

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 25 October 1990, 12 pm, BH 226

Present: H. Andima, J. Bacote, H. Balter, R. Bass, M. Bates,
V. Bonelli, D. Cancienne, M. Cummins, H. Erdsneker,
B. Ettinger, J. Fahey, S. Forman, V. Foster, S. Friedlander,
J. Furst, A. Galub, J. Graham, W. Hynes, E. Just, L. Leva,
G. Lieblich, M. Nickerson, C. Polowczyk, J. Rempson,
J. Riley, M. Rosenstock, J. Ryan, R. Salgado, L. Squitieri,
F. Stabile, J. Todaro, H. Tyson

A. Fiagbeto, F. Figuereo, M. Ford, C. Peters, D. Reid,
L. Richards, R. Stokes, T. Woods

Excused: R. Brown

Guests: A. Fuller, R. Kor, A. Pomerantz, M. Wenzel, S. Schwartz,
A. Smith, C. Honda

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the proviso that Dean Cancienne's update on the budget (Item 9) be moved up to the Announcements from Deans (Item 4 B).

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting, 4 October 1990

The minutes were approved with the addition of Prof. Ronson's name to the list of those present.

4. Announcements

A. Chair of the Senate and Executive Committee

Prof. Galub reported that the Committee on Pluralism and Diversity had met to discuss how to proceed but that no substantive issues had been outlined and no mission had been drafted as yet.

B. Deans

Dean Kor said that the phone lines to Loew Hall, inadvertently severed during construction would be back in service today (10/25/90). The student parking lot below McCracken is coming along nicely; plans include lights and security.

Dean Cancienne presented the October version of the budget. Unfortunately, the College has been asked to cut another \$598,000 (2%) from it. He is sure that the reserve fund of \$288,000 can be released and used as a first installment. For the rest, the College may have to close Spring registration as scheduled, not allowing late registrants to enroll in courses which would mean fewer sections and fewer adjuncts. On the brighter side, the city hopes to get \$3,000,000 from the State to assist the Community Colleges which would reduce the size of the cut. The city only contributes 42% of the College's budget and Dean Polowczyk said that they were trying to have the 2% cut calculated on that portion of the College's budget. So far, 50 people have applied for early retirement. Since most will be on travia leave, the college will not reap any savings in the spring; however, Dean Cancienne expects there to be a net savings, even after replacements, of \$1,100,000 in the long run.

Dean Rempson announced that students who are not yet immunized will not be debarred this semester; however, they will be called before the Student/Faculty Disciplinary Committee for advisement and they will not be allowed to register early for the Spring semester.

C. Other announcements pertaining to governance

There were none.

5. Reports from University bodies

A. University Faculty Senate

The Budget report to the University Faculty Senate by Acting Budget Director Braden was similar to that given by Dean Cancienne. Suggestions for saving money included decrease in rent where possible, decrease in release time, library acquisitions and security.

Several resolutions were put forth; among them are John Jay v. Board of Trustees which arose out of the student demonstrations last spring and one concerning Departmental Authority regarding Academic Policy, specifically class size.

B. University Student Senate

There is a rumor circulating among student Senators that one of the Community Colleges will be closed. This is unsubstantiated, according to Prof. Galub.

As for the F-grade policy, it applies to all courses at present; however, since Chancellor Reynolds has requested input from the various colleges, the Academic

Standing Committee will present its response to the Senate at the next meeting.

It was pointed out that the Treasurer of BCC Inc. who is appointed by the President of the College also serves as its Chairperson. The governance of BCC Inc. is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees (Sylvia Bloom is the Trustee from the Bronx and can be reached through 80th Street); however, the question was raised whether this is in the By-Laws or whether it is a College procedure. The Committee on Governance will look into it.

6. Reports from Standing Committees of the College Senate

A. Academic Standing Committee

The annual report was distributed.

B. Curriculum Committee

Prof. Ryan reported that the Committee had approved one experimental course: Intermediate Sign Language.

C. Governance and Elections Committee

Prof. Lieblich urged that nominations for University Faculty Senate Representative be submitted by November 9.

D. Instruction and Professional Development Committee

Prof. Pomerantz announced that the results of the Faculty Survey were available and that, in order to save paper, one copy had been distributed to department chairs to share with their departments. The New Faculty Handbook is near completion and every faculty member will receive a copy. The reception for the Humanities Division will be held in the Spring.

E. Student Activities Committee

Dean Rempson reported that all college-wide clubs and organizations need to be rechartered. He will be presenting a list of those affected for presentation to the Senate.

7. Department of Nursing Proposal on Prerequisite for PHM 10

The Nursing Department requested approval to withdraw this part (B) of its proposal. (Parts A and C had been withdrawn previously.) The request was approved by voice vote.

8. Department of Health and Physical Education Proposal on Core Curriculum

The Final Report of the Curriculum Committee Subcommittee Concerning Core Courses in A.A.S. Programs, dated December 5, 1989, had been received by the Senate on 3 May 1990 but not approved at that time. After much debate on the action which the Senate should take regarding a report to the Curriculum Committee by a subcommittee, a motion was made to affirm the Curriculum Committee's acceptance of the report. A motion to postpone discussion of this motion to the next meeting of the Senate on 29 November 1990 with priority was approved by a vote of 25-1-0.

9. Dean Cancienne -- Update on Budget

This report was presented under Item 4 B.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Bates
Secretary