

Minutes of the Seventeenth Plenary Session of the
University Faculty Senate of the
City University of New York
November 11, 1970

The Chairman, Professor Robert S. Hirschfield, called the meeting to order in Room 207 of the Graduate Center at 7:30 p.m. All members were present except Professors Adelson, Aufses, Donnelly, Gabriel, Gadol, Gilbert, Gittel, R. Heller, Hickok, Hirschhorn, Larson, Lehrer, Light, Manfredonia, Miller, Sacks, Sargent, Schmukler, Sealy, Sedgwick, Seltzer, Sharav, Shmidman, Silver, Steigman, Volpe, and Wyschogrod. Chancellor Bowker, Professor Hans Morgenthau, Dr. John Hose and Miss Miriam Firestone also attended.

I. Minutes: The minutes of the Sixteenth Plenary Session of October 6 (with the deletion of Professor Robert Johnson's absence and the addition of Professor Howard Serlin as one of the new Senate members introduced by the Chairman), and the Special Plenary Session of October 20 were unanimously approved.

II. Communications and Announcements:

1. The chairman introduced two new members of the Senate: Professors Irving Branman and Truly Hardy of City College. He also introduced the Chairman of the Faculty Excellence Committee, Professor Hans Morgenthau.
2. The Chairman reported that:
 - a) the Administrative Council reversed its position regarding department chairmen and now supports the Senate and the maintenance of the elective procedure.
 - b) the BHE will meet in special session on November 16 to consider governance.
 - c) the BHE adopted the REES Report on Faculty Obligations at its last meeting. The Senate report was not acted upon, but the Senate was invited by the Board to submit a statement re: faculty obligations.
 - d) the Senate Statement on Governance has been approved by Faculty Councils at: Baruch College, Bronx Community College, Brooklyn College, City College, Hunter College, John Jay College, Lehman College, Queensborough Community College, Queens College, Richmond College and Staten Island

Community College. The Chairman thanked the Senators for their co-operation in urging Faculty Councils to act and in circulating petitions.

- e) department chairmen have responded well to the petition opposing appointive chairmen. More than 225 chairmen out of approximately 260 have signed to date.
- f) the Administrative Council has established two committees to consider: a) Affirmative Action Compliance Program re: hiring of minority groups and women; b) Bylaw Waivers. Professor Sylvia Martin, Chairman of the Senate Community and Inter - Institutional Affairs Committee, will serve as liaison to the Affirmative Action Compliance Committee, and Professor Edgar Roberts, Chairman of the Senate Faculty Interests Committee, will serve as Senate liaison to the Bylaw Waiver Committee.
- g) Professors David Valinsky and Joan Gadol have been requested to form a committee with Professor Michael Guerriero of City College to consider as appropriate memorial for the late Professor Alfred Conrad.
- h) a new Senate Vice Chairman will be elected at the December meeting.
- i) the Senate Office will send out a summary of action taken by the BHE at its November 16 meeting to all Senators.
- j) a new issue of the Newsletter will appear shortly.

III. Chancellor's Report: The Chancellor commented briefly on the following items:

- a) uncertain as to what action will be taken by BHE at November 16 meeting.
- b) clarification of his letter to presidents re: tenure guidelines.
- c) 600 lines for faculty appointments in September, 1971 are presently available.
- d) a budget increase for the University of \$140 million has been requested.
- e) the 1971 freshman class is expected to be the same size or only slightly larger than this year.
- f) departmental review of compliance with federal requirements re: hiring minority groups and women is needed.
- g) the University is considering making available two or three year contracts to outstanding new faculty.

A brief question and answer period followed the Chancellor's report.