

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the City University of New York
College Senate

Minutes of May 11, 2006

Present: A. Akinmoladun, C. Aleong, J. Athanasourelis, L. Augustus, R. Bass, M. Bates, M. Ben-Nun, P. Bloom, V. Bonelli, T. Brennan, M. Coleman, N. Damus, J. Davis, M. Garrido, D. Gonsler, L. Hurley, C. Maliti, D. Mangiante, A. McInerney, T. McManus, I. Mirsky, J. Misick, F. Moore, C. O'Sullivan, H. Papas-Kavalis, M. Pita, M. Psarelli, P. Read, L. Rosario, H. Skinner, R. Tobin, M. Treglia, H. Wach, C. Williams, J. Wilson, R. Wiltshire

Guests: J. Asimakopoulos, L. Broughton, H. Clampman, A. Fuller, M. Gannon, B. Gantt, A. Hurni, V. Mishkin, L. Montenegro, K. Pavletich, N. Posner, M. Rogan, C. Savage, D. Taylor.

Excused: P. Gilbert, A. Lal, M. Schryer

1. **Call to order:** 12:30, Dr. Ruth Bass.
2. **Agenda:** approved unanimously, voice vote.
3. **Minutes:** approved unanimously, voice vote.
4. **Student Ombudsperson Election:** Vincent Bonelli elected unanimously, voice vote.
5. **Committee on Academic Standing:** A) Motion to waive two-meeting rule to vote on changes in codification in section 8.8.3, grade appeals adjudicated by the department (see attached) passed unanimously, voice vote. Vote to approve 8.8.3 passed unanimously, voice vote. B) Motion to approve section 8.8.4, Procedures to Appeal Administrative Grades (see attached) passed unanimously, voice vote.
6. **Curriculum Committee:** A) Motion to vote on all items (see attached) at once passed unanimously, voice vote. B) Motion to waive two-meeting rule passed 29 YES, 1 NO.) Vote on items: 29 YES, 1 NO.
7. **President's report:** A) The Strategic Plan's focus will be presented to the College Senate in September. B) The upcoming events include Commencement and the Gala – all are encouraged to attend.
8. **Vice President's (M. Coleman) report:** A) President Williams will receive an Honorary Doctorate from Quinnipiac College on May 21. Thanks to Dr. Williams for her work with Salzburg and South Africa – Ford Foundation renewed the grant to BCC this year.
9. **Dean C. Savage:** The Honorees at the Gala will include R. Brown, J. Broker and Dr. Angela Diaz.
10. **Governance and Elections:** A) Elected to Committee on Space and Facilities were Charmaine Aleong, Mary Jo Ben-Nun and Luis Montenegro. B) The ballots on the Referendum have been returned and will be posted in September.
11. **University Faculty Senate:** A letter in opposition to on-line degrees was sent on March 3.
12. **A. McInerney:** Vote to amend resolution (change time frame from 1996-2000 to **1990** -2000) passes unanimously, voice vote. Vote on resolution (see attached) passed 29 YES, 4 NO.
13. **Adjournment:** 1:40, Dr. Ruth Bass.

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- 14. Review of Senate Voting Procedures:** Page 3, section 6 of Governance Plan lays out mechanisms of voting that will comply with Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Laws (see attached “Applicability of the Open Meetings law to Senate proceedings”) – to be referred to Senate Executive Council for further discussion.
- 15. Committee on Academic Standing:** Changes to Codification in section 2.4, 4.5.1, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 8.8.4; Addition to Codification in Section 4.2.2 (see attached) – to be voted on at May Senate meeting.
- 16. Announcements/Reports:**
 - A.** Student Ombudsperson will be elected at May Senate meeting
 - B.** Nominations of faculty members for boards of Auxiliary Enterprises and BCC, Inc. will go to Senate Executive Council in May.
 - C.** Correction to Senate Voting List: I. Petrovic is representative for the Math Department.
 - D.** V.P. Sanchez: Surveys on North Instructional building will be distributed
 - E.** Faculty Council: The Council will meet again in the fall; the Golden Acorn Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April 7.
 - F.** Auxiliary Enterprises, Dean Taylor: The Budget Analysis Subcommittee will make a presentation at the next P & B and a formal presentation will be made at May Senate meeting.
- 17. Action Item, Curriculum Committee:** Five items passed at Curriculum Committee (see attached) – to be voted on at May Senate meeting.
- 18. Committee Reports:**
 - A. Governance/Elections:** Election for faculty membership for Divisional Representative on Space/Facilities Committee closes April 7.
 - B. Instruction/Professional Development:** Presidential Grants have been determined; Faculty Surveys will be reviewed by Dean Ritze.
- 19.** Meeting adjourned at 1:25.

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- 20.** Motion to approve Changes in Curriculum, Environmental Technology A.A.S (see attached) carried unanimously, voice vote.
- 21. President’s Report:** **A.** A breakfast meeting on 2/22 sponsored by the chancellor introduced BCC to a new audience of Corporate Business in NY. **B.** Faculty/staff Development Grants have been reviewed by the committee and decisions will soon be made.

- 22. Faculty Council:** The Council will meet on 3/9, 12:15 pm. Agenda items include a report on PSC contract negotiations and a discussion of how to assist Dillard College in New Orleans.
- 23. V.P. Sanchez:** Announcement – The Dean’s List Reception is scheduled for 3/30, 12 pm, Gould Memorial Library.
- 24. V.P. Coleman:** The Assembly has recommended a 10% increase in the budget for community Colleges (a possible increase of FTE funding by \$75).
- 25. OSHA, M. Pulver:** Concerns have been expressed over asbestos on campus. At this point, there is no evidence of “friable” asbestos (the airborne type, which can enter lungs) in classrooms or offices on campus. Call extension 5555 for further information.
- 26. Enrollment, Dean Gantt:** Spring enrollment is 8,629 + 3 to 4 delayed start sections (see attached).
- 27. Student Life, M. Kirk: A.** Spring Speaker Series Schedule: 3/29, 12-1 pm: V. Bonelli; 5/2, 10-11 am: T. McManus, both in Schwendler Auditorium. **B.** As part of Tolerance and Understanding, Peter Rose will speak on April 4, 10 am – 12 pm, Gould Memorial Library.

28. Committee Reports/Action Items:

- a. Committee on Academic Standing: 8.8.3 Grade appeals adjudicated by the department (see attached): discussion ensued and the item will come back to the Senate in April for possible vote.
- b. Governance/Elections: I) An election will be held for faculty representative on Space, Facilities and Physical Plant Committee. II) Recommendation will be submitted to Senate on actions that need to be taken regarding the Open Meetings Law.
- c. Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: The North Instructional Building is on its way; Café/Bookstore renovation has been designed; Child Development Center designs have been presented for review.
- d. SGA: I) 20 students were sponsored to attend the Black Engineers Conference. II) A bus will go to Albany on 3/6 to lobby about tuition issues.

29. Meeting adjourned, 1:30 pm, Dr. Ruth Bass.

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