BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of The City University of New York  

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING - 1/7/65

PRESENT: Dr. Morris Meister, presiding; Deans Tauber, Silverman, Thompson, Professors Beringause, Caffrey, Chalaps, Clarke, Colwell, Corbman, D'Andrea, Doroshkin, Furst, Griffin, Hirsch, Hirshfeld, Joseph, Just, Kissel, Krey, Lipsey, Mandelbaum, May, McCulloch, McGrath, McLaughlin, Minkin, Monticone, Prince, Reynolds, Rosenstock, Sacher, Steurman, Stillerman, White, Mr. Casais, Mr. Finnegan, Miss Keatinge, Mr. Motola, Miss Stringham, Mr. Wong.

GUEST: Professor Rosenfield.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, President Meister, at 12:35 P.M. to consider the following agenda:

I. Minutes
II. Communications and Announcements
III. Unfinished business: Bylaws and Health Insurance Plans
IV. Committee Reports

I. The minutes were accepted as distributed.

II. Communications and Announcements.

A. The President's Report

1. The faculty is invited to attend a discussion of collective bargaining to be led by Dr. Belle Zeller and Mrs. Sally Parker.

2. New campus plans are proceeding well. The faculty is invited to see the preliminary sketches available in Dean Silverman's office.

3. The following additional space will be utilized in the near future:

   a) Faculty offices in stores or lofts near the college
   b) Classroom space in the Melrose Building

4. The college has applied for a Work Study Grant in the amount of about $28,000. The funds will be used to pay students for productive part-time work at the college. A Grand Street Foundation donation has been received for purposes of partially meeting the matching requirement.

5. A committee on which Community College Presidents are represented is working on the problem of the salary schedule and promotional opportunities for Community College Technical Assistants.

6. The College Discovery Program was observed recently by a group including Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education Allan A. Kuusisto, Mr. Robert W. Frederick, Jr., Supervisor, Division of Higher Education, New York State Education Department, Honorable Benjamin F. McLaurin, Mr. Edgar Draper, Program Associate in the Office of the Secretary to the Governor of the State of
New York, Mr. Max Delson, member of the Executive Board of NAACP, Miss Antonia Pantoja, Executive Director of ASPIRA and Mr. William Toles, Queens Branch Director of the Urban League of Greater New York.

Dr. Meister has received letters in praise of what the college is doing in this area.

7. Dr. Meister has been negotiating with the Department of Hospitals with reference to the dedication of the Nursing Residence. The faculty will be invited.

B. Dean Tauber's Report

1. On January 8, 1965 at 2:30 P.M., the Borough President will be at the college to present a plaque to Dr. Meister, Chairman of the Education Committee for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Bronx. Dr. Azzari, Chairman of the Bronx Community College Committee of the Board of Higher Education, is expected to attend. The faculty is invited to attend the presentation at the reception.

2. On Friday, January 8, at 8:30 P.M., the Bronx Community College Orchestra will perform in our Auditorium, the second in the series this year. All Faculty and families are invited.

3. On Friday evening, January 29, "In White America," the well-received off-Broadway play, will be performed by the original cast.

C. Dean Silverman's Report

1. Proctoring assignments are now in the hands of the chairmen.

2. Assignments may be swapped, provided that Dean McGrath is notified at least 24 hours in advance.

D. Dean Thompson's Report

The Student Council of Bronx Community College is honored in having been selected to serve as the host for the regional meeting of the Community College and Institute Student Government Association (CISGA) of the State University of New York. This meeting of representatives of student governments of the lower New York State region will be held at the college on Saturday, January 9, 1965, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

III. Unfinished Business

A. B.H.E. and L.C.C. Bylaws

Professor Caffrey explained that, according to both plans of the B.H.E. Bylaws, each department must elect a Committee on Appointments (Somewhat analogous to our present departmental P & B Committee). This committee has the responsibility of making appointments and reappointments. However, the B.H.E. Bylaws require that the council decide between two alternative procedures
for recommending promotions:

Plan 1. Decisions on recommendations for promotions shall be made by majority vote of the departmental members who are above the rank of the candidate, provided each professional rank is represented by at least one member of the department. Otherwise, the responsibility for decisions on promotions will rest with the Committee on Appointments, or

Plan 2. Decisions on promotions shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Appointments and Promotions. (See Article IX, paragraphs 109.1 and 109.4 - B.H.E. Bylaws.)

A motion was made to adopt Plan 2. The motion was carried by a vote of 25 to 8 with 5 abstentions.

A motion was carried that the Committee on Appointments and Promotions have the responsibility of making budgetary recommendations to the College P & B Committee. The vote was 24 to 5 with 9 abstentions.

A motion was carried that the Faculty Council set up personnel and budget procedures that would be uniform throughout the college and that would include some flexibility.

A motion was carried that each committee on Appointments and Promotions shall consist of 3 members plus 1 alternate if the department has less than 15 members but 5 members, plus 1 alternate, if the department has 15 or more members. The vote was 26 to 3 with 9 abstentions. That the college has a choice with respect to the size of the committee is a legal point which must be investigated, since there is some ambiguity in the B.H.E. Bylaws.

B. Health Insurance Plans - Discussion postponed.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Welfare: Professor May, on behalf of the Faculty Welfare Committee, recommended that the Council pass a resolution asking the Board of Higher Education to revise Articles 14 and 15 of the Community College Bylaws so that they conform in spirit to the 4-year college bylaws. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting of the Faculty Council.

B. Curriculum - postponed.

C. Academic Standing - postponed.

V. Adjournment

A suggestion to hold a meeting during intersession was rejected by a vote of 17 to 13. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lipsky
Secretary