

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING - 1/9/64

Present: President Morris Meister, Chairman; Professors Atlas, Buckley, Caffrey, Colwell, D'Andrea, Doroshkin, Griffin, Hirsch, Hirshfeld, Joseph, Loughlin, Mandelbaum, May, McCulloch, McGrath, McLaughlin, Minkin, Monticone, Pitman, Prestwidge, Reynolds, Rosenstock, Silverman, Stein, Stillerman, Tauber, Thompson, White, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Pomeranz, Mr. Stambler, Miss Stringham.

Absent: Mr. Berman, Mr. Casais, Professors Corbman, Just.

Guests: Professors Furst, Wilkinson, Miss Baum.

I. Meeting called to order at 12:25 P. M. by Dr. Meister, who extended a welcome for the New Year, a year which he hoped would bring much professional satisfaction to all.

To get caught up on agenda items, the Agenda Committee recommended that this meeting be continued on Monday, January 20, at 2 P. M. (This was later changed to Tuesday, January 21.)

It was also agreed that future regular meetings of the Council will convene at 12:30 P. M.

II. Action on Minutes

Prior to the meeting, the Secretary distributed revised copies of pp. 3 and 4 of the minutes of 12/5/63. The minutes were accepted as revised.

III. Communications and Announcements

A. From President Meister

1. Full-time lines for Evening Session. The Budget Bureau has approved 16 full-time Evening Session lines. This is going to change the college in several important ways. These additional positions are meant to help integrate the day and evening sessions into one college, with full-time faculty as the backbone in each session.

2. Nursing Program - The Department of Hospitals has agreed with the Board of Higher Education that we shall offer the Associate Degree Program in Nursing at the Nursing Center, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road, beginning next semester. A skeleton staff will be needed for the Center immediately and has been approved by "Budget" for February, 1964. The idea of free tuition for nursing students starting September 1964 has also been approved. We are still urging the abandonment of the title "Lecturer in Nursing Science."

3. "Shoehorn" project - The problem of accommodating more eligible applicants to City University for 1964-65 was discussed. The Mayor granted \$2 million. Since this was 45% of the amount requested, it is possible for the 4-year

colleges to admit 1,800.

Dr. Meister requested funds so that the community colleges might also increase their number of acceptances. The Administrative Council granted the community colleges about \$100,000. This now means the 4-year colleges will admit 1,700. Bronx Community College will receive approximately \$40,000, which will enable us to have a September enrollment of 1,500 students instead of 1,325.

Our physical capacity with the Nursing Center makes it possible to handle 1,325 students from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The additional numbers may make it necessary to extend the day to 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. It is not yet known whether Saturday morning classes will also have to be scheduled.

B. From Dean Tauber

An ad hoc committee is planning a Festival of Arts for this year's Charter Week observance. The series of activities will be described later, but will probably include some recognition of the Golden Jubilee of the Bronx. Students will have an active role in the planning and executive of the program.

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Report from former Committee on Improvement of Instruction (Dr. McCulloch Prof. Colwell).

Prof. Colwell's report to the Faculty Association last year in reference to observation of tenurees was discussed at length. This report indicates that the Committee believes that a policy should be established whereby:

- a) the head of department shall determine frequency of visits and procedure with the Departmental P & B,
- b) there would be no fixed schedule, but there would be some visitation of tenurees.

Discussion.

- a) The question as to the role of the President or Dean of Faculty as an integrating force was raised.
- b) A suggestion was made that there might be a college-wide policy setting a minimum number of visits, but that each department may, at its own discretion, set additional standards.
- c) The value of visitation as a means of improving instruction for the observer as well as the person observed was offered in support of the policy.
- d) The possibility that departmental committees on Improvement of Instruction be charged with the responsibility of observing tenurees was suggested.

Dr. Meister summarized the discussion by pointing out that there seemed to be some need for considering the reduction of variances in the procedure. He suggested that the President and Dean of Faculty share with the departmental chairman and the departmental P & B Committee the responsibility of determining the frequency of observation of tenurees and exercising the function of observation of tenurees for the purpose of improvement of instruction. He also suggested that the Faculty Committee on Improvement of Instruction frame a statement which might be offered as a final proposal for action at a future Council meeting.

2. Report on Committee of Student Activities - Dean Thompson.

During the past school year, the Faculty Committee on Student Activities approved two statements of policy:

- a) Outside speakers
- b) Student publications

The Council, after thorough discussion in which there was clarification of the principle of the faculty, the adviser's, and Dean of Students' responsibilities in exercising the same professional control over extra-curricular activities as there is in the classroom, or as set out in the Board of Higher Education Bylaws, approved the Speaker Policy Statement as developed by the Committee on Student Activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 P. M. , until January 21 at 2 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Minkin
Secretary

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