MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
HELD
FEBRUARY 22, 1983
AT THE BOARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
535 EAST 80 STREET—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:43 P.M.

There were present:

Edith B. Everett, Vice Chairperson

Paul P. Baard
Blanche Bernstein
Sylvia Bloom
James A. Cavanagh

Henry Wasser, ex officio

Jules Kolodny
Robert L. Polk
Joaquin Rivera

Melvin E. Lowe, ex officio

Martin J. Warmbrand, Secretary of the Board
David B. Rigney, General Counsel and Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs

Chancellor Joseph S. Murphy
President Milton G. Bassin
President Roscoe C. Brown, Jr.
President Saul B. Cohen
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President Kurt R. Schmeller
President Ursula Schwerin
President Joel Segall
President Donna E. Shalala

President Joseph Shenker
President Joshua L. Smith
President Edmond L. Volpe
Dean Charles R. Halpern
Senior Vice Chancellor Julius C.C. Edelstein
Vice Chancellor Richard M. Catalano
Acting Vice Chancellor Leo A. Corbie
Vice Chancellor Donal E. Farley
Vice Chancellor Jerald Posman
Vice Chancellor Leonard O. Roellig
Etta G. Grass, Assistant Secretary of the Board

The absence of Mr. Murphy, Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Gribetz, Dr. Jacobs, Mr. Maniscalco and Mrs. Titone was excused.
A. THE CITY COLLEGE - SUMMER WORKSHOP: The Vice-Chairperson reported that The City College has been selected as one of 22 institutions in the country to participate in the 1983 Summer Workshop on the Liberal Arts sponsored by the Lilly Endowment which will take place from June 19 to July 6, 1983 on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs. The City College is now studying a new curriculum which will be largely prescribed and heavily interdisciplinary, and this conference will enable the College to explore the subject more thoroughly.

B. LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The Vice-Chairperson announced that LaGuardia Community College was one of three community colleges singled out for exceptional achievement in communicating through its publications, in the annual competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). LaGuardia’s publications staff has also won awards from the New York Art Directors Club, Art Direction magazine’s Creativity 82 competition, University and College Designer’s Association, and the Printing Industries of Metropolitan New York. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Vice-Chairperson congratulated President Shenker and through him Bill Freeland, the College’s director of communications, and his staff for this noteworthy achievement.

C. ADULT LEARNING WEEK: The Vice-Chairperson announced that Governor Cuomo has proclaimed March 20-26, 1983 as Adult Learning Week in New York State. This Week is part of the State Education Department’s campaign to encourage adults to seek opportunities available in the State to acquire or improve job skills and meet their learning needs. The Governor’s Proclamation reads in part: “In today’s information age, the ability to acquire new knowledge and skills is critically important to the economy of New York State. As the demands of a changing society increase, as people live longer, as workers change jobs and careers with greater frequency, and as the amount of knowledge grows at an accelerating pace, adults are finding the need to continue learning throughout their lives.” The Board strongly endorsed the Governor’s Proclamation and encouraged all units of the University to participate to the utmost.

D. CUNY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: The Vice-Chairperson announced that the 18th Annual CUNY Basketball Tournament is this year being held in the Nat Holman Gymnasium at The City College. The opening round was held on Monday, February 21, with quarter-final action slated for Wednesday, February 23, at 1,3,6, and 8 P.M. The semi-finals will take place on Friday, February 25 at 6 and 8 P.M., with the championship game following on Monday, February 28, at 7:30 P.M. Prior to the championship game the CUNY junior varsity and women’s championship games will be played at 3 and 5 P.M. respectively. For the seventh consecutive year Con Edison is cosponsoring the Tournament. Admission is free. The nine teams which comprise the CUNY Athletic Conference are from Baruch, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Medgar Evers, Queens, Staten Island, and York Colleges.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted or action was taken as noted: (Calendar Nos. 1 through 6)

NO. 1. UNIVERSITY REPORT: RESOLVED, That the University Report for February 22, 1983 (including Addendum Items) be approved as amended as follows:

(a) Items listed in PART E - ERRATA, to be withdrawn or changed as indicated.

EXPLANATION: The University Report consists of annual instructional appointments at a salary of $15,000 and above and other resolutions of a non-policy nature which require approval by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lowe called attention to the fact that many people in the Student Affairs Department are in “acting” positions and requested that an effort be made to make permanent appointments to these posts. His request was noted.
NO. 2. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT: RESOLVED, That the Chancellor’s Report for February 22, 1983 (including Addendum Items) be approved as amended as follows:

(a) PART D - ADDENDUM: Add the following:

D.2. Herbert H. Lehman College - Rental of Space: RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York authorize The City University of New York on behalf of Herbert H. Lehman College to enter into an agreement with the Board of Education of The City of New York for the rental of two classrooms in Primary School 153 at Co-op City in the Bronx for the period February 8, 1983 through June 30, 1983, at a cost of $145.60 per month, and that the Board of Trustees authorize the renewal of the agreement for the period July 1, 1983 through June 30, 1984. The agreement has been approved as to form by the General Counsel and Vice-Chancellor for Legal Affairs.

EXPLANATION: The agreement will enable Lehman College to offer undergraduate courses at P.S. 153 in Co-op City in order to serve residents of the northeast section of the Bronx.

(b) Items listed in PART E - ERRATA, to be withdrawn or changed as indicated.

EXPLANATION: The Chancellor’s Report consists of standard resolutions and actions of a non-policy nature which require approval by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lowe requested that in the appointment of adjuncts some indication be given as to which ones are graduate or doctoral students at the University. The Chancellor stated that a proposed bylaw amendment with respect to graduate assistants is in preparation and indicated that he will look into the matter.

At this point Mrs. Titone joined the meeting.

NO. 2X. ORAL REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR: The Chancellor presented the following report on matters of Board and University interest:

(1) At the last meeting of the Board, the Chancellor raised the issue of the regulations with respect to the Solomon Amendment which require as a condition for student federal financial aid that each male student be obliged to give evidence of draft registration. The University is requested, if it wishes, to submit a letter to the Office of Education prior to the expiration of a 30-day period after promulgation of these regulations. This period ends on February 28. A resolution has been prepared which will be submitted through the various committees of the Board and presented to the Board at its March meeting. Since it is necessary for the University to go on record with regard to any administrative inconvenience these regulations might generate, a letter is being written prior to the closing of the 30-day period, stating that there will be a substantial administrative burden on the University. In doing so, the University is joining the American Council on Education, as are many other universities who are raising the same issue. A more extensive report on the consequences of this policy by the Office of Education will be made to the Board’s Committee on Public Policy and External Relations, and at its next meeting the Board will have the opportunity to pass a resolution which raises the moral and legal issues which the University confronts in this matter.

(2) The University has received from the Spencer Foundation a grant of $108,950 over a two-year period to study the impact of open admissions policy at The City University of New York on the labor market experiences of low income and minority students. The grant will be administered by Prof. David Lavan, Barry Kaufman and James Murtha, and will enable the University to do some research that it might not otherwise have been able to do.

(3) The City University is hosting a National Conference on Writing Assessment in the 80’s on March 3-5 at the Vista International Hotel. It is sponsored as part of a three-year grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The University has played a leading role in efforts to deal with the whole issue of writing assessment and the teaching of writing. The Chancellor will be on the same platform as Dr. Kenneth Clark, who will give the principal speech on that occasion.
(4) Medgar Evers College, under the able leadership of Acting President Denis Paul, has acquired a $179,000 grant for a Headstart Program at the College. The children have the best facilities at the College, and this grant will go a long way in enhancing that.

(5) The Board has received copies of a letter signed by the Chancellor and all the Presidents of the University addressed to Governor Cuomo, which stated their reactions to the budget. A proposed resolution has been prepared by the staff at the request of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Board's consideration and is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

NO. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: RESOLVED, That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 24, 1983 be approved with Cal. No. D amended to indicate that the number of Fulbright winners is 15, rather than 14. A winner in the field of chemistry at Brooklyn College was inadvertently omitted from the published list of faculty.

NO. 4. COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AND CONTRACT REVIEW: RESOLVED, That the following items be approved:

A. THE CITY COLLEGE, SHEPARD HALL - ALTERATIONS FOR SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the contract documents as prepared by William A. Hall and Associates, Architects and authorize the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to advertise, bid and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for alteration work in a portion of Shepard Hall, City College to provide facilities for the School of Architecture at an estimated cost of $2,071,800; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The City University Construction Fund be requested to authorize the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to enter into contracts for the construction of the aforesaid alteration project.

EXPLANATION: The 1981-82 State Budget included funding authorization for a project to alter a portion of Shepard Hall to accommodate the School of Architecture, now housed in a poor quality off-campus facility, the lease for which will expire in May, 1984. The Dormitory Authority has completed a bond sale which will provide for funding this project. On October 28, 1981 (Cal. No. 7A), the Board passed a resolution approving selection of the firm of William A. Hall & Associates, Architects, to prepare the plans, specifications, cost estimates, etc. for the aforesaid project.

The facility will contain 38,500 net square feet assigned to the School of Architecture.

The Architects' final estimate escalated to bid date is $2,071,800.

The plans have been reviewed and accepted by the College, the Office of Facilities Planning and Management and the Dormitory Authority.

It is recommended that the final contract documents be accepted and authorization to invite bids and award contracts for the construction of these facilities be granted.

B. CITY, HUNTER, AND LEHMAN COLLEGE - REHABILITATION PROJECTS:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the contract documents as prepared by Stephen J. Kagel Associates and authorize the Office of Facilities Planning and Management to advertise, receive and open bids, and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment required for construction of various alteration projects at Hunter College, City College and Lehman College at an estimated cost of $1,160,000 chargeable to the State Capital Construction Budget.
EXPLANATION: This work is part of a continuing program of capital reconstruction at Hunter, City and Lehman Colleges. The projects consist of:

HUNTER COLLEGE
Rehabilitate Toilet Rooms (HU759-081)
SUB-TOTAL $110,000

CITY COLLEGE
Replace fallen masonry, Shepard Hall (CC756-081)
Central Fire Alarm, Clock and Bell Signals (CC920-081)
Control Valves in Five Buildings (CC925-081)
Emergency Lighting, Shepard and Harris Halls (CC929-081)
SUB-TOTAL $700,000.

LEHMAN COLLEGE
Renovate Chemistry Labs 322 and 326, Davis Hall (LM739-081)
SUB-TOTAL $350,000.

The estimates include construction contingencies and cost escalation to bid date.

C. NEW YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE - ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY FACILITIES:
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York, approve the Contract Document and Specifications and authorize New York City Technical College to advertise for, receive and open bids and award contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Construction of a New Organic Chemistry Laboratory and Instrumentation Room, at an estimated cost of $349,000. chargeable to the State Capital Construction Budget.

EXPLANATION: This contract is necessary to construct a New Organic Chemistry Laboratory and related Instrumentation Room to replace an existing antiquated facility.

D. LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE - UNIFORMED GUARD SERVICE:
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve contract documents and specifications and authorize F.H. LaGuardia Community College to advertise for, receive and open bids and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder for supplying Uniformed Guard Service as required by the College for the period July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984 with the option to renew for two additional years at an estimated annual cost of $287,000, chargeable to code 234801403.

EXPLANATION: Continued uniformed guard service is essential to the College to provide protection and security to personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies.

E. THE CENTRAL OFFICE - PRINTING “GUIDE TO FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS - 1984”:
RESOLVED, That the Board approve the specifications and contract documents and award of contract to the lowest responsible bidder for printing and delivery of the “Guide to Freshman Admissions - 1984” for the Office of Admission Services, at an approximate cost of $120,000, chargeable to Code 249256-55700:236801200.

EXPLANATION: The “Guide to Freshman Admissions” for the Office of Admission Services is widely distributed as follows:
1. To all public, private and parochial schools for their senior classes.
2. To all agencies which do college admissions counseling.
3. To all CUNY units.
4. To universities and colleges outside CUNY.
5. To all students who apply for admissions through the Office of Admission Services, etc.
F. THE CENTRAL OFFICE - RENTAL OF SPACE:

RESOLVED, That the Board approve a sublease of approximately 2,671 usable square feet of space on the 17th floor of the building known as 555 West 57 Street, Borough of Manhattan, for use by the Central Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board authorize the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute the appropriate lease document after it has been approved by the General Counsel and Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs.

EXPLANATION: Special Programs, the University Accounting Office and the Computer Center are located in approximately 44,000 square feet constituting the entire 16th floor of 555 West 57 Street. Because of the required expansion of the Computer Center additional space is needed.

A deal has been negotiated with the Federal Government for 2,671 usable square feet of space on the 17th floor at an annual rental cost of $25,374.50 ($9.50/S.F.). The sublease will be for a period of three years and four months commencing on March 1, 1983 and terminating on June 30, 1986.

Standard building services including but not limited to heat, hot and cold running water, elevator service, air-conditioning and electricity are included in the sublease. In addition the Federal Government will provide standard office cleaning at no additional cost.

The City University will reimburse the Federal Government for its proportionate share of electricity consumed in the demised premises.

NO. 5. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY, PROGRAM, AND RESEARCH: RESOLVED, That the following items be approved:

A. HUNTER COLLEGE - CHANGE IN DEGREE TITLE FROM M.S. IN COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION, TO MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION:

RESOLVED, That the name of the existing graduate program in Community Health Education offered at Hunter College be changed, from the Master of Science to the Master of Public Health, effective September, 1983.

EXPLANATION: The proposed degree title, Master of Public Health, reflects more accurately the professional goals and content of Hunter College's graduate program in Community Health Education than does the program's current title, Master of Science. The current program will not be modified as a result of the change in title, nor will requirements for admission or completion of the program be altered.

B. QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - A.A.S. IN MUSIC ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY:

RESOLVED, That the program in Music Electronic Technology leading to the A.A.S. degree to be offered at Queensborough Community College be approved, effective September 1983, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: This program is designed to prepare students for job entry in technical areas combining electronics and music. It integrates electronic and musical training to give a technician a proper balance of understanding in fusing these two areas.

C. HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - A.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

RESOLVED, That the program in Business Administration leading to the A.S. Degree to be offered at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College be approved, effective September, 1983, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: This program prepares graduates for transfer to a four-year program and for entry-level positions in commerce and industry in titles such as Management Trainee, Personnel Assistant, Banking Trainee, Administrative Assistant and others.

The curriculum includes 66 credits, 33 of which are in Business and 33 in the liberal arts. A special feature of the program is that it offers a bilingual mode of instruction in basic business and accounting courses.
NO. 6. COMMITTEE ON FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION: RESOLVED, That the following item be approved:

A. BROOKLYN COLLEGE - DESIGNATION OF "THE HARRY D. GIDEONSE LIBRARY":

RESOLVED, That the Brooklyn College Library be named "The Harry D. Gideonse Library."

EXPLANATION: Harry D. Gideonse was President of Brooklyn College for 27 years, in its crucial formative years, and provided the leadership in its growth to academic excellence. It is appropriate that the college library, in many ways the core of a college, be named in his honor.

ADDED ITEMS

NO. 7. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS: RESOLVED, That the following actions be noted:

A. BROOKLYN BOROUGH HEARINGS:

In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, the Honorable Albert V. Maniscalco, the Vice-Chairperson of the Board announced that the Brooklyn Borough Hearing would be held on Thursday, March 3, 1983, from 5 to 7 P.M., in the Brooklyn Borough Hall, 2nd Floor Courtroom, and strongly urged all Trustees to make every effort to attend.

B. ALBANY TRIP:

The Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Board who had gone to Albany for the annual trip on February 14 and 15 reported briefly on their experiences and impressions of the trip. All agreed that it was a worthwhile and rewarding experience and that the exchange of views was fruitful and should take place with some frequency. All joined in commending Vice-Chancellor Posman and his staff on the excellence of the briefing given the Trustees on the impact of the budget cuts on the University. All agreed further that although the legislators were impressed by the impact the proposed budget cuts might have on the University, a great deal of effort will have to be expended by the Trustees and the University in an attempt to achieve some restoration of funds.

Mr. Baard asked that the Trustees be kept apprized of the strategies involved in the budget negotiations and options so that they will be prepared well in advance for any action that will have to be taken. He suggested mechanics for briefings, strategy sessions, etc. for a systematic approach to the subject.

C. BUDGET:

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The proposed 1983-84 Executive Budget recommends a funding level for The City University of New York which requires the termination of 1,000 faculty and staff positions; the imposition of higher tuition rates and fee charges; and the elimination of essential student aid programs, and

WHEREAS, The proposed budget reductions will have severe impact on the academic programs of the colleges of the University, endangering the quality of education where student interest is greatest, and

WHEREAS, The City University of New York is an urban institution, serving a special constituency with special educational needs, and endeavoring to improve the quality of life for thousands of City University students and their families, and
WHEREAS, The University's recovery from the harrowing fiscal crisis of 1975-76 has been characterized by a period of stability, due in large measure to the support and insight of the New York State Legislature, and

WHEREAS, The City University's commitment to quality education and open access is inextricably linked to the long-term economic and educational well-being of the City and the State,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York strongly urges the Governor and the New York State Legislature to restore the necessary budgetary resources to the University so that it may fulfill its legislatively-mandated educational mission, on behalf of the people of the City and State of New York.

NO. 8. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Mrs. Everett made the following statement for the record:

As the members of the Board and the Chancellor are aware, Mr. Rivera, the Chairperson of the Board's Committee on Student Affairs and Special Programs, appointed a special subcommittee consisting of student, faculty and Trustee members, to actively explore the possibility of a negotiated compromise concerning the amendment of the Board's bylaws regarding student activity fees. As you know, the Student Activity Fee allocation and expenditures process at The City University of New York has been a subject of much discussion among the Trustees, the Central Administration, the College Presidents, the students and the faculty. I am happy to notify the Board that the efforts of this special committee have produced a unanimous agreement with respect to the administration of student activity fees and auxiliary enterprises. This effort is a tribute to the cooperative spirit of all concerned who have been directly involved in these discussions including Dr. Blanche Bernstein, Pres. Roscoe Brown, Prof. Joseph Riley, Mr. Henry Hewes, Mr. Michael Pichardo, and, of course, Mr. Joaquin Rivera, the Chairperson of the Committee, and to the new leadership of the University Student Senate for the crucial role they played in bringing this important set of issues to what seems to be an amicably agreed upon solution. In fact, Melvin Lowe proposed the structure that was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Everett also expressed appreciation to the Chancellor and his staff, former Acting Deputy Chancellor Goldstein, and Acting Vice-Chancellor Corbie and his staff for their efforts in this matter.

(a) Bylaw amendment: Pursuant to University Bylaw Section 15.1, Mr. Rivera gave notice of proposed amendments to the bylaws with respect to student activity fees and auxiliary enterprises. The proposed bylaw amendments will be considered at the meeting of the Board's Committee on Student Affairs and Special Programs, and after review and approval by that Committee, will be included in the calendar for the regular meeting of the Board on March 21, 1983. It will be open for comment at the public hearing on that calendar to be held on March 14, 1983.

NO. 9. DEDICATION OF CONFERENCE ROOM: Postponed to the next meeting.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

MARTIN J. WARMBRAND
Secretary of the Board