work on the North Building. Mr. Hershenson agreed and stated that capital funding is needed from the state to assist community colleges.

E. Phyllis Read asked for feedback from the Board of Trustees on the new proposal for tenure. Ms. DiMartino stated that she was not aware of any discussions and Mr. Hershenson said that there have been minor discussions, but that an in-depth discussion will take place after the budget is completed.

F. Ruth Bass asked about plans to modify or end the CPE in CUNY, to which Mr. Hershenson responded that there are no talks about eliminating the CPE. He suggested that concerns be brought to President William's attention so that she can present it to the Board of Trustees.

G. VP Keizs asked that the Board of Trustees consider the quality of work that BCC does in its Honors Program, which has traditionally been the purview of the senior colleges.

III. Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting carried by unanimous voice vote.

A. Marjorie Garrido to take minutes this week.

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2004. Minutes approved and carried by unanimous voice vote, with the following corrections:

A. Correction of page 3, item number 9A: The Curriculum Committee will vote on course prerequisites in Biology and Physics and Technology Programs (Automotive Technology, Electronic Engineering Technology, and Telecommunications Technology).

V. Announcements

A. Elections for the Ombudsperson will be held at the April 29, 2004 meeting. This is a weighted ballot vote, as faculty have one vote and students have three.

B. Annual elections for Auxillary Enterprises and BCC, Inc. will be held and nominations are requested.

VI. There was no President's report.

VII. IOC Constitution and Bylaws Revisions discussed and voted on.

A. Revisions of IOC Constitution approved by a vote of 23 to 4 by IOC.

Four organizations that had been functioning as clubs were grandfathered to IOC as college-wide organizations. These are The Communicator, Theater Workshop, Dance Workshop, and Speech, Drama, and Debate. Votes were unanimous. Faculty advisors for the organizations are appointed by the Department's P & B, with recommendations from students. The faculty advisor can choose to accept or decline the nomination by students and the appointment by the department.

Mary Rogan stated that the document is the same except for the integration of the above change.

Ruth Bass announced that once approved by the Senate, the constitution will be in effect.

A1. The motion to pass the IOC constitution carried by voice vote, with one opposition and no abstentions.

VII. Announcements and Reports

A. Faculty Council met and unanimously opposed the proposed extension of the tenure clock.

B. There were no VP or Deans reports

C. Teresa McManus announced that a Digital Library is now available under the Library's homepage. Faculty can submit awards, publications, and other notable and appropriate information for inclusion.

#### IX. Reports on Auxillary Enterprises and BCC, Inc.

Auxillary Enterprises and BCC, Inc will have meetings within the next two weeks.

#### X. Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Academic Standing - no report.

B. Curriculum Committee:

Action item 1, a through d, carried by voice vote with one abstention.

Action item 2 will return for a vote.

C. Governance and Elections - Awaiting mailing labels to be used for the following: Vote for University Faculty Senate, a poll on the referendum on the tenure clock, and for the amendment to the Governance Plan regarding the Council of Chairs.

D. Instruction and Professional Development - Faculty and Staff proposals have been reviewed and recommendations will be made to President Williams.

E. Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant - no report.

F. Student Activities - no report.

G. Student Government Association - elections are coming up and students will be voting on the Council of Chairs.

H. University Faculty Senate - CCIP funds has given one-million <sup>to buy databases</sup> to all CUNY colleges.

I. University Student Senate - no report.

J. Vice Presidents and Deans - no report.

#### XI. New Business

A. IOC awarded t-shirts to the Vice Presidents.

B. VP Bloom made the following announcements:

1. Disability Awareness Week will take place the week of April 19, 2004.

2. The BCC Health Fair will be held April 15, 2004.

3. Dean's List Reception will be on April 22, 2004 at 12PM in the Gould Memorial Auditorium. The reception honors students who were on the Dean's list in the Spring and Fall 2003. It honors graduating and continuing students.

C. Next Meeting will be on April 29, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie Garrido