

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE - October 27, 1977

Academic II - room 170

1. The Holder of the Chair, Larry Mansfield, called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.
2. MOTION: Duly made (Greener), seconded and passed:

"To amend agenda and place under Special Motions, resolution regarding the Presidential Search Committee."

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

"Be it resolved, that the Academic Senate requests that the Presidential Search Committee invite the Committee's final choices for President of Queens College, to address a special meeting of the Academic Senate."

3. Charter Amendment -

- a) Amendment by Substitution (Citelli), and seconded:

"To substitute Section II - A and B, as follows:

The Academic Senate shall be a representative body of 90 Senators and 90 Alternates elected by faculty and students, and of those ex officio nonvoting members designated in Section II, paragraph F of this Charter. For the purpose of this Charter, the faculty is defined as all full-time Queens College persons in the titles of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, and Lecturer; students are defined as all Queens College undergraduate and graduate students.

The 90 Senators shall be apportioned as follows:

A. Faculty - 60

1. Each academic department shall elect one Senator. (36)
2. The balance of the 60 faculty Senator seats shall be divided as follows:
 - a) 6 faculty Senators elected at large from the Arts Division.
 - b) 6 faculty Senators elected at large from the Sciences Division.
 - c) 6 faculty Senators elected at large from the Mathematics and Natural Sciences Division.
 - d) 6 faculty Senators elected at large College-wide.

B. Students - 30 in good standing

1. Eighteen (18) Day Session student Senators
 - a) Nine (9) of the Day Session student Senators shall be elected by Day Session students at large.

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3. a) Citelli's Charter amendment by substitution (continued)

B. Students - 30 in good standing (continued)

1. b) Three (3) Day Session student Senators shall be elected by Day Session students from each of the following groupings:
 - i. lower sophomore, upper freshman and lower freshman classes.
 - ii. lower junior and upper sophomore classes.
 - iii. upper senior and lower senior and upper junior classes.
2. Five (5) School of General Studies student Senators, elected at large by SGS students.
3. Three (3) Graduate Division student Senators elected at large by Graduate Division students.
4. Two (2) SEEK student Senators elected by SEEK students at large.
5. Two (2) ACE student Senators elected at large by ACE students."

b) Original motion for Charter amendment is open to amendment, first.

c) Amendment (Citelli) to original motion: "To strike B-1 under 'Students' and make B-1-c) SEEK, a separate item; and item B-3 to read, "Two (2) Graduate Division student Senators," instead of Three (3), and leave item B-2-a) and b) for School of General Studies and ACE, as is."

d) Chair ruled Citelli's amendment requires a Notice of Intent.

Citelli withdrew his amendment.

4. MOTION: Duly made (Curtis), and seconded:

"To amend agenda, and take up immediately, the following resolution:

"Whereas, Third World student organizations have protested what have been alleged to be unfairly disproportionate cutbacks in their funding vis-a-vis other student groups, and

Whereas, the dispute has now attracted metropolitan area-wide publicity, and

Whereas, all student groups in general have complained about how the Student Activities Corporation has handled their budget requests for the Fall 1977 semester, and that SAC's administrative procedures have come under attack by the campus media, and

Whereas, the possibility exists for legal action charging the Student Activities Corporation with violating the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, and

Whereas, there is a definite need for an investigation to determine whether the Third World charges against SAC are valid;

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4. Curtis' resolution (continued)

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Academic Senate shall establish a committee to investigate the charges of unfair funding immediately, and

Be it further resolved, that this committee be composed of six members: two from the faculty, two from the Third World community, one from the SEEK division and one at-large member."

Chair ruled motion - out of order.

Curtis challenged ruling of the Chair.

Chair was upheld.

5. Continuing with Charter amendment -

- e) Seeing no further amendments to original motion for Charter amendment, Citelli's substitute motion was open for amendment -

Citelli made the following corrections in his substitute amendment:

"Students - item B-1: change 'Eighteen (18) Day Session student Senators' to read, "Seventeen (17)"; item B-1-a, to read "Eight (8)" instead of 'Nine (9)'; item B-2 to read, "Six (6) SGS student Senators," instead of 'Five (5)'."

- f) Amendment (Alsop) - "Delete the number 36 in A-1 under Faculty; in A-2 under Faculty, delete words, 'as follows' and add words, "as evenly as possible among the three divisions."

Friendly Amendment (Mandelbaum) - "To leave A-2- a,b,c, and change A-2-d only, to read: "The remaining faculty Senators shall be elected at large, College-wide."

Alsop accepted Mandelbaum's friendly amendment.

Seeing no further debate, the Chair called for an immediate vote.

Alsop/Mandelbaum amendment - passed.

- g) Amendment (Hechler) - "To add under Faculty, item e) to read, "Any faculty seats not filled by departments, shall be filled by election by the faculty at large in a manner specified in the Bylaws."

Chair ruled Hechler's amendment - out of order, since it would require a Notice of Intent.

Hechler withdraws amendment, and gives Notice of Intent.

- h) Editorial change (B. Weinberg) - "To show the words, "at large" after the word, 'elected' in each case."

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5. Charter amendment (continued)

- i) Seeing no further amendments, Chair asked for vote on whether or not to substitute Citelli's amendment for the main motion.

Citelli's Substitute Amendment - passed: 44 - 18.

Seeing no further amendments, the Chair moved on to Section III -

- j) Editorial change (Mandelbaum) - "Add to Section III-B, item No. 3, to read as follows: All full-time faculty of Queens College may vote to fill College-wide, at large Academic Senate seats."

Seeing no further amendments to Section III, the Chair moved on to Section IV -

- k) Seeing no amendment to Section IV, the entire document was open for amendment.
l) Seeing no further amendments, the Chair called for a vote -

Motion to adopt Charter amendment to Sections II, III, and IV - passed: 53 - 7.
(see attachment)

6. MOTION: Duly made (Teitelbaum), seconded and passed: (to adopt the following resolution):

"Whereas, 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 two days and last two days), Passover (first two days and last two days), and Shavout, and

Whereas, in case an examination 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;

Be it resolved, that the faculty member in question make a reasonable accommodation with regard to the examination, assignment, or quiz missed for reason of a religious holiday. If the faculty member does not accommodate the student, the student has the right to apply to the department chairperson for such accommodation. If the department chairperson has what he or she considers adequate reasons for denying the request, the student has the right to apply to the Scholastic Standards Committee."

7. Chair asked for any New Business. Seeing no further business, the Academic Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m.