

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 30 November 1989, 12 pm, BH 226

Present: J. Bacote, H. Balter, M. Bates, D. Blot, D. Cancienne,
M. Cummins, S. Deonarine, S. Eversole, S. Forman,
S. Friedlander, J. Furst, A. Galub, J. Graham, F. Haase,
W. Hynes, E. Just, L. Leva, G. Leiblich, J. O'Sullivan,
J. Patterson, C. Polowczyk, J. Rempson, J. Riley,
R. Salgado, L. Squitieri

S. Ramirez, M. Estevez, C. Reid, M. Ford

Excused: R. Brown, H. Andima, S. Hoberman, H. Tyson

Guests: A. Pomerantz, R. Kor, A. Fuller, B. Cash

1. Call to Order

Prof. Galub called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

3. Hurricane Hugo Drive - raffle drawing

Dean Rempson conducted the drawing for the Hurricane Hugo raffle with the assistance of Student Senators Maurice Ford and Charmaine Reid. The winners were: Angel Resto (\$100), Sonia Grafton (\$50), and Ralph Krassel (\$25). Dean Rempson congratulated the winners and expressed his thanks to the Senate for hosting the drawing and to all who had contributed to the cause. He said that John Morales of the Business Department was investigating the best way to distribute the money which had been collected. Prof. Bacote recounted the horror of the hurricane as it had affected members of his family who live in South Carolina.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting, 26 October 1989

The minutes were approved by voice vote as amended.

5. Announcements

A. Chair of the Senate

Prof. Galub announced that the Mathematics Department Resolution had been referred to the President's Office to forward to the Board of Higher Education.

Concerning the University Policy on F Grades (attached), Prof. Galub reported that he had submitted a letter to the

Board of Trustees requesting that consideration of the resolution be postponed. He also attended the public hearing which preceded the 27 November 1989 meeting of the Board and the resolution was, in fact, postponed for consideration until the next meeting on 8 January 1990.

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on 21 November to prepare the agenda and to discuss the selection process for students to serve on the Judiciary Panel.

B. Deans

There were no reports; however, Prof. Galub requested Dean Cancienne to report on the Capital Budget at the next meeting of the Senate, which he agreed to do.

6. Reports from University Bodies

A. University Faculty Senate

Prof. Galub reported that the Senate had passed a resolution urging the appointment of a Blue Ribbon Panel for Science, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics to make recommendations to the University on how to proceed in light of the report of the Task Force on those disciplines. (A synopsis of the report was distributed at the meeting.)

The Senate passed the following resolutions: requesting alternative means of payroll distribution; urging that administrative search procedures be conducted for all senior level positions; stating their concern about the murder of university officials in El Salvador and urging for justice.

B. University Student Senate

Mr. Ford reported that elections had been held for Executive Officer. He announced the calendar of events planned by USS for the next several months, including a conference to be held at City University on 2 December to discuss how the budget cuts will affect students in CUNY.

7. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standing Committee

There was no report.

B. Curriculum Committee

There was no report.

C. Governance and Elections

Prof. Lieblich reminded the Senate that University Faculty Senate elections are coming up and to send in nominations.

D. Instruction and Professional Development

Prof. Pomerantz reported on the successful events sponsored by the committee, including the Mathematics/Science Division Reception and the Workshop on Student/Faculty Expectations and Responsibilities. He announced that the proceedings of the workshop on "Coping with Aging Relatives and Friends" is being prepared. He recommended Donna Genova's paper on retention and Wally Sokorski's Seminar on Professorial Melancholia. And, he reminded the Senate that Student Evaluations are to take place toward the end of the semester and that the questionnaires would be available next week.

E. Student Activities

There was no report.

The Senate approved the motion to consider the resolution from the Committee on Student Activities on the chartering or rechartering the clubs/college-wide organizations at this time. As a point of information, the Luncheon Club was described and Prof. Graham suggested that it get together with the cafeteria staff to discuss ways of preparing and improving the nutritional value of the lunch and dinner selections. Dean Rempson was commended for his efforts to revitalize the clubs on campus and he in turn thanked the faculty involved for their energy and participation. The motion was passed by voice vote.

8. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Payroll Distribution

Dean Cancienne addressed the questions raised by the Senate and presented the decisions and opinions of the members of the ad hoc committee.

1. Direct bank deposit is not in the control of the University, it is a City decision. He doubted that the City would agree to it since the City earns interest on the payroll money until it is transferred to the employee's account. He suggested that the city unions consider this proposal as part of collective bargaining during the next contract negotiations.
2. The Bursar does operate a window for faculty and staff. The times of long lines occur only on exceptional days when there is a 3 pm Thursday distribution or coincidence with student check distribution. To alleviate the former, checks for Buildings and Grounds staff will be distributed to them at New Hall.
3. It is the opinion of the committee that check distribution through departmental offices places too great a responsibility on the secretarial staff. This will not be possible.
4. Staff can have their checks mailed to them under certain circumstances (extended leave, summer leave, e.g.). He explained that there was a great deal of paper work involved with mailing out checks and to offer it to all faculty and staff

would place too great a burden on the Bursar Office staff. Dean Cancienne offered a new option: check distribution after 3 pm on Thursday. This could be implemented as soon as the mechanism for check preparation is worked out, probably the spring semester. It could be done except for those paydays that fall during registration or on Pell distribution days. The Bursar would work out a schedule and post it.

The Senate was pleased and Prof. Galub commended the Dean and his committee for their prompt attention and their innovative solutions to the problem of check distribution.

9. Resolution on Campus Security

Ms. Ramirez moved that the resolution be postponed to the February meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

10. University Policy on E Grades

Prof. Galub gave some background information about the resolution. It evidently had originated in the Vice Chancellor's Office and was passed on to the Board of Trustees by the University's Committee on Academic Affairs. The Board delayed consideration and referred the resolution back to the committee for further consideration, perhaps because the survey used to justify it had been misinterpreted.

Prof. Riley moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Academic Standing for discussion and recommendations to the Senate. This was approved by voice vote.

11. New Business

There was no additional new business.

Prof. Forman announced that the CUNY Mathematics Discussion Group was sponsoring a panel on Humanistic Mathematics at 1 pm Friday 1 December. She also urged faculty to encourage colleagues who were ABD to apply to the Faculty Advancement Program for help in completing their degrees. Released time is available and the mentors in the program have been specifically trained to help faculty members hurdle the barriers in the academic process. Roberta Barnett, the Affirmative Action Officer, has the forms.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

December 7, 1989 at 12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Bates