

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 26 October 1989, 12 pm, BH 226

Present: H. Andima, J. Bacote, H. Balter, M. Bates, V. Bonelli,  
M. Cummins, S. Deonarine, W. Duncan, B. Ettinger, J. Furst,  
A. Galub, J. Graham, F. Haase, W. Hynes, E. Just, L. Leva,  
M. Matthew, J. O'Sullivan, J. Patterson, M. Rosenstock,  
J. Ryan, R. Salgado, L. Squitieri, H. Tyson

Evelyn Ortiz, President (SGA), Suzanna Ramirez,  
Charmaine Reid, Maurice Ford, Senator

Excused: R. Brown, H. Erdsneker, S. Forman, G. Lieblich

Guests: J. Juechter, A. Fuller, A. Pomerantz, A. Nettle

1. Call to Order

Prof. Galub called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. He welcomed the members of the Student Government Association who were present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting, September 28, 1989

The minutes were approved without discussion by voice vote.

4. Announcements

A. Chair of the Senate

Prof. Galub announced that he and the entire Executive Committee will be meeting with Pres. Brown on October 31 at which time the President will report on the current state of the college budget.

Prof. Galub sadly informed the Senate about the death of Annette Peretz's husband. The family was sitting shivah and faculty were invited.

B. Deans

Dean Fuller announced that the budget cuts have already affected the college. As of now there is a hiring

freeze which means that spring openings cannot be filled.

5. Reports from University Bodies

A. University Faculty Senate

Prof. Squitieri related the discussion of the report from the Task Force on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics requested by Vice Chancellor C. Reid-Wallace. The New York Times had evidently published a summary of the task force's findings that City University facilities are outdated and that the types of programs offered in these areas do not meet the needs of the scientific community of students and scholars. A copy of the full report is available in the President's Office and in the library. University Faculty Senators have copies of a synopsis.

Prof. Salgado requested that copies of the synopsis be circulated among the College Faculty Senate. Prof. Galub agreed to do so if the report was not too long.

B. University Student Senate

Ms. Suzanna Ramirez reported that the Student Government had held an organizational meeting at which elections were held.

6. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standing Committee

There was no report.

B. Curriculum Committee

Prof. Ryan announced that no actions had been taken since the last Senate meeting. He said that the committee had appointed a sub-committee to examine the core curriculum in the A.A.S. curricula with the intention of upgrading them. The recommendations are due in December and discussion is scheduled for the spring.

C. Instruction and Professional Development Committee

Prof. Pomerantz was pleased to report that the October 12th workshop, "Coping with Aging Relatives and Friends," was both inspirational and informative.

The next two events planned by the committee are the November 2nd panel entitled "Student and Faculty

Responsibilities and Expectations" and the Reception for the Mathematics/Science Division to be held November 9th.

Prof. Pomerantz announced that a sub-committee had been appointed to study the types of faculty behavior which influence student retention. He also reported that the results of the Faculty Survey were the most positive yet.

D. Student Activities Committee

There was no report.

7. Report of Ombudsperson (discussion held over from 9/28)

Copies of the Ombudsperson's Spring 1989 Report were distributed to the Senate at the previous meeting. At this meeting, Prof. Juechter introduced herself and described the responsibilities of the Ombudsperson to the Student Government representatives.

Prof. Juechter described the variety of cases handled by her office. A lively discussion followed. In reaction to the student petitions, Dean Kor reviewed the normal channels for resolving academic problems prior to circulating petitions. (For example, students can consult with the faculty member, the Chairperson of the department, or the Dean of Academic Affairs.) Examples of poor communication included not providing a course outline and not responding adequately to students' questions. The discussion of inadequate teaching methods brought up a question concerning the need for and type of final examinations. Dean Fuller pointed out that the Faculty Handbook states that examinations are to be given but that term papers can be used in certain circumstances as alternatives. She also said that the Office of Academic Affairs will be reviewing with Chairpersons the policy of examinations and to determine whether a writing component is an aspect of the course.

Prof. Juechter reminded the Senate that there is an election of the Ombudsperson scheduled for the spring. The next report is due in December.

Prof. Galub thanked Prof. Juechter for her report.

8. Mathematics Department Resolution (discussion held over from 9/28)

Prof. Just provided a background summary of the resolution for the benefit of the student representatives. During the discussion, Dean Fuller pointed out that proposals from the College to the University Administration are submitted by the Office of the President. Consequently, response would be made to the President's Office and not to the Faculty Senate. Prof. Just amended the resolution to replace the

phrase "B.B.C. Senate Chairman" with "President of the College or his designee." The ammendment was seconded and passed by voice vote.

9. Discussion of Faculty Payroll

Prof. Furst presented a variety of ways that payroll checks could be distributed (through department offices, a faculty window, the mail, or directly to the bank). A motion requesting the Dean of Administration to set up an ad hoc committee consisting of one representative from the Faculty Senate, one from Student Government and one from his office to discuss alternative procedures for check distribution was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote. The committee is to report back to the Senate at the November 30th meeting.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

November 30, 1989 12 pm.

12. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Eates, Secretary