

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York

COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting, 9 February 1989, 12 pm. BH 226

Present: H. Andima, Wm. Aponte, J. Bacote, H. Balter,  
M. Bates, V. Bonelli, D. Cancienne, W. Duncan,  
H. Erdsneker, B. Ettinger, D. Gracian,  
R. Gourin, F. Haase, H. Hermo, S. Hoberman,  
E. Just, R. Leinaeng, G. Lieblich, M. Matthew,  
J. O'Sullivan, J. Patterson, A. Peguero,  
D. Persaud, C. Polowczyk, J. Rempson, D. Rey,  
M. Rosenstock, J. Ryan, A. Scimia, L. Squitieri,  
J. Tillack, H. Tyson, M. Wenzel, A. Galub presiding

Excused: Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr.  
Prof. Francis Costello  
Prof. Jo-Ann Graham

Guests: A. Fuller, J. Furst, A. Pomerantz, R. Kor

1. Call to Order

Prof. Galub called the Meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

2. Announcements from the Chair

Prof. Galub reported on a discussion of retrenchment guidelines by the heads of college governance (UFS. 31 January 1989). Consideration was given to possible forms of political action and to publicity needed to convey the impression that reduction of the CUNY budget is inimical to the good of society. In his discussion of the budget situation, Chancellor Murphy stated that the final version may not be ready by 1 April 1989 due to fluctuations in political and economic conditions. The Vice-chancellor expressed the belief that community colleges will find it possible to function without eliminating staff.

On 8 February 1989, President Brown reported to the Executive Committee on the state of the College's budget. He expressed confidence that the College will continue to cope with reductions for the 1989 - 90 academic year. However, the College may face a further loss of one million dollars in 1990. Current plans call for economies in materials and services. One possibility is the non-reappointment of non-tenured personnel. It is less likely that tenured personnel will be fired.

The Executive Committee will examine the retrenchment guidelines and consider preparations for future developments.

Plans for the Youthful Offender Program, originally slated for Stevenson Hall, have been scrapped. The building will be razed. The excitement over the project, raised by questions from the Senate and Student Government Association, is deemed unnecessary.

3. Reports from Standing Committees of the Senate

A. Executive Committee

The report is subsumed in Prof. Galub's announcements, above.

B. Governance and Elections

Dr. Lieblich reported that the Committee will discuss the effect of grades in remedial courses on the cumulative index and on students' eligibility to serve in the Student Government Association.

C. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ryan distributed copies of a written report, detailing items for action by the Senate.

D. Academic Standing

Mr. Erdsneker reported that the Committee is reviewing its codification of procedure for acting on students' appeals.

E. Instruction and Professional Development

Prof. Pomerantz briefly reviewed the proposed activities of the Committee for the Spring Semester. These include: a seminar, Update on Science, for 9 February; the annual survey of Faculty, and a workshop on Faculty and Student Expectations and Responsibilities. Faculty members who were not evaluated by students in the fall of 1988, will be evaluated this spring. A Workshop on Faculty Morale is planned for next fall.

F. Student Activities

Dean Rempson reported the approval of thirty club charters. He distributed copies of a list of clubs. He credited Mr. Jaijairam Tillack with stimulating the involvement of students.

4. Report from the Long Range Planning Committee

Dr. Hermo reported that the Committee's report to President Brown covered curricula, student services, Faculty, facilities, and continuing education, with three recom-

mendations for each area. At the suggestion of the President, full copies will be distributed to Deans, Department Heads, and the Secretary of the Senate. President Brown also suggested that the Faculty be convoked for the publicizing and discussion of the report. The proposed date of this convocation is 6 April, from 12 to 2 pm.

5. Report from the University Faculty Senate

Prof. Galub reported that at the meeting of 31 January 1989, the UFS adopted resolutions: a) advocating restoration of full funding for the CUNY budget; b) stating the impact of CUNY budget reductions on society, and c) protesting the New York State law that requires financial disclosure statements from employees.

6. Report from the University Student Senate

Mr. Rey reported that students will rally in Albany to lobby for restoration of funds to the CUNY budget.

7. Action Items

A. Minutes of the Meeting, 15 December 1988

Referring to the second paragraph of Item 2., the antecedent of the pronoun, "this," is the subordinate clause, "...that the College will not use Stevenson Hall for a Juvenile Offender Program."

Dr. Ryan vigorously objected to being reported as having insisted that Dr. Lieblich's report be altered.

With the above considerations, the Minutes were approved by voice vote as presented.

B. Curriculum Committee Actions

Dr. Galub's motion, that the actions of the Committee (22 November 1988) be approved, was approved by voice vote.

C. Time and Dates of Senate Meetings

Dr. Squitieri's motion, that the Senate yield its Meeting of 6 April to the Long Range Planning Committee for the purpose of convoking the Faculty, was approved by voice vote.

Dr. Galub's motion, that the Senate meet on 2 March and 4 May from 12 to 2 pm. was approved by voice vote.

8. Announcements

A. Dean Polowczyk

Some of the curriculum changes submitted to the Chancellor's Office are being reconsidered. Those affected are: MTH 21, LTL 10, Computer Science, and a Business option.

B. Prof. Galub

Dr. Agnes Sobieraj has been elected to the Committee on Governance and Elections.

Professors Luis Pinto and Russel Miller have been elected to the Disciplinary Committee.

Prof. Galub thanked the members of the Senate for their expressions of sympathy on the death of his wife. He also thanked Dr. Haase for maintaining the continuity of Senate business in his absence.

9. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 1:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Haase, Secretary