

**BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the City University of New York**  
**College Senate** Minutes of September 14, 2006

**Present:** A. Akinmoladun, C. Aleong, J. Athanasourelis, L. Augustus, R. Bass, M. Bates, M. Ben-Nun, V. Bonelli, T. Brennan, M. Coleman, A. Durante, M. Garrido, D. Gonsher, G. Guarnieri, C. Juarez, L. Lopez, A. Malgieri, C. Maliti, D. Mangiante, A. McInerney, T. McManus, I. Mirsky, J. Misick, F. Moore, Obayomi, C. O'Sullivan, H. Papas-Kavalis, S. Petries, M. Pita, M. Psarelli, P. Read, L. Rosario, M. Schryer, H. Skinner, R. Tobin, M. Treglia, H. Wach, C. Williams, J. Wilson, R. Wiltshire

**Guests:** L. Broughton, A. Cancetty, H. Clampman, J. Finkelstein, B. Gantt, A. Hurni, M. Kirk, N. Posner, M. Rogan, C. Savage, D. Taylor.

1. **Call to order:** 12:30, Dr. Ruth Bass.
  2. **Agenda:** approved as amended, unanimously, voice vote.
  3. **Minutes:** approved as corrected (spelling error), unanimously, voice vote.
  4. **Vice Chair of Senate Election:** Ms. S. Petrie elected by acclamation.
  5. **Academic Review Board Election:** I. Mirsky elected (17 votes).
  6. **Vote on amendments to BCC Governance Plan:** Two-meeting rule waived, unanimous voice vote. Motion to vote on amendments separately passed, unanimous voice vote. Section B: passed by unanimous voice vote (43). Section C: passed by unanimous voice vote (43). Section A: Motion to vote by secret ballot passed, unanimous voice vote. Section A amendment did not pass – 36 YES, 6 NO.
  7. **Promotions:** M. Coleman, Senior Vice President, June 2006. G. Sanchez, Senior Vice President, September 2006.
  8. **President's report:** **A)** Active planning for the Instructional Building will ensue this year. **B)** Presidential Grant proposals are being reviewed. Spring proposals are due November 9, 2006.
  9. **Vice President's (M. Coleman) report:** Registration must be finalized before completion of financial plan.
  10. **Student Development:** 8,800 students registered thus far, a 3% increase over last fall.
  11. **Dean C. Savage:** **A)** A Homecoming Dinner Dance is scheduled for October 14. **B)** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is planned for April 26 at the Botanical Gardens. President Williams will be honored for 10 years of service.
  12. **Committee Reports:**
    - a. **Curriculum:** H. Clampman elected as Chairperson; S. Davis elected as Secretary.
    - b. **Space/Facilities/Physical Plant:** An infrastructure plan and heating and cooling distribution are being examined.
  13. **Meeting adjourned,** 1:45, Dr. Ruth Bass.
- Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mangiante

**14. 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.

**15. 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.

**16. Action Item, Curriculum Committee:** Five items passed at Curriculum Committee (see attached) – to be voted on at May Senate meeting.

**17. 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.

**18. Meeting adjourned at 1:25.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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**19. Motion to approve Changes in Curriculum, Environmental Technology A.A.S** (see attached) carried unanimously, voice vote.

**20. 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.

**21. 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.

**22. V.P. Sanchez:** Announcement – The Dean's List Reception is scheduled for 3/30, 12 pm, Gould Memorial Library.

**23. V.P. Coleman:** The Assembly has recommended a 10% increase in the budget for community Colleges (a possible increase of FTE funding by \$75).

**24. 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.

- 25. Enrollment, Dean Gantt:** Spring enrollment is 8,629 + 3 to 4 delayed start sections (see attached).
- 26. 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.

**27. 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.

**28.** Meeting adjourned, 1:30 pm, Dr. Ruth Bass.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mangiante