

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

May 23, 1978

The session was called to order by the Chairman, Professor David Valinsky, at 6:50 p.m. in Room 207 at the Graduate Center. All members were present except Professors Dierlam, Dreiling, Lutz, Melani, Portner, Robbins, Schulman, Seiger, Silver, Stevens and Uretsky. Professors Abramson, Bloom, Seeley and Solomon were excused. Dr. Jean Ellis also attended.

I. Approval of the Tentative Agenda: The tentative agenda was approved with an amendment to add as item IX A a resolution on York College.

II. Introduction of New Senators: Professor Valinsky introduced the following new and reelected Senators: Professors Ercolano, Martin (Baruch); Cantwell, Ferentz, Quinn, Wedeen (Brooklyn); Grossman (School of Education, City); Nash, Waren (CLAS, City); Gioiella (School of Nursing, City); Bryar, Miranda, Charney (Hunter); Milberg-Kaye, Movesian, Baumrin (Lehman); Hartle (Queens); Pike (Graduate School); Brodsky, Levitan (Mt. Sinai); Hunte (Borough Manhattan); Bullard, Gosselin (Bronx Community); Plissner, Toback (Kingsborough); Beheshti (New York City Community); and Yuster (Queensborough). Elections at the College of Staten Island and at John Jay have not been completed.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the 75th Plenary Session: The minutes were approved as circulated.

IV. Communications from the Chairman: Professor Valinsky announced that he would limit his communications in view of the lengthy and important agenda for the meeting. He said too that with the agreement of the Plenary he would appoint Professors Lea (Lehman) and Timoni (La Guardia) as tellers for the elections and would ask the members of the Office staff, Mr. Friedman and Ms. Quintian, to count the ballots. He asked also for the agreement of the Plenary to proceed with other items on the agenda during the counting of each round of ballots. The Plenary agreed to both proposals of the Chairman.

Professor Valinsky then proceeded to his communications. He said that on Friday, May 19 the Executive Committee met in Albany with its SUNY counterpart. The agenda items were: review of the activities of the various joint committees established by the two groups; discussion of the issue of public versus private education; and preliminary plans for 1978-79. Of the joint committees the Library Committee has made the most progress. It has held regular meetings and has addressed a number of issues of mutual concern including budgeting. The budget and master-planning committees are still in the organizational stages but will be meeting during the summer. Both Executive Committees agree that the issue of public versus private higher education is the crucial one to address next year. A subcommittee composed of a SUNY Executive Committee member and Professor Henry Wasser for CUNY has been appointed to outline the questions to be dealt with in the joint document being prepared by the ad hoc committee of representatives of the two universities so that the writing team will not operate in a vacuum. That team includes for CUNY Professors Andrew Hacker, Michael Harrington, and Richard Wade and for SUNY Immanuel Wallerstein, Henry Bretton, and Jim Richard. The document should be ready by fall when it can be presented to the respective plenary bodies. After approval by the plenaries the document will provide a focus for a campaign to be mounted jointly on behalf of the public sector. That campaign will be a principal joint activity in 1978-79. In addition, if the general feeling of legislative leaders is correct, the issue of structural changes in the two systems will demand attention

next year.

Professor Valinsky reported that the Executive Committee together with Professors Caws and Cooper representing the senior colleges and Professors Beitler and Davidson for the community colleges met with the Chancellor's Evaluation team on April 27. Four principal topics were discussed: the censure of the University's administration by the AAUP and the faculty's concern about the removal of censure; the Chancellor's academic leadership with particular reference to the educational policy and mission of the University; his administrative leadership; and the public image of the University. Professor Valinsky also reviewed in more detail the substance of the Senate presentation and the interest shown by the team in the discussion.

Three of the four presidential evaluations have been completed, Dr. Valinsky said, and the fourth is being carried out this week. Only one report has been circulated to the BHE and that is the report of the team that evaluated President Godlstein of Kingsborough. The report is thoroughly laudatory.

He reported too that the Senate leadership had assisted in arranging a meeting with the Chancellor for the Brooklyn College Faculty Council Monitoring Committee concerning the evaluation of their president. Although the report on President Kneller has been submitted by the evaluation team, the Chancellor has not yet commented on it nor circulated it to the Board.

On BHE activities Dr. Valinsky said that there were two Calendar items of special interest to the Senate. One concerned the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Leonard O. Roellig from Wayne State University. The item was deferred because of a technicality, the failure to submit it to the Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board. Dr. Roellig was the first choice of eight of nine members of the Search Committee and comes with outstanding credentials including experience not only as Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Planning at Wayne State University but also as chairman of the Faculty Senate there. It is anticipated that he will have a firm grasp of faculty views and his appointment is eagerly awaited.

The second item which was acted upon concerns the College of Staten Island. It provides for the organization of the college as a four-year institution with a division of baccalaureate studies and a division of associate studies. It also directs the Chancellor to negotiate a funding arrangement reflective for the college's organization, programs and enrollment. These new arrangements for the structure and funding of the College of Staten Island appear desirable since they make it possible to further develop the institution's programs and to offer students the opportunity to continue their studies in a baccalaureate institution. They should also put an end to the difficulties in appropriate funding for the institution which have resulted from the dual funding by the State for the upper division and the City for the lower division.

Not on the BHE agenda but of special interest to the UFS, said Dr. Valinsky, is the fact that the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Board considered alternative proposals for York College at its meeting on May 22. The proposal which the Committee agreed upon was put in the following terms: assuming that there are public policy decisions which make it desirable to develop a four year institution in Jamaica and maintain York as a four year institution it would be possible to do so if York were kept as a unit with a special function, e.g. business administration and selected health sciences with a cooperative

education emphasis to serve some 4000 to 4500 students. The construction needed for this would cost from \$80 to 90 million. Dr. Valinsky said that he had been in close contact with members of the UFS delegation from York and with members of the faculty such as former Senator Frank Pomilla. On the basis of these discussions Dr. Valinsky had supported the alternative proposal with the additional caveat that pockets of academic strength within the institution must also be preserved. The BHE will now receive a recommendation to give the York construction a priority rating, though not the highest priority and that revised recommendation will be incorporated in the Master Plan being prepared by the University. An open hearing on the Plan will be held on Monday, May 29 to be followed by a BHE meeting.

In addition, Dr. Valinsky reported that there is hopeful news from Albany in the area of CAP. The State Senate has approved a CAP bill which would provide one-half tuition assistance for students taking six to eleven credits. The bill now awaits action in the Assembly and it is hoped that the action there will be favorable. The Senate intends to continue working for CAP as it has been doing this year.

On other aspects of the budget, said Dr. Valinsky, there is little to report that has not already been detailed in the most recent UFS Newsletter. Lobbying for the supplemental state appropriation continues. So far as the community colleges are concerned, the picture is somewhat better than anticipated since the gap is potentially \$2.8 million instead of the larger sum that had been feared. This is the result of the fact that the City has provided more funding than expected. Thus, the Mayor has recommended a \$153.5 million budget, a \$2.2 million increase over the current amount of City funding. The projected gap results, however, from increased fixed cost amounts and anticipated increases in enrollment. If the legislation pending in Albany and supported by both SUNY and CUNY to alter the funding formula for community colleges is changed, it is hoped that the gap may be further reduced.

V. Nominations and Election of Chairman: The Chairman proposed and the Plenary body agreed that each candidate's nominator should be permitted a three minute speech and that each candidate should be allotted three minutes to present his/her views. A motion that that there be a question period was defeated.

The names of Professor Ann M. Burton (Brooklyn) and Professor Radmila Milentijevic (City) were placed in nomination.

After tallying the ballots was completed Professor Burton was declared elected.

Professor Edgar Roberts (Lehman) offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the University Faculty Senate expresses its gratitude to Professor David Valinsky for his energetic and distinguished service as Chairman of the Senate during the last four years.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and a rising vote of thanks was tendered.

VI. Nominations and Election of Vice-Chairman: The names of Professor Mary Dolciani (Hunter) and Roland Gosselin (Bronx Community College) were placed in nomination.

Each candidate was allotted three minutes to address the Plenary. After a tally of the ballots Professor Gosselin was declared elected.

VII. Nominations and Election of Treasurer: Professor Donald Davidson (La Guardia) and Stefan B. Baumrin (Lehman) were nominated. After brief speeches by the candidates the ballots were counted and Professor Baumrin was declared elected.

VIII. Nominations and Election of Secretary: Professor Henry Wasser (College of Staten Island) was nominated. There being no other nominations it was duly moved, seconded, and passed that the Secretary be directed to cast a single ballot for Professor Wasser.

IX. Nominations and Election of Members-at-Large: The following names were placed in nomination: Professors Lorraine Beitler (NYCCC), Peter Caws (Hunter), Sandi Cooper (COSI), Donald Davidson (La Guardia), Jacob Rootenberg (Queens), Edgar Roberts (Lehman), Matthew Wakatama (Medgar Evers), and Pei-Yi Wu (Queens).

The five members declared elected were: Professors Beitler, Caws, Cooper, Davidson, and Wakatama.

IXA. Resolution on York College: Professors Rутtenberg and Waldman, the Senators from York College, offered a resolution in support of the college for consideration by the UFS. After minor editorial changes the motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt the resolution which follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the University Faculty Senate insists upon the continued existence of YORK COLLEGE as a senior college in CUNY and the construction of its permanent campus. The UFS calls upon the Executive Committee to pursue this commitment.

X. Resolution and Report of the Library Committee: Professor J. Robert Loy (Brooklyn), chairman of the Library Committee, presented his committee's report to the Senate. He thanked the non-Senators who served on his committee, Professors Jane Moore (Graduate School) and Ed Terry (Bronx Community College) for their help and Professor Moore also for her hospitality to the Committee. Professor Loy then reviewed the material in the report for the Plenary and moved the adoption of the appended resolution.

After discussion and amendment of the wording of the resolution the report was received and the resolution was adopted.

XI. Reports of the Committee on University Structure and Development: Professor Sandi Cooper (COSI), chairman of the Committee in 1976-77, offered that Committee's report for the Senate's consideration. After considerable discussion and a number of corrections to the text in particular the deletion of the statement on page 9 concerning Borough of Manhattan Community College, the report was received by the Senate and referred to the incoming Executive Committee for further study.

Professor Edgar Roberts, (Lehman), chairman of the Committee in 1977-78, offered his committee's report and recommendations to the Senate. After some discussion the report was received and the recommendations referred to the incoming Executive Committee for further study.

XII. Report of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee: Professor Sohmer (City) pre-

sent the report to the Senate. The report was received and the recommendations contained therein referred to the incoming Executive Committee for further study.

XIII. Report of the SGS Committee: Professor Beryl Hunte (Borough Manhattan), chairman of the SGS Committee presented the report to the Senate. The Senate received the report and referred it to the incoming Executive Committee for further study.

XIV. Report of the Academic Freedom Committee: Professor Fred Greenbaum, chairman of the Academic Freedom Committee, offered his committee's report which was received by the Senate.

Questions were raised about the status of the report of the Ad Hoc Legal Committee with its proposal to revise the Guidelines on Retrenchment. In the absence of the chairman, Professor Galub, it was reported that the committee was still awaiting a written response from Vice-Chancellor Bass so that it might complete its report and offer it to the Plenary for approval.

XV. Report of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Research Foundation: Professor Henri Peyre, chairman of the Faculty Advisory Council and of the Senate Research Committee, offered the Council's report to the Senate for its information and it was gratefully received.

XVI. Report of the Committee on Inter-Institutional and Community Affairs: Professor Matthew Wakatama (Medgar Evers) presented his committee's report to the Senate with special thanks to the Committee's secretary, Professor Joe Rempson (Bronx Community College). The report was received and referred to the incoming Executive Committee for further study.

XVII. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: In the absence of the committee's chairman, Professor Dierlam (Queens), Professor Valinsky who served as an ex-officio member of the committee, said that no action was sought on the report at this meeting. The report together with some amendments to the text was being circulated so that it might be reviewed by members of the Senate and comments in writing be forwarded to the Senate Office during the summer. In the fall the document would be presented for consideration by the Senate.

Before adjourning the meeting Professor Valinsky thanked the Senate for their help and cooperation throughout his tenure in office and turned the meeting over to Professor Burton. Professor Burton thanked the body for its confidence in her and asked for the Senate's help in pursuing its work next year. She noted Professor Milentijevic's offer of help and said she would be delighted to have it. Professor Milentijevic announced that she wished the Senate well, that for herself she would be leaving to accept a position as special assistant to the new School Chancellor, Dr. Macchiarola, effective July 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Radmila Milentijevic
Secretary