

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL
January 9, 1975

Present: President Colston, Chairman: Deans Bullard, Corbman, Minkin, Rosenfeld, Rosenstock, Stillerman: Professors R. Barnette, M. Bennett, P. Berger, D. Canty, F. Costello, R. Donovan, S. Eherenpreis, L. Gottesman, J. Graham, S. Hart, F. Heinz, R. Heller, R. Hirsch, E. Past, M. Kalin, R. Kor, J. Kolliner, W. Merrigan, R. Morowitz, J. Patterson, B. Perlmutter, A. Pitman, C. Polowczyk, J. Prince, W. Reynolds, M. Salzberg, H. Stein, K. Takei, E. Terry, R. Thomas, M. Wise, H. White: Mr. M. Horn, Dr. D. Cancienne: Student Guest: E. Rodrequez

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p. m. in Language Hall, Room 22.

The minutes of November 7, 1974 approved with the following addition: Prof. Thomas present.

The minutes of November 20, 1974 approved with the following corrections: page 3 line 13 to read - "Dean Corbman maintained that each department should determine" page 3 item 6 - "Asher" should read "ASHA" page 2 item Promotions to read "stipulation of a Ph. D. did receive approval".

Presentation of Report of the University Faculty Senate Task Force on the Educational Mission of CUNY - Dean Corbman

Dean Corbman is to chair a Committee which will review the forementioned report. The Committee will then report back to the faculty at the conference scheduled for Friday, January 31.

Until that time, Dean Corbman suggested that all faculty members study this well written document. Dean Corbman made note of the manner in which the report fails to treat Community Colleges.

A meeting of the Senators to the CUNY Senate is called for 1/10 at that time, they too will review this report, and discuss its possible approval.

College Senate

Election of the "at large" faculty members has been completed. Student elections are to be completed by Jan. 22. As of this time, a 10% student response has been received. If the student response is not increased considerably, the Jan. 22 deadline may have to be extended.

CUNY Award for Excellence in Teaching - Dean Rosenstock

Due to the budgetary situation, this award may not be offered this Spring. In the event that the award will be given, a Committee designated by the faculty council has prepared a list of recommendations and suggestions regarding the election procedure. The Committee will hold its next meeting January 15. All suggestions and recommendations will be appreciated.

Committee on Academic Standing - Dean Bullard

At the December 4th meeting of this Committee, the following motion was approved by 17-0-2 vote.

"That all qualified Veterans be awarded a maximum of four blanket credits for prior military services." (Eligibility requirements may be obtained from the minutes of this meeting).

Questions: Prof. Merrigan

1. What are the implications for a student who is enrolled in a program in which each course requirement is pre-structured by the department?

Answer: That student will be made aware that he may not take advantage of blanket credits.

2. Will the credits be transferable to a four year college?

Answer: CUNY senior colleges are already awarding 8 blanket credits to Veterans, therefore, it is assumed that our 4 credits will be transferable.

Prof. Eherenpreis objected to the granting of blanket credits on the basis that it is "short changing the student educationally."

Dr. Perlmutter: stated that the Nursing department will have to confer with the State Department of Education regarding this matter.

Prof. Kor: stated that he felt time spent in service to one's country should be recognized. Prof. Heller: suggested that perhaps letter options can be exercised by the student. Dr. Colston made a motion to support the recommendation of the Committee. Motion carried

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Master Plan - Dean Rosenfeld

The Master Plan has been approved. Emergency work on the library roof, and renovations in Tech II are now taking place. Bids are being accepted for work on the dormitory. Language & Philosophy Halls are scheduled for roof repair. Plans for work on Tech II, Silver Hall and the Power Plant are being formulated. The Performing Arts Center, which was to be in Phase I of the Master Plan, will be instituted when the economic situation improves. Recommendations regarding the physically handicapped will be included in all renovations.

Questions: Prof. Just

Commented that an investigation of Tech II is necessary. He pointed out possible pollution of the general environment due to various chemicals used. He noted that there is a larger student population and therefore more chemicals are being used.

Ans: All aspects of the general ventilations of Tech II will explored and sufficient ducting and hooding will be provided.

Question: Prof. Merrigan

~~Asked about the various buildings scheduled for demolition.~~

Ans: At present, four buildings scheduled for demolition. The resulting acreage will be used for parking facilities. BCC is applying for the appropriate zoning changes.

Dr. Colston pointed out that the displacement of faculty is to be expected during renovations. Cooperation of all faculty members is requested.

Distribution of Minutes - Dr. Ryan

Dr. Ryan announced that in light of the budgetary situation, the distribution of the minutes for the Curriculum Committee will be curtailed. Prof. P. Berger suggested that a policy be formed to establish an economically feasible method of distributing printed material to faculty. Prof. Eherenpreis stated that the History Dept. has established a departmental folder which is available to all department members.

Curriculum Committee - Dr. Ryan

Dr. Ryan announced the addition of new courses in the following programs. Laboratory Technology, Health and Physical Education, Social Sciences. Dr. Ryan noted that the budgetary situation has necessitated the review of courses prior to their presentation to the Curriculum Committee. In all cases, priority for courses are granted on an academic and not a financial basis. The next meeting of the Committee will be held 2/11.

Academic Personnel Practices - Dr. Colston

The Council of Presidents is presently reviewing contributions from all Colleges after the Council of Presidents has made its report, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Education which will issue a formal statement regarding this report.

Nursing Center - Dr. Colston

President Colston extended his sincere concern regarding the

situation at the Nursing Center. He stated that the situation appears to be improving. The Amsterdam News has printed a retraction of their damaging article. The second article was based on documents presented by a group of students and graduates who demanded that their ProfNursing School sentiments be printed. Dr. Perlmutter announced the formation of a Faculty-Student Committee.

Economic Situation - Dr. Colston

The economic crisis has necessitated a substantial reduction in our budget allotment. Dr. Colston feels that any reduction in the BCC budget will jeopardize our educational mission. It is hoped that this decrease in budget will be effected as painlessly as possible. Some steps that may have to be taken are:

1. Reduction in 46 part-time Adjuncts.
2. Teaching load class size will be increased by 2 students.
3. A decrease of \$75,000 in areas of purchase of equipment, Administrative & Custodial budgets.
4. Curtailment of Telephone, Guard Services, and Travel Expenses. A notice of the proposed reductions have been distributed and will be discussed with department chairpersons.

Prof. Eherenpreis strongly voiced his support for "operation 76" and asked faculty cooperation in reaffirming support of this project. He pressed the need for calling attention to the unique and necessary needs of the Community College. Dr. Colston voiced his support in favor of "operation 76".

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Morowitz
Secretary

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