

SUBJECT TO SENATE APPROVAL.

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH PLENARY SESSION
OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

May 21, 1985

Chairman Wasser called the session to order at 6:40 p.m. in Room 1700 at the Graduate School and University Center. Present were: Senators Alsop, Barbanal, Beck, Berkowitz, Binder, Bohigian, Bulanouckas, Cantwell, Cinquemani, Constantinides, Cooper, Cravats, D'Amico, Danziger, Davidson, De La Campa, Depas, Donleavy, Dreiling, Ercolano, Fedullo, Flashner, Friedman, Galub, B. Gerber, Ginsberg, Gram, Greenbaum, Grossman, Gura, Hayon, Hecht, Henderson, Hernandez-Miyares, Hunte, Jaffe, Jiji, Johnson, Kachuck, Lea, Litke, Loetterle, Lytra, Matthews, Milentijevic, Muchlig, Muller, Parkhurst, Picken, Plissner, Quinn, Reuder, Riley, Rotwein, Russell, Schneider, Segune, Simor, Sohmer, Speidel, Stern, Sullivan, Thaxton, Timoni, Trefousse, Valinsky, Washington, Wedeen, Weightman, Weiss, Wimmershoff-Caplan, Wolfe, Yousef, Zades, and Zarin; Alternate Senators Baumrin, Cohen, Ginsberg, Glass, Guydon, Kuhner, Ladas, Levitan, Meister, Richter, Sessions, Shaffer, Singleton, Sternlight, Terrell, and Weismann. Excused were: Senators Alston, Behshti, Bloom, Brofsky, Brogan, Donoghue, Eisenberg, Forstall, Cluck, Isaacs, Rodriguez, Stroup, Rosen, Waldinger, and Walter. Dr. Ellis, Executive Director also attended.

- I. Approval of the Proposed Tentative Agenda: The tentative agenda was approved as circulated.
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the 138th Plenary Session (April 16, 1985): The minutes were approved as circulated.
- III. Introduction of New Senators: Professor Wasser introduced the new and re-elected members of the Senate and asked that each stand as the name was announced but that applause be reserved until after the list was complete. Baruch - Joining the delegation as Senators are Lester Alston (Education), David Bresnick (Public Administration) and Katherine Hampares (Romance Languages); Borough Manhattan - Beryl Hunte (Mathematics), Toby Ginsberg (Data Processing) and Alton Johnson (Science) are newly elected members of the delegation and James Schiavone (Developmental Skills) and Ellen Simon (Student Life) will be the new Alternate Senators; Bronx Community - Gil Riley (Chemistry) will continue to serve as a Senator and Michael Glass (Mathematics) has been elected and Maureen O'Riordan (Business) reelected as Alternate Senators; Brooklyn - Morton Berkowitz (Political Science), Timothy Gura (Speech) and Beatrice Kuchack (Education) are Brooklyn's new Senators with Lumis Terrell (Physics) and Peter Zaneteas (Classics) as alternates; New Senators from City are Bridget Loetterle (Nursing), Rada Milentijevic (History) and Charlotte Russell (Chemistry) with Iona Henderson (Special Programs) and Bernard Sohmer (Mathematics) re-elected to new terms; Alternate Senators are Robert Kuhner (Library), Anabel Meister (Library), and Walter Struve (History); Joseph Dauben (History) and Charlotte Muller (Economics) are the new Senators from the Graduate School with Delmos Jones (Anthropology) as alternate; from Hostos Shirley Hinds (Health and Human Services) is a newly elected Senator and Judith Nowinski (Modern Languages), the Alternate Senator; Hunter - Joseph Dannenberg (Chemistry), Esther Flashner (Economics), Jane Matthews (Mathematics) and Mary Sullivan (German) join the delegation as newly elected Senators and Marlies Danziger (English) has been reelected to a new term; the new Alternate Senators are Harold Ladas (Educational Foundations) and Earl Shaffer (Library); Haig Bohigian (Mathematics) and David Schulman (Fire Science) are reelected Senators from John Jay with Lorell Guydon (SEEK) as alternate; Kingsborough - Rosalind Depas (English), Bernard Eisenberg (Mathematics and Computer Science) and Julio Hernandez-Miyares (Foreign Languages) are the new Senators and Barbara Ginsberg (Health, Physical Education and Recreation) and Eva Richter (English), the new Alternate Senators;

Lehman - Richard Gerber (History) and Gordon Lea (English) are reelected Senators with Stefan Baumrin (Philosophy) and Barbara Cohen (Nursing) as Alternate Senators; Frank Timoni (Business) has been reelected to a new term and Herman Washington (Data Processing) is a newly elected Senator from La Guardia; Bernard Stern (Physics) joins the New York City Technical delegation as a newly elected Senator and Richard Beck (Physics) continues as a re-elected Senator; Queens' delegation has as new members Eli Hayon (Chemistry), Howard Brofsky (Music), Elizabeth Constantinides (Classics) Tina Moreau (Psychology), Harvey Gram (Economics) and Suzanna Simor (Library) and David Speidel (Geology) is a reelected Senator; Queensborough has reelected Fred Greenbaum (History) as a Senator and Milton Cohen joins the delegation as a new Senator while Robert Singleton (English) and Burton Kleinman (Mathematics) are the Alternate Senators; Staten Island - Sandi Cooper (History) and Mohammed Yousef (Mechanical Engineering) are reelected Senators and Andrei Weiszmann (Applied Science) and Vivian Sessions (Library), the new Alternate Senators; Monroe Cravats (Teacher Preparation) joins the York delegation as Senator as do Dennis Moore (Music) and Lenore Sternlight (Economics) as Alternate Senators; Samuel Bloom (Community Medicine) and David Dreiling (Surgery) begin new terms as Senators from Mt. Sinai and Irving Ladimer (Community Medicine) and Max Levitan (Anatomy) serve as Alternates. The elections have not been completed at Medgar Evers and the CUNY Law School at Queens College.

IV. Communications from the Chairman: Professor Wasser reminded old Senators and informed new Senators and Alternate Senators that, at each meeting, he circulated a written report in addition to the communications that were his oral report. He then reviewed with the membership the items in this month's written report. Next, he spoke to the issue of articulation and reported that one meeting with the Council of Presidents' Academic Affairs Committee and representatives of the Senate Executive Committee and Articulation Committee took place on May 7 to discuss revision of the present policy on articulation and that a second one was planned for May 31. The 1984-85 Executive Committee as well as the Chair of the Senate Articulation Committee, 1984-85 would be the Senate participants and it was hoped that there might emerge from these discussions a single resolution that spoke to revisions in current policy.

A second issue that has been of special concern since the last session, he continued is that of the status of Medgar Evers College. At its April 29th Meeting the Board of Trustees had adopted a resolution stating its intent to seek funding for the College as a state-funded institution and directing the Chancellor to explore the college's status with appropriate State legislators and officials. President Chunn and the college were not satisfied with this action, however, and had pursued the quest for restoration of four-year senior college status. This issue had been raised in the Public Hearing prior to the April meeting of the Board when some 30 faculty, students and others had addressed the Board urging that senior college status be restored. Following the Board meeting the Trustees had discussed the issue informally and subsequently the Chairman of the Board had convened the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board to address it. The Board's Long Range Planning Committee, Professor Wasser explained, is composed of the chairs of all other Board Committees, the two ex officio Trustees, i.e. the chairmen of the University Faculty and Student Senates, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board. Professor Wasser had taken an active part in the discussion at that meeting. In particular he had spoken to the issue of making certain that the viability of the college was maintained and increased. He had stated that, in his view, leadership and support from the Chancellor and the Board were necessary to achieve this and had suggested that to help bring this about a substantive master plan for the college should be developed. To make such a plan effective and consequential he had suggested a resolution that would have President Chunn submit a detailed three-year plan to the Board's Academic Policy Committee by October 1, 1985 - a plan that would fit the previously articulated three-fold public vision for the college: to enhance the liberal arts programs, to develop Third World Studies, and to elaborate professional, vocational programs. Other members of the Committee had indicated their interest in seeing the college develop more two year programs rather than move to four year status and direct attention towards baccalaureate programs. The question raised

response to Professor Wasser's suggestion - especially by the President and others from the college - was why require such a plan from this college and not from others. To this Professor Wasser's response was that such plans should be required - that many of the existing college master plans were not substantive - but they ought to be. In any event the college's wishes had carried the day and the committee had approved a resolution directing the Chancellor to seek restoration of the senior college status enjoyed by the college prior to the fiscal crisis of 1975-76. The wording of that resolution is not entirely satisfactory to the college community and at the May 13 Public Hearing of the Board there had been some 30 speakers from the college. The Board's final action will be determined at the May 28 Public Meeting but, Professor Wasser said, he thought that the college had succeeded in its goal of having the Board approve restoration of its senior college status.

Professor Wasser then asked Professor Picken (Romance Languages, Queens), faculty member of the Board Committee on Faculty, Staff and Administration, to discuss the third issue of continuing concern - that of the indemnification of faculty in cases of legal action entered against them. Professor Picken called the members' attention to his written report and stressed the generally supportive attitude of the appointed Trustees in this matter. He explained the Committee's failure to approve the Senate's proposed resolution that was intended to resolve the issue and reminded the Senate of the University administration's position on this issue. He then advised the Senate that the Executive Committee had considered alternative steps that the faculty might take in this area and said that the leadership would be in touch with the heads of campus faculty governance bodies in the very near future to recommend some alternative actions that faculty might take.

Finally, Professor Wasser noted that the Queens College Search was progressing well and was drawing towards a close. Five candidates had made campus visits and once the reports on those were in hand, the Committee would meet to review them and to develop its recommendations to the Chancellor who, in turn, would interview the candidates on that list and make his recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

V. Reports of Faculty Members of Board of Trustees' Committees: The reports were distributed in writing and are appended to these minutes.

VI. Nominations and Election of the Treasurer of the University Faculty Senate: Chairman Wasser designated Professor Alsop (Biology, Queens) to serve as parliamentarian for the session. He also reviewed the procedures for elections and designated Professors Plissner (Student Development, Kingsborough) and Zades (Student Services, Staten Island) to serve as tellers. He then declared the floor open for nominations.

Professor B. Gerber (Comparative Literature, Brooklyn) nominated Professor Picken (Romance Languages, Queens) and the nomination was seconded. Professor Lytra (Romance Languages, City) nominated Professor Sohmer (Mathematics, City) and the nomination was seconded. The nominations were closed because there were no further nominations. The Senate then proceeded to the ballot following short nominating speeches by each nominator.

Following the tally of the ballots, Professor Picken was declared the winner.

VII. Nominations and Election of the Secretary of the University Faculty Senate: Chairman Wasser declared the floor open for nominations. Professor Timoni (Business, La Guardia) nominated Professor Davidson (Data Processing, La Guardia) and the nomination was seconded.

Professor Jaffe (Science, Borough Manhattan) nominated Professor Riley (Chemistry, Bronx Community) and the nomination was seconded. Nominations were then closed since no other nominations were made. Each of the nominators spoke briefly in support of his candidate. The Senate then proceeded to a vote. After the ballots were tabulated and the results were in, Professor Riley was declared the winner.

VIII. Nominations and Election of Five Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate: The following Senators were duly nominated and the nominations seconded: Professors Lea (English, Lehman) by Professor Plissner (Student Development, Kingsborough), Cooper (History, Staten Island) by Professor Binder (History, Staten Island), Danziger (English, Hunter) by Professor Hecht (Hunter), Ercolano (Mathematics, Baruch) by Professor Valinsky (Statistics, Baruch), Davidson (Data Processing, LaGuardia) by Professor Timoni (Business, LaGuardia), Sohmer (Mathematics, City) by Professor Jiji (Engineering, City), Hunte (Mathematics, Borough Manhattan) by Professor Jaffe (Science, Borough Manhattan), Gerber (Comparative Literature, Brooklyn) by Professor Fedullo (Chemistry, Brooklyn). A motion to close nominations was made, seconded and duly passed. Each nominator spoke briefly in support of his/her candidate and the Senate then proceeded to the ballot. When the results were tallied, the following were declared the winners: Professors Cooper, Davidson, Hunte, Lea, and Sohmer.

IX. Proposed Resolution on Absences of Senators from Plenary Sessions: Professor Cooper (History, Staten Island) moved the adoption of the resolution after a brief explanation. Her motion was seconded and there was discussion of the proposed resolution. The issue of whether the proposal should lead to adoption of a rule of the Senate with respect to attendance was raised as was the possibility of a Bylaw amendment. A motion to table by Professor Trefousse (History, Brooklyn) was made, seconded and passed, thus ending debate on the resolution.

X. Proposed Resolution To Amend the Bylaws of the CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences: Professor Valinsky (Statistics, Baruch), newly elected President of the Academy introduced the proposal. He explained that the amendment process set forth in the Academy's Bylaws was currently so cumbersome that the body was unable to make needed changes in those bylaws. The proposed resolution and amendment of the Bylaws would make the process simpler but would not sever the ties between the Academy and the Senate. He then moved adoption of the resolution, having noted that it had passed through the other steps outlined in the process currently set forth in the bylaws. His motion was seconded. After very brief debate the motion was put to a vote and was adopted.

XI. Proposed Resolution of the Affirmative Action Committee of the University Faculty Senate: Professor Donleavy (Special Services to Education, Lehman), chair of the Committee, presented and explained the resolution. She then moved its adoption. After brief discussion that focused primarily on editorial suggestions, the question was called, having been duly moved, seconded, and passed. A vote was taken and the resolution adopted.

XII. New Business.

There being no new business a motion to adjourn was entertained and the Senate adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ellis
Executive Director