

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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MAY 9, 1969

AT THE BOARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
535 EAST 80 STREET - BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Members of the Executive Committee:

Francis Keppel, Chairman
David I. Ashe
Frederick H. Burkhardt
Porter R. Chandler

James Oscar Lee
Jack I. Poses
Luis Quero Chiesa

The Committee met to discuss the demands of the Black and Puerto Rican students at The City College.

NO. 1. BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN HISTORY AND THE SPANISH LANGUAGE: Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board and on the basis of evidence made available to it, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That Black and Puerto Rican history and the Spanish language be a requirement for all education majors.

NO. 2. ORIENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR SEEK: The Committee agreed, with regard to "a separate orientation program for Black and Puerto Rican freshmen" and "a voice for SEEK students in the setting of guidelines for the SEEK Program," to place the results of its negotiations on the agenda of the Board of Higher Education at its meeting on May 26, subject to receiving the recommendations of the faculty of The City College.

NO. 3. INVESTIGATION: The Committee agreed to conduct an investigation of the incidents of the last two days, including complaints related to police action.

NO. 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT: The Chairman of the Executive Committee was authorized to make the following statement:

"As chairman of the Executive Committee, I follow its instructions in stating that in our judgment all those involved in the negotiations have been acting in good faith."

NO. 5. CLOSING OF THE COLLEGE: The majority of the Executive Committee, based on the action of the Board of Higher Education on May 4th, concluded that the Executive Committee could not close The City College.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

FRANCIS KEPPEL
Chairman, Executive Committee