BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 1967, 12:30 P.M.

PRESENT: President Colston presiding: Deans Caffrey, Corcoran, McGrath, Minkin, Rosenfeld, Rosenstock, Stillerman, White; Profs. Baum, Beringause, Berger, Buckley, Casais, Colwell, D'Andrea, Ehrenpreis, Erdmanek, Furst, Galub, Gottesman, Hirsch, Just, Lalli, McLaughlin, Mandelbaum, May, Monticone, Perlmutter, Polowczyk, Prestwidge, Sacher, Salzberg, Stein, Steuerman; Miss Scanlon, Mr. Heller

GUEST: Prof. Saueracker

I. Minutes of the meeting of February 9
Correction: p. 1, II, 1 - the last line in this paragraph should read: Deputy for the Department of Health and Physical Education. The minutes were adopted as corrected.

II. Announcements - President Colston
A. Master Plan
   The Master Plan will be sent to department chairmen and made available to the rest of the Faculty by the department offices.

   The President also announced that there has been some escalation of budget estimates for the new campus, which may result in some small additional delay.

B. Summer Research Grants
   It was announced that SCC has made more requests for summer grants than any of the other community Colleges.

C. Engineers' Council
   An evaluation team from the Engineers' Council for Professional Development will visit the College on April 19 and 20. Members of the team will meet with Faculty in all areas but will concentrate on our curricula in Electrical and Mechanical Technology.

D. Sabbatical Leaves
   There has been a delay in budget decisions, so that it will be impossible to make any announcements concerning the granting of sabbatical leaves as early as was hoped.

E. Fall Schedule
   Dean Rosenfeld announced that the scheduling of classes for the Fall semester must begin, subject to adjustment, before final budget figures are available.

F. Summer Session Schedule
   Dean White announced that the Summer Session schedule would soon be available.

G. Campus Facilities Officer
   President Colston announced that a campus facilities officer has been employed by the College and will start work at the College on April 24.

H. Commencement
   Commencement will be held in the morning instead of the evening this June, at the Paradise Theatre.
I. Faculty Welfare
Prof. Ehrenpreis announced that there are three bills which are currently before the governor which concern faculty welfare and which should be supported by our faculty. These bills concern vesting rights for members of the New York City Retirement system, possibility of transfer from New York City Retirement to Teachers' Retirement, and provision of 4% interest on money paid into New York City Retirement.

A motion was made and passed that the Secretary of the Council be directed to write or telegraph the Governor, strongly urging that he sign these bills. (A letter was sent on April 14; copy is attached to these minutes.)

III. Committee Reports
A. Committee on Academic Standing - Dean Corbett
Minutes for this committee have been distributed; no further report.

B. Committee on Curriculum - Dr. Monticone
It was announced that a new math course for data processing (MTH 27) was approved at the last meeting of the committee. Dr. Monticone also announced that copies of the catalog for Curriculum Committee would soon be available for distribution to the entire faculty.

C. Committee on Nominations - Prof. Erdsneker
1. Prof. Saueracker has been elected Chairman of the Faculty Welfare Committee, his term ending June 30, 1967.

2. Professors Buckley, Ehrenpreis, Ress and Sayer have been elected to the Committee on Nominations and Elections, their term ending June, 1968.

3. Elections to be held
   a. One member of the Faculty Welfare Committee (to replace Prof. Saueracker), term ending June 30, 1967.
   b. Nomination and elections of faculty officers.
   c. Election of one representative and one alternate to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges of State University.
   d. Actions upon proposed amendments to BCC Bylaws.

IV. City University Welfare Fund - Prof. May
Prof. May announced and briefly described the Variable Annuity Plan as set up by the Faculty Welfare Trustees, by which members of Teachers' Retirement may now have the option of having a percentage of their contributions to the fund invested. He also discussed the available medical insurance plans, and announced that some funds were available to cover certain additional, peripheral areas of medical care, such as doctors' prescriptions, dental care, eyeglass prescriptions, etc. A questionnaire has been issued to the faculty to help determine faculty interest in these specific areas.

V. American Red Cross
Dr. Colston reminded the Council of the Current Red Cross drive for funds, and urged that members of the faculty contribute generously to this cause.
VI. Student Deferral Policies
Prof. McLaughlin brought up the question of student deferral, both as an academic and a moral problem. It was suggested that although a teacher has the professional and moral obligation to give a student the grade that he earns, based only on academic considerations, he may nevertheless seek to increase the students' motivation and interest, so that better grades may be earned. There was a suggestion that the matter be referred to the Committee on Academic Standing.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan H. Baum
Secretary