BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York  

COLLEGE SENATE  

Minutes of the Meeting, 7 December 1989, 12:45 pm, EH 226  

Present: R. Adeyemi, H. Andima, J. Bacote, H. Balter, M. Bates,  
D. Canzianne, M. Cummins, S. Deonarine, B. Ettinger,  
J. Feehery, S. Forman, S. Friedlander, J. Furst, A. Galub,  
H. Herms, W. Hynes, E. Just, L. Leva, G. Leiblich,  
J. O'Sullivan, J. Remson, M. Rosenstock, J. Ryan,  
R. Salgado, F. Stabile, H. Tyson, Wenzel  
S. Ramírez, M. Esteyez, C. Reid, M. Ford  

Excused: R. Brown, F. Haase, I. Cantegena  

Guests: R. Kor. A. Fuller  

1. Call to Order  
   Prof. Galub called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.  

2. Approval of the Agenda  
The agenda was approved by consent of the Senate.  

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting. 30 November 1989  
   Approval of the minutes was deferred until the meeting of 15  
   February 1990.  

4. Announcements  
   A. Chair of the Senate and Executive Committee  

In response to concern over attendance, Prof. Galub said  
he would send a letter to all Senators reminding and urging  
them to notify him (x6331 or x6350) or the Secretary (x6336  
or x8342) whenever they are unable to attend a meeting. This  
way, the meeting could be called to order in a timely  
fashion, instead of waiting needlessly for people who are  
unable to attend.  

Prof. Galub reported that the Executive Committee had  
selected a group of students and had forwarded their names  
to the President who would select six of them to sit on the  
Judiciary Panel. From the panel a committee would be  
selected by lot to hear the case being brought to it on  
December 6th. He emphasized that the only interest of the  
Executive Committee was that the hearing be fair and that  
the Student Senate be back on its feet and able to  
conduct its business and to participate in government bodies  
of which it is a member.
There was a meeting with the President regarding the budget. The College will be about $250,000 short this fiscal year. The President expects to close the gap by cutting back on the hiring of adjuncts. If this is not enough, there will be cuts in non-personnel items.

Regarding the rumored tuition increase, Ms. Ramirez reported that the U.S.S. and other State University student government agencies had formed an ad hoc committee. Among other possible actions, they plan to meet with Gov. Cuomo to discuss the budget.

B. Deans

There were no reports.

5. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standing Committee

There was no report.

B. Curriculum Committee

Prof. Ryan presented the Curriculum Committee Report. One of the items will require action by the Senate at its next meeting, that is, the new course entitled "Creative Computer Music" proposed by the Department of Music and Art. If approved by the Senate, it will be forwarded to the Board for approval. It will be offered in the Spring on an experimental basis.

An experimental course, "Introduction to Sign Language," will be offered this Spring at Sing Sing, at its request. The Department of Communication Arts and Sciences will evaluate the course over the next two years, during which time a decision will be made whether or not to formalize it. If successful, a sequential course may be created.

The Report of the Subcommittee Concerning Core Courses in the A.A.S. programs is available in department offices and will be discussed in the February meeting of the Curriculum Committee. Prof. Ryan stated that the formation of the subcommittee was in response to the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee that, since many A.A.S. students do, in fact, transfer, they needed core courses which would be accepted for credit by other city colleges. One recommendation was to strengthen the core by requiring Eng 12 (in addition to Eng 11) and a laboratory science. Furthermore, these degrees should have one-third of their credits satisfied by liberal arts courses and that each curriculum should identify which courses these are.

In response to Prof. Ryan's question concerning the kind of information the Senate would like to see before taking
action on new courses, the Senate requested that the Curriculum Committee supply the same supporting documents required by the Chancellor for consideration by the Board. Prof. Ryan agreed to have the departments prepare the documents and Dean Fuller agreed that the Office of Academic would take charge of duplicating them for distribution to the Senate.

Prof. Tyson’s request for a description of how a course fits into other curricula was tabled until the Senate has an opportunity to determine whether the above documents are adequate.

C. Governance and Elections

Prof. Lieblich reminded the Senate that it was the last day for nominations for University Faculty Senate.

D. Instruction and Professional Development

There was no report.

F. Student Activities

There was no report.

6. Report on Capital Budget

The full text of Dean Cancienne’s report is appended to the minutes. At the meeting he went through each article of the report. He explained that the purpose of the Capital Budget was for large projects and repairs which would exceed the $40,000 set aside in the College’s Operating Budget for on-going maintenance. He also described what happens when cost overruns occur. In that event, some aspect of the budget for a project is eliminated, as in the case of the equipment for the new TV studio in Tech Two.

We have been fortunate recently to receive funds from the Bronx Borough President. The most recently approved request included the equipment for the TV studio.

At the November meeting of the Capital Budget Committee, the consensus was that the College needed a new Master Plan to provide a framework for future construction and renovation projects from now into the next century.

Participation on the Capital Budget Committee by the Senate may be a matter for discussion at the February meeting, Prof. Galub suggested. There used to be a Space and Facilities Subcommittee which is now defunct. In lieu of this, Dean Cancienne has invited the Chairperson of the Senate to invite one additional Senator to attend. In November, the representatives were Profs. Galub and Bates.
Prof. Ryan referred to the very real possibility of a large increase in enrollment at the College in the next decade and identified the need for better bus routes to the campus and more safe parking facilities for students. Dean Cancienne stated that the College was scheduled to regain the use of the land and facility now occupied by the U.S. Army by the year 2003, if not sooner. Also, in exchange for building an elementary school on College land, the Board of Education has agreed to provide funds for building additional parking spaces.

Prof. Cummins questioned the plan to house the business offices on the eighth floor of Colston Hall. She observed that most of the classroom space for College courses is now in Colston Hall and that there was a pressing need for more and larger classrooms which that space could provide. In addition, it is close to many departmental offices. Dean Cancienne responded that locating the business offices in close proximity to the other administrative offices and to the computing facilities to be housed there made more sense. He suggested that department offices could be relocated to other buildings which could be renovated to provide adequate teaching facilities for those departments.

7. **Spring 1980 Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting of the Senate will be 15 February 1980 at 12 pm.

Prof. Galub raised the possibility of changing the time of the meetings back to 4 to 6 pm. The primary reason for doing so is the fact that there are so many conflicting meetings which take place during Club Hours on Thursdays and that attendance might be increased.

However, it was the consensus of the Senate that attendance is better under the present arrangement and that student participation has been better this year than any other, which was the rationale for changing the meeting time to 12:00 in the first place. It was decided to leave the meeting time as is for the coming semester.

8. **New Business**

There was no new business.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Prof. Galub at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Bates, Secretary