BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING - 4/23/64

Present: President Morris Meister, Chairman; Professors Buckley, Caffrey, Colwell, D'Andrea, Doroshkin, Hirsch, Hirshfeld, Joseph, Just, Loughlin, Mandelbaum, May, McCulloch, McGrath, McLaughlin, Minkin, Monticone, Pitman, Prestwidge, Reynolds, Rosenstock, Silverman, Stein, Stillerman, Thompson, White, Mr. Berman, Mr. Casais, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Pomeranz, Miss Stringham.

Absent: Professors Atlas, Corbman, Griffin, Tauber, Mr. Stambler.

Guests: Professors Furst, Kissel, Rosenfeld, Rosh, Tyson, Mrs. Babnis, Mr. Motola.

I. Meeting called to order at 12:35 by Dr. Meister.

II. Action on Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1964 were accepted as written.

III. Communications and Announcements

A. Budget for 1964-65

The budget promulgated April 15 has many implications for the coming year. "Belt tightening" will be required, but it is hoped we will be able to withstand the full effects by raising our admissions figures somewhat and adopting some economies. The factors which apparently played a significant role in the economy budget were insufficient State aid, the Mayor's determination to introduce free tuition for the community college students, salary increases.

Copies of the Budget are available for review in the President's Office and in the Business Office. Dr. Meister will be glad to explain the budget to anyone who requests it.

B. Response to letter from Prof. May as Chairman of Faculty Welfare Committee, inquiring about faculty salary increments:

The Budget includes $2,400,000 for increasing salaries. The new schedules have not been determined yet but increases due in April will be retroactive whenever it comes. Other increases are scheduled for July 1 and September 1.

C. Communication from Committee on Safety and Security.

The Chairman of that Committee, Dean McGrath, called attention to numerous acts of vandalism, disregard of smoking regulations, disregard of regulations restricting eating of food to Cafeteria area, increasingly bizarre attire, general letdown of standards of good behavior on the part of the students.

Students are being appealed to by Dr. Meister through their communications media, and Dean Thompson has involved the Student Council in a campaign to
re-establish student adherence to the college regulations.

Faculty members are requested to cooperate in an effort to enforce reasonable standards of conduct and dress and, if necessary, report infractions to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

D. Draft of letter setting forth requirements for eligibility for nomination of Department Heads and procedures to be followed in departmental elections.

To broaden faculty representation, the President invited members of the Committee on Faculty Welfare and the Committee on Nominations and Elections to attend this Faculty Council meeting.

In order to stagger departmental elections after this year, lots will be drawn by present department heads prior to the elections to determine which elections will be for one, two or three years.

Item #5 concerning eligibility for voting was discussed at length. B.C.C. Bylaws grant voting privileges to all faculty members regardless of tenure until September, 1965.

The proposed Community College Bylaws follow the procedure of the senior colleges, granting the vote to all with ranks of Assistant Professor or higher, regardless of tenure and to those instructors who have tenure.

Problem of interpretation: Do we abide by our own Bylaws which were carefully analyzed before acceptance last year, follow proposed Community College Bylaws or postpone elections until next year?

Motion: The Faculty Council approves the idea of election of Departmental Chairmen as proposed in the draft communication and that elections be held in accordance with B.C.C. Bylaws. Vote - For 29, Against 3, Abstaining 1.

Questions raised.
Q. Is everyone who votes eligible for Chairmanship?
   A. Only those holding professorial rank.

Q. May those who are not returning next fall vote?
   Motion: All persons invited to return and who have accepted should vote. Vote - For 23, Against 4, Abstaining 5.

Time of voting.
Motion: Designate Thursday, May 7 at 12:30 P.M., as the time for elections in all departments except Nursing.
Vote - For 13, Against 16, Abstaining 4.

Motion: Amendment to Item #1: Include weeks of May 4 and May 11 as period for elections.
Vote - For 16, Against 16, Chair votes For.
Motion: Faculty Council approves draft of 15 points presented by President Meister in presence of Committee on Faculty Welfare and Committee on Nominations and Elections with the additional clarifications.

Vote - For 27, Against 2, Abstaining 4

IV. Treasurer’s Report - Prof. Furst

Balance $340.01

Amount owed for refreshments for Fall 1963 Faculty Conference 45.75

Balance $296.26

Motion to accept Professor Furst’s request for payment to Cafeteria for refreshments and to accept the report, unanimously approved.

V. Committee Reports

Committee on Committees - Prof. Caffrey

A. Proposal from the Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid to Students:

"The Committee on Financial Aid to Students, with the support of the Committee on Committees (by a vote of 4 to 1) recommends that the Faculty create a separate committee for the purpose of fund raising."

That the following be added to Article III as III, 2m:

"Committee on Fund Raising:

1. The membership of this committee shall include the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Aid to Students, Representatives of the Public Relations Department, members of the Student Activities Committee and Alumni representatives.

2. The Committee's function shall be to conduct an annual drive and other efforts to raise funds to be used for scholarships, work-aid and loans. Records of contributions, acknowledgement of them and reports, are to be made."

It was suggested that the Alumni representation on the Fund Raising Committee should be the Faculty Adviser of the Alumni Association rather than Alumni representatives as recommended by the Committee inasmuch as only faculty members may be members of faculty committees.

There was some question whether fund raising should be a function of a standing Committee of the Faculty:
Motion: That the proposal to make a separate Fund Raising Committee be adopted.
Vote: For 14, Against 13, Abstaining 3.

B. Bylaws Review and Revision Committee

The purpose of this committee would be to review BCC Bylaws and present necessary revisions to Faculty Council for voting. In this way, Bylaws will always be kept up-to-date.

It was recommended that an ad hoc committee be appointed in the Fall with the assignment of reviewing Bylaws and presenting revisions in the Spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera F. Minkin
Secretary