

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 15 February 1990, 12 pm, BH 226

Present: H. Andima, H. Balter, M. Bates, V. Bonelli, D. Cancienne,
S. Deonarine, W. Duncan, H. Erdsneker, B. Ettinger, S. Forman,
S. Friedlander, J. Furst, A. Galub, D. Gracian, F. Haase,
S. Hoberman, E. Just, L. Leva, M. Nickerson, J. O'Sullivan,
J. Rempson, M. Rosenstock, R. Salgado, L. Squitieri,
F. Stabile, H. Tyson

S. Ramirez, M. Ford, A. Nguyen, M. Orlando, M. Rondon

Excused: R. Brown, M. Cummins, W. Hynes, C. Polowczyk, M. Estevez

Guests:

1. Call to Order

Prof. Galub called the meeting to order at 12:35.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Item 9, the resolution regarding the College budget for this fiscal year, was removed from the agenda because it was not submitted in writing prior to the meeting.

At Dean Cancienne's request, item 8, the resolution regarding campus security, was moved up to follow the announcements. He also suggested that items relating to administration be forwarded to his office prior to the meeting for adequate consideration.

Two additional Curriculum Committee actions were added to item 7 for consideration. They were the new Advertising Art and Computer Curriculum and the new course Introduction to Sign Language.

Approval of the minutes of the November 11, 1989 meeting was added to item 3.

The agenda was approved as amended.

A suggestion to reorder the the agenda to put action items after announcements to enable the meeting to begin in a more timely fashion was put forth. It was also suggested that the meeting time be an agenda item for the next meeting. Prof. Galub took these suggestions under consideration.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings, November 30 and December 7, 1989

The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Announcements

A. Chair and Executive Committee Announcements

Prof. Galub thanked the Senators for the names of student candidates for the Disciplinary Panel. He reported that the matter was settled prior to the scheduled hearing by the resignation of the President of the Student Government Association.

The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet March 8 in preparation for the March 22 Senate meeting.

Prof. Galub met with the S.G.A., as ex officio member of the Governance Committee in lieu of Prof. Lieblich, to oversee the balloting which completed the roster of officers.

B. Deans

Dean Cancienne took this opportunity to respond to the distortions in the article "Where's Donald When We Need Him" which appeared in the February 13 edition of the BCC Communicator. Specifically, he stated that the power plant functions, that renovations for Tech II and Nichols are on schedule. The Hall of Fame Playhouse is safe and the students are responsible for hiring lighting technicians. A new contractor will be on board by the end of March to complete the work on the front gate, left undone when the previous contractor withdrew, in time for graduation. He explained that large jobs of this sort are under the Dormitory Association of the State of New York. There is no astro turf on Ohio Field except for a strip used to cover the part of the track crossed by visiting teams. Unfortunately, it was not always used which has led to a deterioration of that part of the track. The visiting bench will be moved to the inside of the track this season. He explained that BCC is a minority set-aside campus which means that contracts must be offered to minority contractors. He emphasized that he did not and would never denigrate the work of these contractors. The problem is that many minority companies are small and hire sub-contractors to do certain jobs and that, unlike the main contractors, sub-contractors are not under the jurisdiction of the Dormitory Authority. Finally, he was happy to report that the pool is filled and that, barring any problems unearthed during the final testing stages, it would be open for recreational use by the end of March.

Several issues were raised. The problem of radiator valves was referred to Buildings and Grounds which is responsible

for the day-to-day upkeep of the overall plant. Dean Kor reported on the problem of the non-functioning fire alarms in several buildings. Until they are fixed, there is a Fire Watch in those buildings, i.e., a person is stationed in them to alert occupants in case of a fire. There will be a meeting with the company responsible for installing the computer alarm system to coordinate the installation. As for the front gate, Dave Walker, Director of Security, is aware of the problems posed by visitors and trucks. A second guard has been posted at the gate during high volume hours.

8. Resolution regarding campus security (Student Government)

As requested by Dean Cancienne, item 8 was considered at this time. It was moved and seconded. Much consideration was given to the wording of the Whereas clauses. In particular, "This is an open campus" was changed to "This is a campus which is too easily accessible," and "Visitors have no control while they are occupying our premises" was changed to "Visitors cannot easily be identified while on campus." Two conflicting situations exist: the ease of access to the campus, with its potential danger to the campus community, and the difficulty of implementing identification procedures. A suggestion was made that the Chair appoint a committee to consider the intent of the resolution and the possible ways to implement alternate security measures. A motion to defer further consideration until the March 22 meeting, at which time the committee would submit a report to the Senate, was passed by voice vote.

7. Curriculum Committee - new courses

Dean Fuller requested, because of the lateness of the hour, that item 7 be considered here. The Senate approved by voice vote the action of the Curriculum Committee concerning Introduction to Sign Language, the new course to be offered by the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences. It also approved by voice vote the action of the Curriculum Committee concerning the new course Creative Computer Music, to be offered by the Department of Music and Art. (See attached.)

5. Reports from University Bodies

These reports were postponed to the next meeting.

- A. University Faculty Senate
- B. University Student Senate

6. Reports from Standing Committees of the College Senate

These reports were postponed to the next meeting.

- A. Academic Standing Committee
- B. Curriculum Committee

- C. Governance and Elections Committee
- D. Instructional and Professional Development Committee
- E. Student Activities

9. Resolution regarding College budget for current fiscal year

This resolution was deleted from the agenda.

10. New business

There was no new business.

Dean Kor announced that there is now a post office machine in the lobby of Colston Hall. He added that the College now has a computer facility for the blind.

11. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Bates