

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE - FEBRUARY 10, 1972  
Academic II - Room 170

1. The Chairman, Eugene Fontinell, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. (Proceeding with February 3, 1972 Agenda.)
2. Announcements -
  - a) Deadline for submitting items for Agenda of March 9, 1972 Senate meeting is February 22, 1972.
  - b) Dave Fields, representing the Executive Committee, makes brief report on trip to Albany with regard to the City University budget.
  - c) Four members of the Senate are serving on the College Coordinating Committee. Percy Krich is Chairman. The Senate would like to cooperate.
  - d) Mary Holford resigned from Parking Committee. (Axelrad) nominated David Syrett.

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To close nominations."

David Syrett elected to Parking Committee.

3. MOTION: Duly made (Axelrad), seconded and passed:

"To suspend rules to consider report by the Graduate Curriculum Committee."

Major Items:

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in Communication Arts and Sciences."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in Economics."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in Education."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in English."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in Home Economics."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in Music, with the following changes:  
Delete "U" wherever it appears, and 735 becomes 727."

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3. Graduate Curriculum Committee (continued)

Major Items (continued)

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new courses in Sociology."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt new program in Latin American Area Studies."

Minor Changes:

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt minor changes in toto."

4. MOTION: Duly made (Pauk), seconded and passed:

"To suspend rules to consider resolution on ethnic questionnaire."

MOTION: Duly made (Pauk), and seconded - the following resolution:

"Whereas it is a violation of privacy to ask a student to submit his name and identification number, his race, religion, national origin, parents' income, origin of parents, welfare status, etc. and the collection of such information may be dangerous and harmful, and whereas it is a further violation of privacy to collect such information on faculty, be it resolved that it is the sense of the body that no such questionnaire be distributed at Queens College, and if they are received by the College, they should be returned unopened, and unused by the College to their point of origin.

The Academic Senate supports the Affirmative Action Program and welcomes the compilation of any statistics which will help end discriminatory practices at the City University of New York. We do, however, strongly object to asking individual members of the staff or students unconstitutional questions. It is management's responsibility to submit the necessary data to the Federal Government without resorting to illegal questionnaires and without any identification of individual members of the instructional staff."

(Mandel) Resolution to be amended as follows:

"Except where necessary for tuition remission."

Pauk accepted as friendly amendment.

Mandel later requests that amendment be withdrawn, since necessary data for tuition remission can be gathered by other means. Motion returns to its original form.

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4. Resolution on ethnic questionnaire (continued)

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

"To table Pauk resolution on ethnic questionnaire."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and failed:

"To move unfinished items on Agenda of February 3, 1972."

MOTION: Duly made (Schwerner), and seconded:

"To request President Murphy to attend the March meeting of the Senate to present to us a rationale as to reasons for distribution of the questionnaire."

MOTION: Duly made (Pierce), and seconded:

"To lift from table Pauk resolution."

Chair: Some action must be taken prior to lift from table.

Pierce withdrew Motion.

(Mandel) Addition to Schwerner Motion: "and to discuss alternate procedures for achieving the intention of the census."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To close off debate."

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

"The Senate requests President Murphy to attend the March 9, meeting of the Academic Senate and present the reasons for the distribution of the ethnic questionnaire, and to explore alternate means for achieving the intention of the census."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and failed:

"To lift from table Pauk resolution."

5. Elections Committee -

Dr. Alsop, Chairman of Elections Committee, gave report on tentative plans for the forthcoming elections.

Chairman announced that the Executive Committee intended to bring in a recommendation for the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the structure of the Senate.

*ad hoc Committee on Governance  
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6. MOTION: Duly made (Fields), seconded and passed:

"To have midyear committee reports included in the minutes." (see attachments)

7. Unfinished Business -

Postponed Resolution (Taylor):

"That an ad hoc committee of the Academic Senate be formed to recommend administrative structures that will best allow for the needs of high quality standards, and at the same time to promote innovation and experimentation in the curriculum."

(Schwerner) point of order - Whether or not this ad hoc committee duplicates activities of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee?

Chair: Taylor resolution is in order.

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

"To table resolution, since the Commission on College Organization will make recommendations along these lines."

8. New Business -

a) MOTION: Duly made (Alsop), and seconded:

"For Bylaw change, Article III, add the following:

No member or alternate member of (1) the Academic Senate or its standing committees may also be a member of (2) the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee, nor will simultaneous candidacies be permitted that could result in such simultaneous membership. Members of one group wishing to become candidates for membership in the other group must, prior to announcing such candidacy, resign from their present group, such resignation to take effect at the time they would, if elected, accede to their new membership."

Chair: In order to be adopted, we need a two-thirds vote.

(Fields) Will introduce a similar amendment to delete "or its standing committees."

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To close off debate."

Alsop motion for Bylaw change, failed.

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8. New Business (continued)

b) MOTION: Duly made (Litwak), and seconded:

"To move resolution on marijuana."

MOTION: Duly made (Pierce), seconded and passed:

"To amend Litwak resolution by deleting paragraph four."

MOTION: Duly made (Wasserman), seconded and failed:

"To delete from paragraph one, the phrase - "but feels the prohibition of marijuana causes more harm to society than the drug itself."

MOTION: Duly made (Taylor), seconded and passed:

"To close off debate on amendment."

Friendly amendment (Mittelman) - Add to paragraph one of Litwak resolution, the following:

"but feels that the present laws prohibiting the use of marijuana causes more harm to society than marijuana itself."

MOTION: Duly made (Fichtner), seconded and failed:

"To postpone indefinitely, the Litwak resolution."

MOTION: Duly made (Litwak), seconded and passed, the following resolution:

"Whereas: The Academic Senate in no way advocates the use of marijuana or violation of the present laws, but feels that the present laws prohibiting the use of marijuana causes more harm to society than marijuana itself.

Whereas: Similar to alcohol prohibition it has lead to an increase in organized crime and has diverted law enforcement officials from crucial areas, such as violent crimes and the trafficking of hard drugs, known to be harmful.

Whereas: When large segments of the population openly violate such unpopular laws this tends to weaken respect for the law in other areas.

Be it resolved: That the Academic Senate opposes the current marijuana laws in principle, as unrealistic and overly punitive and in need of reform."

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8. New Business (continued)

c) (Fields) Kershaw resolution withdrawn.

d) MOTION: Duly made (Propper), and seconded - the following Bylaw change:

"To change the words "chairman," "chairmen," "co-chairman," or "co-chairmen," to either "the holder of the chair" or "the holders of the chair" wherever they appear in the Charter or the Bylaws of the Academic Senate."

Propper motion for Bylaw change passed.

9. MOTION: Duly made (Pierce), and seconded - the following resolution:

"That an ad hoc committee of the Senate be constituted to prepare a questionnaire for the purpose of faculty and student evaluation of those in the Queens College community who are administrative officers; Membership - six."

Friendly amendment (Taylor): "The committee is further charged to determine the officers to be evaluated and the specific constituencies who are to do the evaluating."

MOTION: Duly made (Pierce), seconded and passed:

"That an ad hoc committee of the Senate be constituted to prepare a questionnaire for the purpose of faculty and student evaluation of those in the Queens College community who are administrative officers. The committee is further charged to determine the officers to be evaluated and the specific constituencies who are to do the evaluating."

10. MOTION: Duly made (Pauk), and seconded:

"That the evaluation cards with the student comments must be either destroyed or placed in the personnel file of the instructor."

Chair ruled out of order the section of the motion which states, "or placed in the personnel file of the instructor."

(Mandelbaum) appealed the ruling of the Chair.

Quorum call - there being no quorum, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.