

Minutes of the Fourteenth Plenary Session of the
University Faculty Senate of the City University of New York
June 5, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Professor Robert S. Hirschfield at 1:50 p.m. in the 8th floor lounge of the Graduate Center. All members were present except Professors Adelson, Anderson, Aufses, Behr, Bloch, Donnelly, Edgar, Emery, Gadol, Haber, Harvey, R. Heller, Hickok, Hirschhorn, King, Kinsella, Lean, Ledley, Lehrer, Light, Lustig, Miller, Nallin, Sacks, Sargent, Sealy, Seltzer, Sexton, Sharav, Shelley, Shmidman, Silver, Steigman, and Weston. Chancellor Bowker, the Hon. Porter Chandler, Professor Arthur Bierman, Mr. Paul Minkoff, Dr. John Hose and Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan also attended.

- I. The Chairman introduced the Hon. Porter Chandler, Chairman of the BHE Committee on Governance Guidelines, Professor Arthur Bierman, Chairman of the Senate's Charter Committee, and two new Senators from Bronx Community College, Professors Richard Heller and Jack Prince. The Chairman extended the thanks and appreciation of the Senate to Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan for her services as secretary in the Senate Office. Mrs. Sullivan is expecting the birth of her first child within the coming few weeks.
- II. Designation of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Senate Standing Committees: Professor Alfred Conrad presented the following list of designees to serve as Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Senate Standing Committees. They were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.
 - 1) Academic Freedom: Nathan Schmukler, Lewis Schwartz
 - 2) Faculty Interests: Edgar V. Roberts, Jr., Gordon Fifer
 - 3) Undergraduate Affairs: Ethyle Wolfe, Michael Shmidman
 - 4) University Structure and Development: Frank Pomilla, Joan Sedgwick
 - 5) Graduate Affairs: Alex Heller, Joan Gadol
 - 6) Community and Inter-Institutional Affairs: Sylvia Martin, Nathan Weiner
 - 7) Financial Planning and Budget: David Cheng, Ralph Ledley
 - 8) Public Relations, Public Policy and Legislation: Emanuel Targum, Walter Nallin
 - 9) Research: Martin Sacks, Arthur Aufses, Jr.
 - 10) SGS: Leo Haber, Margaret Donnelly
 - 11) Library: Edward Mapp, Paul Anderson

- III. Communications and Announcements: The Chairman announced that: 1) Professors Bulkin, Gittell, and Ettenberg have agreed to serve as members of the Faculty Advisory Council of the Research Foundation of CUNY, 2) the BHE confirmed the dismissal of Dr. Faigelman of Queensborough Community College, 3) the BHE rejected the conclusions of the Queensborough Due Process Panel, but did not substitute any conclusions of their own, 4) a meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 15 to discuss the Queensborough and Alamac Cases and matters relating to due process and academic freedom. Professors Lewis Schwartz and Norman Bindler, Chairmen of the Queensborough and Alamac Panels, will be invited to attend, 5) the Executive Committee will ask the AC and the BHE to delay action on the proposals prepared by the Joint Committee on Professional Obligations of the Faculty pending a more thorough study of the matter by the faculties.
- IV. University Calendar: The Senate adopted with one negative vote a motion expressing approval of the two-week period set aside for political activity, the dropping of certain previously scheduled holidays, the concept of a uniform calendar, commencing the fall term on September 14, and extending the spring term as far into May as necessary to make up lost days.
- V. Queensborough and Alamac Cases: Professor Lewis Schwartz, Chairman of the Queensborough Due Process Panel, and Mr. Paul Minkoff, a grievant in the Alamac Case, reported on developments in the two cases and urged the Senate to take all necessary steps to insure implementation of the Panels' recommendations.
- VI. Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Bowker reported that: 1) the University had granted 24,000 degrees this term including 23 M.D. degrees and 90 Ph.D.s, 2) the two-week political activity period being set aside under the new proposed calendar had received general approval in the State Legislature, 3) a meeting had been held with representatives of Hunter College to discuss security and student discipline. Professor Ralph Sleeper was present at this meeting as the Senate's representative. 4) there is major public criticism of the University's failure to maintain student discipline, 5) the BHE would like to delegate some governance responsibilities to local bodies, but they are reluctant to place any body between the BHE and the College President.
- VII. Governance:
- A. Professor Pomilla submitted his Committee's report to the Senate which voted unanimously to receive it. Professor Pomilla then briefly outlined the major points contained within the report.
 - B. Professor Bierman presented an oral report of the Charter Committee's recommendations re governance.
 - C. Professor Hirschfield extended thanks on behalf of the Senate to Professors Bierman and Pomilla for their Committees' efforts in preparing governance proposals.

- D. Professor Schmukler distributed a list of four basic principles relating to governance. The Senate voted with one negative vote to refer them to the Senate's ad hoc Governance Committee composed of Professors Sleeper, Bierman and Pomilla.
- E. The Senate approved a motion expressing opposition to the proposal for "local councils of trustees" as put forward in the Keppel Report.
- F. Professor Sleeper presented to the Senate certain recommendations regarding college-wide governance structures and student participation on college governing bodies. The Senate voted to refer these to committee also for further study and elaboration.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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for
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