The College Senate: April 6, 2000


Guests: Alice Fuller, Nadine Postner, Donald Read, Nancy Ritzel

Meeting called to order at 12:10 by Dr. Ruth Bass

I - The agenda was approved.

II- The minutes of March 9, 2000 were approved, with minor corrections.

III- The President is at the American Association of Community Colleges, as are several other senior BCC administrators and faculty. BCC is presenting four panels at AACC.

IV- Announcements and Reports
Dr. Bass reminded the Senate that we will try to move quickly through the agenda, as a Faculty Council meeting follows this one.

Nominations are being solicited for the faculty representatives for Auxiliary Enterprises, and for BCC Inc. Noon on April 17th is the deadline.

Articles for the Senator will be accepted today and tomorrow.

The President has formed a Diversity Committee, of Mary Rogan, Ruth Bass, Nelson Reynoso, and Marjorie Garrido.

A naming ceremony was held on Thursday, March 30, to name the Learning Center for Gerald J. Leibich.

All present who are members of PSC CUNY were urged to return their ballots.

VP Coleman reported that today's news -- loss of the commuter tax for those who work in New York City but live outside it --- will make financial conditions worse for CUNY. It is difficult to forecast the exact shortfall in the budget, as the state legislature has not decided what the additional per capita funds should be for each full-time community college student. The Senate is suggesting $75, the Assembly $150, the Governor has not yet spoken.

VI - Committee Reports and Action Items.

No report today from the Committee on Academic Standing.

The Curriculum Committee reported several items (see attached A-G). It was moved and seconded that the two meeting rule be suspended for passage of all these items, since that is necessary for approval by the Board of Trustees before Fall. It was moved and seconded that item G be removed from the omnibus motion. After discussion, this motion was defeated. Then the first motion, that A-G be approved without the two-meeting rule, was passed unanimously.
The Governance and Elections Committee noted that ballots have been distributed to elect a new HEW representative to the Senate.

The Committee on Instruction and Professional Development reported that recommendations have been sent to the President for Professional development grants.

Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant focused on bathrooms at their last meeting. In response to questions, it was explained that the scaffolding will be off the roof of Colston as soon as the tarring of the roof is finished, which will be when there are three warm days in a row.

Student Government Association, and University Student Senate and Student Activities had no reports.

VII -- The resolution regarding Renaming of College Spaces, previously reported to the Senate as well as discussed at the Senate Executive Committee meeting, was passed unanimously.

VIII - A resolution regarding the naming of the soon-to-be-built Child Development Center after Professor Henrietta Whitcomb, former faculty of the Department of Student Development, was passed unanimously.

IX - A resolution on the Future of Community Colleges, regarding the importance of a representative chosen by the faculty on the CUNY committee on the future of Community Colleges, was passed unanimously.

X - New Business. Professor Howard Fuld reported on a follow through meeting regarding articulation between Adelphi College and Bronx Community College.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen S. Berger, Secretary