MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
HELD
SEPTEMBER 8, 1971
AT THE BOARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
535 EAST 80 STREET—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Frederick Burkhardt, Chairman
David I. Ashe
Herbert Berman
Alexander A. Delle Cese
Jean-Louis d’Heilly
Norman E. Henkin
Robert Ross Johnson

John A. Morsell
Jack I. Poses
Luis Quero Chiesa
Barbara A. Thacher
Eve Weiss
Nils Y. Wessell

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board

Acting Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman
Chancellor-elect Robert J. Kibbee

Vice-Chancellor Julius C. C. Edelstein

The absence of Miss Canino, Mr. DeNovellis, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Ingersoll, Dr. Lee and Professor Williamson was excused.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted or action was taken as noted:

NO. 1. HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: The following report of the Committee, as presented by Mr. Delle Cese, was received and accepted and the resolutions contained therein were adopted:

REPORT OF THE EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
August 31, 1971

Hon. Alexander A. Delle Cese, Chairman
Hon. Herbert Berman
Hon. Jack I. Poses

Professor Anita Carter
Professor Manuel Ramos
Mr. Galen Dixon (student representative)
Hon. Luis Quero Chiesa
Hon. Barbara A. Thacher
Hon. Frederick Burkhardt, ex officio
Hon. Herman Badillo, special consultant
Miss Miriam Gomez (student representative)
Mr. Tuilo Porratta (student representative)
Mr. Jesus Tejada (student representative)

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College Presidential Search Committee was appointed on May 3, 1971 by the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Mr. Frederick Burkhardt, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Nasry Michelen on May 4, 1971.

Two representatives of the Hostos College faculty, four representatives of the student body were named by their respective groups, in addition to the Hon. Herman Badillo to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board’s Committee.

The Search Committee met with the outside representatives as a committee of the whole eleven times from May 5, 1971 to August 31, 1971.

The Committee considered in detail the credentials of more than fifty possible candidates and interviewed six candidates for the position.

While mindful of the need to appoint a permanent president of Hostos College as soon as possible, the Committee was motivated by the conviction that the individual selected posses the highest academic credentials, dedication to urban education, and proven ability as a leader capable of securing the confidence of the faculty. The Committee is of the opinion that Candido de Leon, currently doctoral student at Teachers College, Columbia University, while on leave as Dean of Administration at Hostos Community College, completely satisfies the foregoing requirements.

Mr. de Leon was interviewed by the Committee on July 26 and August 2, 1971. As indicated on the attached vita, Mr. de Leon’s academic credentials and experience in higher education are most impressive.

The Committee is of the opinion that Candido de Leon would be an excellent president of Hostos College and, therefore, recommends to the Board the following:

(a) RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education, acting as the Board of Trustees of Hostos Community College, approve the appointment of Candido de Leon as University Professor of Education, with tenure, and President of Hostos Community College, effective upon the concurrence of the Trustees of the State University of New York, at a salary rate of $35,800 ($29,800 plus $6,000), subject to financial ability; and that until the concurrence of the Trustees of the State University Mr. de Leon will serve as Acting President.

(b) RESOLVED, That the bylaws of the Board be waived to effectuate the appointment of Mr. Candido de Leon as University Professor of Education, with tenure, as Mr. de Leon does not possess the Ph.D. degree.

Mr. Poses abstained.

NOTE: The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York approved the appointment of President de Leon at its meeting held September 28, 1971.

At this point Mr. de Leon was introduced to the members of the Board.
No. 2. Expression of Appreciation: The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Delle Cese for chairing the Hostos Community College Presidential Search Committee.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

N. Michael Carfora
Secretary of the Board