

*City University  
Senate*

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Minutes of the Eighth Plenary Session of the  
University Senate of the  
City University of New York  
October 17, 1969

The Chairman, Professor Robert S. Hirschfield, called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. in the North Lounge of Hunter College. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Aufses, Professors Bloch, Caws, Conrad, Edgar, Haber, Dr. Victor Herbert, Professors Hickock, Lean, Levenstein, Nallin, Polishook, Dr. Richard Rosenfield, Mr. Ezra Seltzer, Professor Philip Sheinwold, and Dr. Alex Steigman. Three members of the Student Advisory Council - Barbara Boylan, (Hunter), Lester Jacobs (Queens) and Alan Ross, (City), and two members of the Hunter College faculty, Professors LaWanda Cox and Jewell Bellush, also attended. Other invited guests included Dean Newton, Professor Bernard Locke, and Professor Kenneth Sherril.

I. Communications and Announcements:

1. Professor Hirschfield, Chairman, welcomed Professor Alan Cooper, a new senator from York College, and the members of the Student Advisory Council.
2. He also announced that Professors Kenneth Sherril and Bernard Locke, non-senate members of the Commission on Admissions had been invited to this meeting as well as Dean Newton.
3. The Chairman reported that the BHE will hold closed hearings on the Report on October 20; open hearings on October 21 and 22; BHE discussion leading to action, October 27.

II. Reports:

1. University Senate Committee on Admissions (Professor Belle Zeller, Chairman) - distributed and discussed.
2. Minority Report: (Professor Harry Lustig) - distributed and discussed.
3. Comments on Admissions Report: (Professor Daniel Feinberg) - distributed but not discussed.
4. Resolution of City College Faculty Senate, October 16, 1969: (Professor Bernard Bellush), distributed and discussed.

III.      Actions Taken:

A motion made by Professor Samuel Hendel that resolutions made and points of agreement established should be referred to a drafting committee who can prepare a Senate position for BHE meeting on October 20 was passed.

The following were referred to this drafting committee:

1. By a vote of 45 Yes; 1 No, the following was adopted as Senate Resolution No: 20:

"Be it resolved that the University Senate hereby observe that, regardless of the precise form of its implementation, the Open Enrollment policy of the BHE can only be satisfactorily implemented by the immediate expansion of our physical plant as a precondition to the admission of a substantially larger freshman class. The call upon the Board to honor its commitment to quality education by initiating a crash program of renting, leasing, buying, and constructing such additional facilities as are needed to make an Open Admissions policy educationally feasible."

An addition to the above adapted version of the City College resolution was passed as follows:

We reaffirm the necessity and desirability of an Open Admissions policy in the City University, but in the absence of adequate physical facilities and finances to carry out this program, we reject the admission of a substantially larger freshman class.

2. A straw vote to determine Senators' preferences concerning allocation proposals yielded the following results:

<u>Proposal</u>	<u>N</u>
Commission I	1
"      II	0
"      III	13
Professor Lustig's	20
Abstentions	5

3. Drafting Committee was unanimously designated to include Senate Executive Committee and Professors Murray Hausknecht and Harry Lustig. A meeting of the Drafting Committee was set for Saturday, October 18th, 10:00 a.m., in Room 925, Graduate Center.

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4. Miscellaneous Recommendations re Admissions Report:

1. Professor Samuel Hendel's motion that the Senate reaffirm the need for supportive services, maintenance of standard of excellence, and the need to face up to the issue of ethnic balance was passed with only 1 negative vote.
2. Professor Alfred Kahn called attention to the restructuring of Community Colleges proposed in the Report. It was unanimously agreed to refer this matter to the Senate Committee on University Structure and Development and to advise BHE to delay action until Senate reports.
3. Professor Robert Dierlam moved that there be a fair distribution of open admissions among the colleges. Unanimously approved.
4. Professor Anthony Behr moved that BHE be advised that the Senate is studying matter of grading procedures (Report p. 31). Unanimously approved.
5. Professor Ralph Sleeper moved that the Senate recommend to the BHE that "in the interest of fairness the Senate urges that in implementing an open admission policy the Board offer matriculation to those non-matriculated fee-paying students presently enrolled in the Schools of General Studies." Unanimously approved.
6. Professor Frank Pomilla called attention to the special needs of "the forgotten group of students" who have been moved from ghetto high schools to the "better" high schools.

IV. New Business

Professor Behr read the following memorandum from Dean Alterman of Queensborough Community College:

"I strongly object to any recommendation which is contrary to the original direction of the Board which stated that any students who would be eligible for admission to the colleges of their choice under this year's admission standards should be admitted next year under open enrollment.

I also take strong exception to the Commission's recommendations related to matters other than admissions such as standards of retention and conditions for graduation."

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Staudt Sexton  
Secretary