

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE - March 10, 1977

Academic II - room 170

1. The Holder of the Chair, Larry Mansfield, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda -

a) MOTION: Duly made (Ledley), seconded and passed:

"To amend agenda and place under Special Motions as item 4-a, resolution regarding the Presidential Search Committee."

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

"To amend agenda and place under Special Motions as item 4-b, resolution regarding the National University of Iran."

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

"To close off debate."

Leibel's motion - failed.

c) MOTION: Duly made (Hechler), seconded and failed:

"To amend agenda and place under Special Motions as item 4-b, proposal for Senate meetings to begin at 3:00 p.m."

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

"To amend agenda and place under Special Motions as item 4-b, resolution regarding examinations on the Jewish Holidays."

e) MOTION: Duly made (Fifer), seconded and passed:

"To amend agenda and make item 5-a, under Committee Reports, election for vacant student seat on Committee on Committees."

f) MOTION: Duly made (Bigman), seconded and failed:

"To amend agenda and make new item 4-a, resolution regarding cancellation of classes on March 23, 1977, to organize and attend a rally for the survival of CUNY."

g) MOTION: Duly made (Roskes), seconded and passed:

"To amend agenda and make new item 5-a, under Committee Reports, Committee on Committees."

h) MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt agenda, as amended."

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3. Approval of Minutes -

MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt minutes of February 10, 1977, as distributed."

4. Chair announced return of Dave Fields as Parliamentarian.

5. Special Motions -

I. MOTION: Duly made (Ledley), and seconded:

"WHEREAS, President Joseph Murphy has resigned as President of Queens College; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Higher Education has directed that a Presidential Search Committee be created; and

WHEREAS, that Search Committee was constituted to have two members of the faculty of Queens College on it; and

WHEREAS, President Murphy has forwarded to the Board of Higher Education the names of Hugo Weisgall, Gerald Freilich and Sydell Silverman to serve on such Search Committee, the first two of whom were appointed to the Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED -

FIRST: That this Academic Senate approves of the inclusion of representatives of the Queens College faculty on this Search Committee; and

SECOND: That this Academic Senate deems it appropriate that three (rather than two) members of the Queens College faculty should be appointed to the Search Committee; and

THIRD: That this Academic Senate objects to the fact that neither the faculty nor this Academic Senate were consulted in the selection of those Queens College faculty members designated to be appointed to the Search Committee; and

FOURTH: That this Academic Senate recommends that the President advise the Search Committee, and particularly the Queens College faculty members thereof, to consult with the Queens College faculty in their search for a new president; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Queens College faculty be kept as fully advised as possible (without names) of the progress of the Search Committee."

- a) Amendment (Ungar) - "To add in the first and second paragraphs after the word, 'faculty' the words, "student body."

Seeing no further debate, the Chair called for vote.
 Also requested that Ungar's amendment be divided.
 Chair ruled against the request since vote had begun.
 Also appealed the ruling of the Chair.
 Chair was upheld.

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5. I. a) Special Motions - Ungar's amendment (continued)

Ungar's amendment - passed.

b) Amendment (Mandelbaum) - "To delete paragraph three."

Seeing no further debate, Chair called for an immediate vote.
Mandelbaum's amendment - passed.

c) Amendment (Stern) - "To change the word 'faculty', to the word, "community" in the last paragraph."

Seeing no further debate, Chair called for an immediate vote.
Stern's amendment - passed.

d) Amendment (Mandelbaum) - "To add the word, "each" after the word, 'members' in the second paragraph."

Seeing no further debate, Chair called for an immediate vote.
Mandelbaum's amendment - passed.

e) MOTION: Duly made (Ungar), seconded and failed:

"To approve amended resolution by acclamation."

f) Seeing no further amendment or debate, Chair called for an immediate vote.

Ledley's motion, as amended - passed (see attachment).

II. MOTION: Duly made (Stalbow), and seconded:

"Whereas, Orthodox Jewish students cannot attend classes or examinations on certain Jewish holidays, namely Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur, Succot, Passover, and Shavuot;

Be it resolved, that all faculty be directed not to schedule examinations, require in-class assignments to be due, or give surprise quizzes on those holidays."

a) Friendly Amendment (Samuels) - "To delete the word, 'surprise'."

Stalbow did not accept as Friendly Amendment.
Samuels changed his Friendly Amendment to an Amendment.

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

"To close off debate on Samuels' amendment."

Samuels' amendment - failed.

b) MOTION: Duly made (Samuels), seconded and failed:

"To close off debate on resolution."

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5. II. Special Motions - Stalbow's resolution (continued)

- c) Amendment (Klein) - "To add to the end of the resolution, the following:

"In case examinations must be scheduled on these previously mentioned days, all efforts should be made by the student and faculty member to schedule a make-up examination or assignment."

Seeing no further debate, Chair called for an immediate vote.
Klein's amendment - passed.

- d) Amendment (Alsop) - "To delete the words, 'in class assignments to be due'."

Seeing no further debate, Chair called for an immediate vote.
Alsop's amendment - failed.

- e) Ungar requested that resolution be approved by acclamation. There was opposition.

- f) Editorial change (Klein) - "To delete the word, 'those' before the word, 'holidays' and add the words, "on the following holidays: Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur, Succot (first and last two days), Passover (first and last two days), and Shavuot."

- g) Substitute Motion (R. Gasper), and seconded:

"Be it resolved, that faculty be advised that since May 23, 1977, is a day of religious observance for many students that faculty be requested to avoid examinations on this date.

Be it further resolved, that if this adjustment cannot be made, faculty be requested to make arrangements for make-up examinations or assignments."

Ungar challenged the Chair's ruling that Substitute Motion was in order.
Chair was upheld.

MOTION: Duly made (Klein), and seconded:

"To close off debate on the substitute motion."

Chair ruled that question cannot be "called" until there is debate.

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

"To close off debate on all previous questions."

Gasper's substitute motion - failed.

- h) Return to Stalbow's original motion. Seeing no further debate, the Chair called for an immediate vote.

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5. II. h) Special Motions - Stalbow's resolution (continued)

Stalbow's motion, as amended - passed, as follows:

"Whereas, Orthodox Jewish students cannot attend classes or examinations on certain Jewish holidays,

Be it resolved, that all faculty are requested not to schedule examinations, require in-class assignments to be due, or give surprise quizzes on the following holidays: Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur, Succot (first and last two days), Passover (first and last two days), and Shavout; and

Be it further resolved, that in case examinations must be scheduled on one of these previously mentioned days, all efforts should be made by the student and faculty member to schedule a make-up examination or assignment."

6. Committee on Committees (Roskes) -

I. a) The following student was nominated to the Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee (to 1977) to fill the vacant seat: Craig Nisnewitz.

b) The following students were nominated from the floor:

Ezra Klein, Jeffrey Lichtman, Mark Samuels.

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair called for balloting.

c) MOTION: Duly made (Ungar), seconded and passed:

"To reopen nominations."

d) Ungar nominated Jeffrey Teitelbaum.
Teitelbaum withdrew his name.

e) Nominated from the floor: David Donenfeld.

f) The following student was elected: Craig Nisnewitz (to 1977).

II. The following students were nominated to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

Robert Levi - Soc. Sci. seat (to 1978)
Seth Bykofsky - at large seat (to 1977)

The following student was nominated from the floor for the at large seat:
Ira Scharfglass

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary, "to cast one ballot for the Soc. Sci. seat."

The following student was elected to the at large seat: Seth Bykofsky.

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6. Committee on Committees (continued)

III. The following student was nominated to the Committee on Committees, Day seat (to 1977): Stanley Stern.

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary, "to cast one ballot for the slate submitted."

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Boylan) -

(Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report of January 6, 1977, as distributed):

a) Major Items: English (page 2) - provided for the Senate's information, only.
Minor Items: Education (page 3) - withdrawn.

b) MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adopt minor changes in the following departments:
Classical and Oriental Languages, Comparative Literature, English,
Health and Physical Education, Home Economics, and Linguistics."

8. Old Business -

a) Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee - Policy on Student Retention Standards -

(The Committee was not prepared to report).

Chair asked if there is no objection, that the Senate move to the next item. Seeing none, the Senate moved to item 6-f (agenda of February 10, 1977) - ad hoc Governance Committee.

b) MOTION: Duly made (Fifer), seconded and passed:

"That the ad hoc Governance Committee Report be postponed until the March 24, 1977, Senate meeting."

(Alsop) request for quorum call. There was no quorum present.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.; to be reconvened on Thursday, March 24, 1977, at 3:30 p.m.