

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
November 22, 1967

Present: President Colston, presiding; Deans Corbman, Thompson, McGrath, Rosenstock (guest), White, Caffrey; Professors Monticone, Beringause, Kissel, Perlmutter, D'Andrea, Lalli, Stein, Terry, Prestwidge, McLaughlin, Rodzianko (guest), Salzberg, Reynolds, Mandelbaum, Casais, Steuerman, Furst, Just, Galub, Baum, May, Pomeranz, Berger, Prince, Sacher, Gottesman; Miss Scanlon, Mr. Heller.

- I. Correction of November 2 Minutes: Section V--"The Senate. . . will have two delegates from each community college and three from each senior college" should be corrected as follows:

...each college or school of the University shall be represented by one faculty member for each 200 full-time members of the faculty or major fraction thereof, except that no college shall have less than two representatives (including both the existing units to receive college status by September 1968 and The Mount Sinai School of Medicine), no school shall have less than one representative, and the Graduate Center and the Teacher Education Division shall have one each...

{Administrative Council,
Minutes of Meeting, Oct. 9, 1967}

II. President's Report

- A. Master Academic Plans: President Colston and Dean Rosenstock thanked the faculty for the good work accomplished on the academic plans. The Dean expressed the possibility though not the probability that the December 1 deadline can be met and also the hope that a master academic plan for the entire college can be developed.
- B. "Tis Well Said Again": The motion passed at the 11/2/67 meeting relevant to obtaining the due portion of our salary increase prior to December 31 was conveyed by the President to the Administrative Council. Although the Chancellor is doing all he can in our behalf, it seems most unlikely that the City can accept our recommendation. The suggestion that we let our tax returns reflect the salary increase distributed proportionately rather than as a lump sum is not advantageous; neither is the suggestion that we take our request directly to the Mayor. We are in the process of seeking appropriations for campus construction, and we must concentrate on this monetary request. New salary schedules are not yet available. Our increase is retroactive to 9/1/67, but we may have to wait a while to receive it.
- C. In Memoriam: The passing of Edith Rosenfeld has saddened all of us. An expression of deep sympathy will be forwarded to Dean Rosenfeld.
- D. "Better Days" for Part-time Faculty: If a part-time faculty member is asked by the College to attend a professional meeting which necessitates his absence from class, he will not lose compensation and the College will supply class coverage.

II. (continued)

- E. "A Good Deed": Contributions to the Greater New York Fund will be received through the first week of December.

III. "Suit the Action to the Word": Agenda Committee of Faculty Council: Professors Mandelbaum and Steuerman will continue to serve on the Agenda Committee, and Professor Terry was elected as the ex-officio member.

IV. "The Short and the Long of It": Committee Reports:

- A. Academic Standing: Dean Corbman expressed the wish that more faculty members become involved in decisions and policies. For example, the E grade is now under evaluation. The faculty is asked to respond to the recently distributed questionnaire.
- B. Committee on Committees: Professor Galub indicated that the current roster of members is in preparation.
- C. Faculty Welfare: Professor Prince reported that at a lengthy meeting last week several issues were discussed: (1) the need to improve the evening session and to increase salaries for evening instructors so as to attract highly competent evening faculty, (2) the appropriate Christmas gift for the custodial staff, (3) the presence of the Marine Recruitment Team and possible consequences. On the last point, it is the opinion of the Committee that each faculty member should be free to act in accordance with his own judgment in the handling of problems.
- V. "Let's Go Hand in Hand": Recruitment and Reaction: Dean Thompson reiterated that the free expression of opinion is an American right. If the Recruitment Team expected on December 13 elicits a demonstration for and/or against, such demonstration must be peaceful and responsible. Dean Thompson discussed with students the very nature of freedom and responsibility in protests. The students, in turn, asserted their desire to demonstrate peacefully. The Student Council at its meeting on November 10 passed the following Policy Statement Regarding Protests, Demonstrations, Etc.:

The right to protest, to picket, to demonstrate peacefully is part of our democratic heritage. The Student Council of Bronx Community College fully supports individuals in the peaceful exercise of their civil liberties.

However, if in the exercise of what he believes to be his "rights," an individual student intentionally obstructs and/or physically prevents others from the exercise of their rights, we, the Student Council, consider such action to be undemocratic and inimical to the spirit of free, open, and unhampered inquiry and contrary to the spirit of free exercise of civil liberties as found at the college.

(continued)

V. (continued)

Should such interference on the part of a student with the rights of others occur on college premises, it is our position that offenders should be held accountable to an ad hoc student-faculty discipline committee. This is as a result of our feeling that the president, deans and faculty stand together on this issue, and that we can by working in concert protect and assure the rights of all the students. Only in the most extreme cases of physical and/or violent interference would it be necessary, we feel, to use outside sources of help.

This Statement was endorsed by the Faculty Committee on Student Activities at its meeting on November 15.

The students desired also to meet with faculty for an exchange of ideas and to discuss current issues (war, use of drugs, etc.). Perhaps symposia can be arranged.

Discussion: Questions arose concerning the violation of peaceful protest, or the instigation by outsiders, or the chance that Student Council cannot really speak for all students and perhaps a student referendum should be conducted. Dean Thompson explained that student marshals and student leaders would be on duty and that only in the event of physical violence and breakdown of law would outside help be sought. Liaison has been established with the police precinct should assistance be required, but we are optimistic that it will not be. The college must be able to function without violence or interference.

A motion that the President and Dean of Students inform the Armed Services that it may not be advisable to have recruitment officers on campus was tabled.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Gottesman

Lillian Gottesman

LG:m