

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

HELD

NOVEMBER 10, 1969

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	Francis Keppel
David I. Ashe	James Oscar Lee
Herbert Berman	Benjamin F. McLaurin
George D. Brown	Louis Nunez
Maria Josefa Canino	Jack I. Poses
Jean-Louis d'Heilly	Luis Quero Chiesa
Norman Henkin	Ruth S. Shoup
Minneola P. Ingersoll	Ella S. Streater
Robert Ross Johnson	Arleigh B. Williamson

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board
Arthur H. Kahn, General Counsel

Chancellor Albert H. Bowker	Actg. Pres. Joseph Shenker
Actg. Pres. Joseph J. Copeland	Dr. Robert S. Hirschfield
President Dumont F. Kenny	Mr. Lester Jacobs
President John W. Kneller	Deputy Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman
President Leonard Lief	Vice-Chancellor Robert Birnbaum
President Joseph P. McMurray	Vice-Chancellor Julius C. C. Edelstein
President Mina Rees	Vice-Chancellor Timothy S. Healy
President Donald H. Riddle	Vice-Chancellor T. Edward Hollander
Actg. Pres. F. Joachim Weyl	Vice-Chancellor Bernard Mintz
President Milton G. Bassin	Dean Benjamin Rosner
President James A. Colston	
President Nasry Michelen	

The absence of Dr. Azzari and Mr. Chandler was excused.

At this point the Board went into Executive Session.

NO. A. CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON THE CITY UNIVERSITY: Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

(a) RESOLVED, That a Citizen's Commission on the City University be appointed and the Commission be given the following charge:

The focus of study of the proposed Citizen's Commission on the City University is the governmental and institutional relationships of the City University - its role in the public educational systems of New York City and of New York... its basic thrust and coverage, and the factors of cost and support.

The expanding need for higher educational facilities in New York City has become an explosion which can neither be denied nor contained. To meet these rapidly expanding needs, the City University has been greatly increasing its intake of students and its campus facilities. The problem is to relate the growth cost of the University to those levels of government which have the responsibility for insuring that the needs will be met. There is also the fundamental question of whether the City should retain and maintain the City University - and if not, who can or should?

Many fundamental questions about the City University need to be answered. Some of them might be specified as follows: What is the extent of the responsibility of the City University for higher education in New York City? What is the relationship of the City University system to the other systems - the New York City public school systems, the State University, the Board of Regents and the State Department of Education?

Should the City University be considered a State institution, with secondary responsibility and orientation to New York City or a City institution, with a secondary responsibility and relationship to the rest of the State?

Is the growth of City University to be paid for by: (a) the State, (b) the City, (c) the Federal Government, (d) private contributions, or (e) student contributions, or any combination of the above?

Should the growth of the City University be considered limited by the availability of financial resources? If there is to be such a limit, what should this limit be?

What public controls should be exercised over the size, scope and direction of the City University? Who should have the final say?

Viewed in the perspective of 1969, what are the special missions of the City University, distinguishing it from the State University?

The Commission submit to the Board an advisory report.

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RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee be authorized to nominate a slate of candidates for membership on the Commission, to be appointed by the Board.

EXPLANATION: At its meeting of November 4th, the Executive Committee considered the establishment of a blue ribbon commission to study the future financing of the City University as well as its governmental and institutional relationships. The Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Board that a Commission be appointed and that it be given the charge indicated. (Mr. Ashe wished to be recorded as voting NO.) The Committee further agreed that the members of the Board be asked to suggest names for membership on the Commission.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chancellor be directed to seek the concurrence of the Governor and the Mayor for the appointment of this Commission.

Mr. Ashe, Mr. Henkin and Mr. McLaurin asked to be recorded as voting "No."

Mrs. Streator asked to be recorded as not voting.

Motion made, seconded and lost to amend the fifth paragraph of the Charge to the Commission by deleting the following, "or (e) student contributions."

Motion made, seconded and carried amending the second resolved to read:

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Mr. Ashe asked to be recorded as voting "No."

NO. 1. OPEN ADMISSIONS: The Board discussed Open Admissions and the Report of the University Commission on Admissions.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board agreed to adjourn and reconvene on November 12, 1969, at 5:00 p.m., to continue discussion on Open Admissions.

NO. 2. MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS: Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education approve the amendment of the 1968 Master Plan of The City University of New York to provide for accelerating the Board's date for open admissions.

EXPLANATION: Under the State Education Law, the State is permitted to finance new programs only if they are approved as a part of the Regents Plan for the Expansion and Development of Higher Education. The amendment, if approved by the Board, will be submitted to the Regents for consideration at their November meeting.

The amendment allocates students between senior and community colleges on the basis of their ability to accommodate the additional enrollments.

The amendment does not include a section on the specific method for selecting and allocating students among senior and community colleges. This subject will be considered at the November 10th meeting.

NOTE: A complete copy of the amendment is on file with these minutes in the Office of the Secretary of the Board.

Mr. Ashe, Mr. Berman and Mr. Henkin requested that before the Master Plan amendments were submitted to the Board of Regents some editorial changes be made.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

N. MICHAEL CARFORA
Secretary of the Board