

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE - FEBRUARY 18, 1971

Academic 11 - Room 170

1. MOTION: Duly made (Warren), seconded and passed:

"That Warren resolution be Item No. 4 on the agenda."

- a) MOTION: Duly made (Norman Paul), seconded and passed:

"That unfinished business become item No. 5 on the agenda and subsequent items renumbered accordingly."

2. Approval of minutes of January 14, January 28, and February 4.

3. Announcements and Administrative Reports:

- a) Mr. Fontinell informed the Senate that the Executive Committee recommended to the Campus Life Committee that they consider the matter of recruitment on campus.
- b) Mr. Fontinell welcomed President Joseph S. Murphy to the Senate.
- c) President Joseph S. Murphy addressed the Senate.
- d) Mr. Speidel introduced Professor Takahashi, (Earth and Environmental Sciences) first Queens College Distinguished Professor.

4. MOTION: Moved, (Warren):

"Under the rhetoric of deescalation, the Nixon Administration has chosen to escalate the Vietnam War by extending it into Laos. Once again the makers of American foreign policy have chosen the policy of death and destruction. Once again the United States is extending its policy of aggression that has destroyed countless Americans and Southeast Asians. Once again we are faced with a crisis of conscience. Silence means assent.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Academic Senate of Queens College condemns this latest escalation into Laos, the foreign policy of which it is a part, and calls for the immediate withdrawal of all American troops and fighting power from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos."

- a) Mr. Fontinell noted that according to Robert's Rules of Order, "No motion can be introduced that is outside the object of the society as defined in the by-laws, unless by a 2/3 vote the Body agrees to its consideration."

Accordingly, the Chairman ruled that Mr. Warren's resolution would need a 2/3 vote to be considered by the Senate.

- b) Mr. Warren challenges the Chair's ruling.
- c) Mr. Fontinell turns the Chair over to Mr. Stahl and presents his reasons for his ruling. Mr. Warren presents his reasons for challenging the ruling.

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d) The Chair's ruling is overturned by vote of the Academic Senate.

e) Moved (Neurath), seconded and passed:

"To limit debate on Warren Motion to three speakers for - and three against."

f) Warren Motion, passed.

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Mr. Stahl assumes the Chair and rules that the Ombudsman Report is now open to further amendment.

b) MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed - to amend by addition the following:

"The Queens College Academic Senate recommends to the President the establishment of an Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with the following provisions:"

c) MOTION: Duly made (Fontinell), and seconded - to amend by adding the following:

"The Office of the Ombudsman is not intended to replace normal channels of administrative process. It is an exceptional procedure, to be used only when the normal channels do not adequately respond."

And in paragraph eight to add the words, "and confidentially" in line one immediately following "directly."

d) MOTION: Duly made (Neurath), seconded and passed:

"To separate the main motion."

e) Mr. Fontinell modifies first part of his Motion to read:

"The Office of the Ombudsman is not intended to replace normal channels of administrative process."

The Motion as modified, is passed.

f) Mr. Fontinell withdraws the second part of his original amendment in favor of the following amended by Mr. Todd - to amend by addition to paragraph eight, line one, immediately following the word, "directly":

"and, in cases involving faculty grievances that are covered by collective bargaining contracts, confidentially -----"

This amendment is passed.

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g) The Ombudsman Report as amended is moved and passed unanimously. (see attachment)

6. Committee Reports:

Mr. Fontinell returns to the Chair.

a) Report of the Executive Committee (Capaldi).

b) Moved (Capaldi), seconded and passed - Budget Reivew Committee:

To review University and College budget proposals and bring to the attention of the Academic Senate items of which the Senate should be informed or which might call for action.

Membership: 4

c) Moved (Capaldi), seconded and passed - BHE By-Law Review Committee:

To review all BHE by-law proposals and call to the attention of the Academic Senate those proposals of which the Senate should be informed or on which they might act.

Membership: 4

d) Moved, seconded and passed, as amended - Graduate Committee on Scholastic Standards:

(a) To recommend to the Academic Senate the policies, standards, and procedures that should be established and maintained in the graduate program; (b) to receive and act upon those matters referred to it by the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Dean of Teacher Education; (c) to receive student appeals from the decisions of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Dean of Teacher Education.

Membership: 10 (as follows):

Graduate Students: one from each of the three divisions,
one from teacher education (4)
Faculty: one from each of the three divisions,
one from teacher education (4)
Ex-officio nonvoting: Dean of Graduate Studies and
Dean of Teacher Education (2)

Mr. Axelrad requested that the minutes show that the intention of the Senate is that all graduate matters pertaining to curriculum be referred to the Graduate Committee on Curriculum.

e) Moved, seconded and passed, as amended - Committee on Instructional Staff Procedures:

To review promotion, tenure, recruitment and appointment procedures at the College and report to the Academic Senate with an evaluation of these procedures along with such suggestions for changes as the Senate may wish to recommend to the President and to the BHE.

Membership: 8

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f) MOTION: Duly made (Schwerner), seconded and passed:

"The Committee on Instructional Staff Procedures is to report before the end of 1971."

g) Report of Committee on Committees (Lieberman).

A quorum is called and because of lack of a quorum, meeting is adjourned at 5:40, and is to reconvene at 3:00 p.m. on March 4.