

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE
Kiely Hall - room 170

December 9, 1993

1. The Holder of the Chair, David Speidel, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda -

a) MOTION: Duly made (C. Cairns), seconded and passed:

"To amend the agenda, and move item 6-a Old Business to Special Motions."

Seeing no further changes, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes -

MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To adopt Academic Senate meeting minutes of November 11, 1993, as distributed."

4. Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials -

Action items distributed today: Undergraduate Scholastic Standards resolution on a "Repeat Policy"; Special Committee on Governance report; correction to page 6 of the Five-Year academic calendar. Alternative language for NO CONFIDENCE vote.

Information Items distributed today: Report to the Hunter College Senate concerning grounds for NO CONFIDENCE; NO CONFIDENCE resolution from the Graduate School and University Center; Dr. Speidel's testimony to the CUNY Board of Trustees Borough Hearing (2 pages); letter from the Brooklyn Faculty Council to Chancellor Reynolds.

5. Special Motions:

a) MOTION: Duly made (C. Cairns), and seconded:

"To separate the 'Whereas's' in M. Krasner's resolution (on the agenda) and immediately consider the 'Resolved', and then return to consider the 'Whereas's'."

b) (C. Cairns) withdrew his motion.

c) MOTION: Duly made (C. Cairns), seconded and passed:

"To substitute the following resolution for Krasner' resolution:

Whereas, Chancellor Reynolds of the City University of New York plans a massive consolidation and reorganization of the university; and

Whereas, the students, faculty and staff of CUNY hve made their opposition to the Chancellor's plan amply manifest; and

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5. Special Motions - C. Cairns resolution (continued)

Whereas, the Chancellor is intent on putting her plan into effect despite this opposition, and

Whereas, the Chancellor has exhibited a deplorable pattern of duplicity in her attempts to implement her plan; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Queens College Academic Senate, in support of colleagues and students across the University, has NO CONFIDENCE in Chancellor Reynolds and recommends to the Board of Trustees that she be removed from her position as Chancellor of the City University of New York."

i. Amendment (Frisz) - "To remove the clause in 'Resolved' - [,in support of colleagues and students across the University,]."

ii. MOTION: Duly made (D. Pecoraro), seconded and passed:

"To close off debate on Frisz's amendment."

Frisz's amendment - passed.

iii. Amendment (Thurber) - "To change the word 'is' in the third 'Whereas' to the word, 'seems'."

Seeing no further debate on Thurber's amendment, the Chair called for an immediate vote.

Thurber's amendment - failed.

iv. Amendment (D. Pecoraro) - "To add a fifth Whereas to Cairn's resolution, as follows:

"Whereas, her responsibility to all questions raised by the Queens College community were at best evasive, and at worst indicates a lack of the required responsibility to continue service as Chancellor."

Seeing no further debate on Pecoraro's amendment, the Chair called for an immediate vote.

Pecoraro's amendment - failed.

v. MOTION: Duly made (Bernard), seconded and passed:

"To close off debate on Cairn's resolution."

Cairn's resolution was overwhelmingly - passed.

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5. Special Motion (continued)

vi. MOTION: Duly made (Frisz), seconded and passed:

"To reconsider the Motion for the purpose of introducing a different set of Whereas's."

vii. MOTION: Duly made (Frisz), and seconded:

"To substitute Whereas's 1, 3, and 4 in the Senate resolution, by adding the following Whereas's:

"Whereas, the Chancellor is directing an academic policy that denies the access to educational opportunity and career choice that is at the heart of the City University of New York goals of Access and Excellence, and

Whereas, the Chancellor has portrayed herself as powerless to act in the face of events dictated by the Trustees, committees she has appointed and charged, and policies she has herself instituted, and

Whereas, the Chancellor has been evasive in responding to serious questions about the academic and fiscal future of the University, ----"

The Chair suggested that each of the seven Whereas's under discussion be voted on separately. The Body approved the action.

6:00 p.m. MOTION: Duly made (Lord), seconded and passed:

"To extend the debate for another twenty minutes."

viii. MOTION: Duly made (Bernard), seconded and passed:

"To close off debate on the Substitute resolution."

Academic Senate's first four Whereas's - each passed.

R. Frisz's three Whereas's - each passed.

Resolution passed, as follows:

"Whereas, Chancellor Reynolds of The City University of New York plans a massive consolidation and reorganization of the University; and

Whereas, the students, faculty and staff of The City University of New York have made their opposition to the Chancellor's plan amply manifest; and

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5. viii. Special Motion - resolution (continued)

Whereas, the Chancellor is intent on putting her plan into effect despite this opposition; and

Whereas, the Chancellor has exhibited a deplorable pattern of duplicity in her attempts to implement her plan; and

Whereas, the Chancellor is directing an academic policy that denies the access to educational opportunity and career choice that is at the heart of The City University of New York goals of Access and Excellence; and

Whereas, the Chancellor has portrayed herself as powerless to act in the face of events dictated by the Trustees, committees she has appointed and charged, and policies she has herself instituted; and

Whereas, the Chancellor has been evasive in responding to serious questions about the academic and fiscal future of the University; therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Queens College Academic Senate has NO CONFIDENCE in Chancellor Reynolds and recommends to the Board of Trustees that she be removed from her position as Chancellor of The City University of New York."

ix. MOTION: Duly made (Frisz), seconded and passed:

"To direct the Chair of the Academic Senate to bring the action of the Academic Senate, for debate, to the University Faculty Senate.

6. The agenda was not completed.

a) MOTION: Duly made, and seconded:

"To have a continuation meeting December 23, 1993 at 3:00 p.m."

b) Substitute Motion (Rothenberg), and seconded:

"To have the continuation meeting on Wednesday - December 15, 1993, at 12:00 noon."

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

"To call all previous questions."

(Rothenberg's) Substitute Motion - passed.

7. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Continuation Meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, at 12:00 noon - Kiely Hall room 170.