The College Senate:  

September 23, 1999


Guests: Diana D’Alessio, Alice Fuller, Mac Holdon, Charlotte Honda, Doreen Le Blanc, Marc Legget, Eileen Mentone, Marie-Louise Niskerson, Deborah Parolo, Nancy Ritze, George Sanchez, Jerome Thomas, Mitchell Wenzel.

Meeting called to order at 12:15 by Dr. Ruth Bass

I – Dr. Bass welcomed those new to the Senate, and asked each person (new and old) to introduce him or herself.

II - The agenda was approved. Dr. Bass explained that this would be a short meeting, without the usual reports, because Faculty Council will occur today at 1pm. [Last week’s scheduled Faculty Council meeting was postponed as the College closed for hurricane Floyd.]

III – The minutes of May 20, 1999 were approved, with the addition of Marianne Pita as present, and Alice Fuller listed as a “permanent” guest, not a voting member.

The minutes of March 18, 1999 should have included, as an addendum, the revised composition of the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development. See attachment.

IV – President Williams greeted and welcomed everyone. She explained that she regretted that she could not give a longer report, and stay for the meeting, because she had to leave immediately because she had to be present at a CUNY meeting downtown that began at noon.

V – Senate Officers were elected, one by one. Nominations were opened and closed, with only one person nominated for each position. A motion was made and seconded that the secretary cast one vote for the nominee in the name of the body. Approved vive voce. The new officers are:

Dr. Ruth Bass, Chair
Ms. Nicole Holmes, Vice Chair
Dr. Kathleen Berger, Secretary

VI- The Ombudsperson position, responsibilities, and election process (three votes per student Senator, one vote for other voting Senators) were explained. Nominations were opened and closed, with only one person nominated. A motion was made and seconded that the secretary cast one for the nominee in the name of the body. Approved vive voce.

Dr. Vincent Bonelli, Ombudsperson.

VI- The role, restrictions (must be full Professor, cannot be a department chair) and responsibilities of the Academic Review Committee were explained. Nominees were: Howard
Balter, Madeline Bates, Kathleen Berger, Howard Fuld, Jacqueline Gutwirth, Michael Kanuck, Vincent Kissell. Elected were three incumbents:

Madeline Bates
Kathleen Berger
Howard Fuld

The chair will forward all names to the College Personnel and Budget Committee, who will add two more members to Academic Review.

VII – Mac Holden, director of Safety and Security reported that “we are a very safe campus” with very little crime and good people in place. He is working on securing the perimeter of the college (with better fencing and patrols) and he is developing an Emergency Response Team. Given the short time at this meeting, Mr. Holden responded to questions, about requiring ID cards for all entering the campus (this is difficult to enforce, especially since we want to be a campus that welcomes the community, but all who enter need to show an ID card or sign in), about cars being allowed to exit at Osborne Place (the Community Board is against that), of the need for better lighting at night (he would welcome specific lists of dark places), and of more obvious designations for Visitor Parking. He agreed to come back for the October Senate meeting for follow-up discussion.

VIII – Announcements and Reports: Deferred until the Senate meeting, on October 14, 1999.

IX – Committee reports and Action Items. Deferred until the Senate meeting, on October 14, 1999.

VIII- New Business. There was no new business.

Respectfully Submitted:

[Signature]
Kathleen Berger, Secretary
The Committee on Instruction and Professional Development respectfully proposes an amendment to Article I, H, specifically section "b".

[Note: Subsequent to the College Senate meeting of 2/18/99, President Williams asked that there not be an amendment to A, 1, H, a, as previously requested.]

"b" now reads

Membership

1. Six faculty members: 2 elected by and from each of the three divisions.

2. Three faculty members at large appointed by the Executive Committee.

3. Three students elected by the Student Government Association.

4. One representative from the office of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

5. The Dean of Students or a representative from the Department of Student Development.

"b" would read

Membership

1. The President of Academic Affairs or representative.

2. One faculty member elected by and from each department.

3. The Vice President of Student Development or representative.

4. Three students elected by the Student Government Association from the student body.

This amendment, discussed at the previous Senate meeting, was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.