

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid to Students

Minutes of the Meeting held March 24, 1966.

The meeting opened at 11:35 a.m.

Present: Dr. Brickman, Dr. Gottesman, Mrs. Kolliner, Mrs. Moehs,
Mr. Passer, Mrs. Walsh, Prof. Wiecezszak, Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wong.

- I. The minutes of the February 24th meeting were approved.
- II. It was announced that Mrs. Kolliner had joined the committee as a full member.
- III. Scholarship Requests and Awards

The chairman reported receiving a \$170 check from the Grand Street Foundation to help pay the \$270 tuition fees, and other related school expenses of the special student to whom the committee had made a grant of \$150. Judge Goldstein's accompanying letter was read and circulated.

IV. Announcements

(a) The chairman's request of the Bordens Company to include Bronx Community College among the institutions to which they grant scholarships was temporarily denied.

(b) Dr. Wilkinson announced the meeting of the Lucy Stone League on Tuesday, March 29th, and recommended that it be attended by members of the committee.

(c) Page 102 of the recently published B.C.C. catalog, 1965-1967, the contents of which deal with matters of financial aid, has been called to the attention of major contributors to the college financial aid funds.

V. Nursing Grant

Consideration was given to the request for a \$200 grant by a married nursing student with 24 completed credits who is presently on a limited program. The committee wanted

additional information before considering a course of action. It was suggested that the student consider the several loan programs available.

VI. Reports

(a) Copies of current forms and form letters developed for the on-campus work study program were distributed.

(b) Dr. Wilkinson presented a summary report of the loans, grants and scholarships awarded during the fall semester, 1965.

Thirteen (13) loans using \$4225 were made from Federal funds. (Nursing, Cuban, National Defense) Twenty-four (24) emergency loans were made ranging from \$2 to \$50 each, all of which have been repaid.

Fifty-six (56) grants for a total of \$15,775 were made to students in the nursing curriculum from the Lincoln Foundation, Lucy Stone League and Garfunkel funds. Six (6) donor scholarships for a total of \$849.56 were also granted.

(c) The report of the business office on the current status of the college scholarship fund was read to the committee. The extent to which scholarship awards were made from this fund will be announced at the next meeting.

(d) Dean Silverman's letter on the subject of financial aid to non-matriculants was read to the committee. Discussion ensued about the purpose of the proposed investigation into the current policy of aid to non-matriculants. The subject will be explored at the next meeting of the committee. Non-matriculants are not eligible for work-study grants.

(e) The reports on Deferred Tuition Loans for the fall, 1965 and Spring, 1966 were reviewed. Many more loans were made for the spring semester than for the fall. Much of this activity was attributable to the unexpected loss of matriculation requiring payment of fees. Most of the money has already been repaid, and the collection of the outstanding 10% of loans is in process.

The committee will review its current regulation to limit to two weeks the period of these loans, and make a recommendation for procedure for the academic year 1966-1967.

(2) Progress reports on the On-Campus (written by Mrs. Walsh), and Off-Campus (written by Mr. Doer) programs during the fall semester 1965 were circulated. Recommendation was made for additional control and supervision of outside agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Jeanne Walsh

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(Continuation of minutes by Dr. Lillian Gottesman)

The discussion which followed underscored key points:

1. At the close of the fall term, 113 students were employed on campus. Almost 60% of these students were assigned under Category II (Economic Opportunity Act).
2. During the fall and intersession of 1964-65, only 27% of the 77 students employed earned \$60 or more. During the fall term of 1965, about 66% of the students employed earned \$60 or more.
3. Only about 38% of hours assigned in Category III (Vocational Education Act) were used. It should be noted, however, that funds from this category were not available early enough in the term to be used to their fullest extent.
4. More students are working now than ever before. The spring report currently in preparation will reflect this increase.
5. It is possible to use some of these government funds for student tutors. An attempt will be made to implement such a program next year.

The report revealed that the operations of the student aid program is indeed complex. There may be a problem,

too, with regard to communications with other departments. For example, most departments used fewer hours of student aid help than originally requested; several used more. Material explaining and clarifying the many attendant problems has been submitted to Dean Tauber for circularization to department heads.

Hopefully the following relevant questions can be explored at our next meeting:

1. What is our obligation to a student when the department which requested him for the allotted hours does not employ him fully?
2. Is it possible for a department to estimate its needs more realistically?

Gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Walsh and Mr. Beer for their comprehensive reports.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Lillian Gottesman