BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 8, 1965

Present: Dr. Morris Meister, presiding, Deans Tauber and Thompson, Professors Atlas, Beringause, Buckley, Caffrey, Clarke, Colwell, Corbman, D'Andrea, Doroshkin, Furst, Hirsch, Joseph, Just, Lipsey, McGrath, McLaughlin, Mandelbaum, May, Minkin, Monticone, Prince, Reynolds, Rosenstock, Saueracker, Stillerman, White, Mr. Casais, Mr. Finnegan, Miss Keatinge, Miss Stringham.

Guest: Dr. Sharo

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted with the addition of Prof. Colwell's name to the list of those present.

II. Communications and Announcements

A. President Meister

1. Dr. Meister reported that the Student Carnival of March 26 had been a great success and expressed appreciation to those who had borne the responsibility for the event: Dean Thompson, Miss Stringham and the Faculty Committee on Student Activities.

2. He also acclaimed the series of lectures initiated by Miss Baum and Professor Duncan. The first of the series, a lecture by Maurice Friedman on Existentialism drew a capacity audience which responded to the lecture with thought-ful questions. The next in the series, a lecture by Blaine on Emotional Problems of Students, is to be presented on April 10.

3. The Mayor's budget is not yet ready, although the special sum of $1,000,000 requested by the Chancellor has a good chance of being included. Students are to be accepted to BCC in accordance with the numbers in our budget request.

4. A campus academic plan for 1970 must be filed with President Gould by September 1. The following members of the faculty volunteered to help with the writing of the plan: Professors Beringause, Joseph, Just, May, Monticone, Prince, Stillerman and White.

B. Dean Tauber

1. Dean Tauber joined with Dr. Meister in expressing his pleasure over the Distinguished Lecturer series which is being presented at the college, arranged by Professor Duncan. He said that they bring distinction to the college.

2. He added that the faculty lecture series had been sponsored by Prof. Furst and Miss Baum, through the Cultural Committee. The participants were Professors Schaumberger, Pomeranz, Clarke and Sayer from the Departments of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, respectively.

3. The fourth in the series of concerts will be held on the evening of Friday, May 7, 1965, culminating Charter Week activities.
4. Dean Tauber announced that Charter Week will begin on May 1 and he asked Dean Minkin, as Chairman of the Committee on College Occasions and Co-Chairman of the Festival of Arts with Miss Joan Baum, to give the details.

C. Dean Minkin:

The activities scheduled for Charter Week include a performance of the Norman Walker Dance Company (May 1), a lecture-demonstration "The Pantomime Theatre of New York" (May 2), "Mark Twain Tonight" by Hal Holbrook (May 3), A Speech Arts Festival (May 4), A Pre-Law Club Mock Trial (May 6), The Play Production Class and The Drama Club presentation of "Tobias and The Angel" (May 6 and 8), and the Bronx Community and College Orchestra Concert (May 7).

D. Dean McGrath

1. The dedication of the Nursing Center was a success.

2. A tentative schedule for proctoring final exams has been developed. Dates or hours may be revised by speaking to Dean McGrath.

3. Exams have been scheduled for the period of June 1-8, excluding June 7.

E. Dean Thompson

1. The Carnival raised $300 for the Scholarship Fund.

2. On Saturday evening, April 10, there will be a Jazz Concert at 8:30 P.M.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Curriculum Committee - Dr. Monticone, Chairman

1. On March 8, 1965 the Curriculum Committee approved a proposal by the Social Studies and Humanities Department for a new course - Abnormal Psychology. The Course was approved with an amendment:

Prerequisite: GS 1, 2 & 5 with the approval of the instructor.

Objections were voiced in the Faculty Council to the course on such grounds as (a) that it was too restrictive an offering, (b) that another psychology course might be more appropriate for our students, and (c) that it would be more beneficial for students to concentrate on required courses in their first and second years rather than to be tempted to postpone required courses in favor of the psychology elective. However, it was pointed out (a) that transfer credit for the course would be granted at the senior college, (b) that one of the ways of learning about the "normal" personality is by studying the abnormal, (c) that a student could take his requirements as well as the psychology elective, perhaps by attending summer session, if necessary, (d) that the Social Studies Department, with the approval of the Dean of Faculty, has been developing an elective in each field,
a 4th or 5th semester course, (e) that the proposed course might attract non-matriculated students, and (f) that the course has been requested by a sizeable group of students.

The Council voted to approve the course by a vote of 19 to 8.

2. The Curriculum Committee approved the new Business Transfer Program (for students planning a teaching career at the secondary level), with the following modifications:

   a) Add SM 11 as a possible elective in the program.
   b) Students presenting high school Hebrew, Italian or Latin will be permitted to continue their high school language at another college, if they so desire.
   c) The program be structured as one curriculum with three options rather than three separate curriculums.

Objections to the course were raised in the Faculty Council with respect to proposed electives, especially where a student would take the first half of a year course in English or a language and finish the second half at a senior college. It was pointed out that all electives are compatible with requirements that students must meet sooner or later. Electives proposed for the program at BCC represent breadth and make it possible for students to go to City as well as to Hunter. It was proposed that GE 6 be included as an elective for students planning a teaching career in Accounting studies.

The Business Transfer Program was approved by the Council by a vote of 26 to 1.

B. Bylaw Revisions - Professor Caffrey

Bylaw revisions must be voted on by the full faculty. Proposals have been distributed.

C. Utilization of Faculty Services - Professor Saueracker

The committee reports as follows:

"Once the department has been allotted personnel, then the President will permit the department to utilize their personnel in such a manner as to effect a reduction in teaching load if possible. This program will be subject to evaluation a year after it is put into effect. Personnel allocation under the budget will be subject to division on a basis of a rational, equitable, professional method of allocation as a result of discussion, time permitting."

D. Committee meeting dates - Dr. McCulloch

Discussion postponed.

E. Student Representation on Faculty Committees

1. Dr. Meister read a letter from the Educational Affairs and Policy Committee of the Student Council (Steve Minsky, Chairman) proposing the
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participation of students on faculty committees, especially Academic Standing, Curriculum and Instruction, Improvement of Instruction, Scholarship and Financial Aid, Library, Cultural, and Student Activities. Dr. Meister said that he had replied to the committee with a promise that he would read the letter to the Faculty Council.

2. From the discussion in the Faculty Council, Dr. Meister said that the following points would be the basis for a further reply to the committee:

   a) The Bylaws require that faculty determine decisions in certain areas.

   b) Students would be welcomed as consultants and observers.

   c) The Student Personnel Department is setting up liaison arrangements between faculty committees and appropriate student council committees.

   d) Permission will be given to some committees to experiment with student participation.

   e) There is great interest in good student-faculty relationships. Student participation in committee work has educational advantage for both students and faculty.

3. Further discussion by the Faculty Council of student participation on faculty committees will take place at a later date.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lipsey
Secretary

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