

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

HELD

MARCH 22, 1976

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

There were present:

**Alfred A. Giardino, Chairman
Franklin H. Williams, Vice Chairman**

**Armand D'Angelo
Sandra Lopez Bird
Vincent R. FitzPatrick**

**Gurston D. Goldin
Rita E. Hauser
Harold M. Jacobs
Vinia R. Quinones**

Maynard S. Jones, ex officio

Etta G. Grass, Acting Secretary of the Board

**Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee
President Milton G. Bassin
President William M. Birenbaum
President Thomas C. Chalmers
President Candido A. de Leon
President Edgar D. Draper
President Leon M. Goldstein
President John W. Kneller
President Robert E. Marshak
President Joseph S. Murphy
President Harold M. Proshansky
Acting President Gerald Lynch
Acting President Morton Rosenstock**

**President Kurt R. Schmeller
President Joseph Shenker
President Richard D. Trent
President Edmond Volpe
President Jacqueline G. Wexler
President Clyde J. Wingfield
Professor David Valinsky
Deputy Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman
Vice Chancellor Mary P. Bass
Vice Chancellor Julius C.C. Edelstein
Vice Chancellor Timothy S. Healy
Vice Chancellor Anthony Knerr
Vice Chancellor J. Joseph Meng
Vice Chancellor Peter S. Spiridon**

The absence of Mr. Murphy was excused.

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. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT: RESOLVED, That the Chancellor's Report for March 22, 1976 (including Addendum Items) be approved, as amended as follows:

(a) Withdraw the following items:

Central Office	Item CRI.1.1.
Queens	Item CI. 5.1.
York	Item CI. 8.1.
Staten Island	Item CRI.11.1.
Queensborough	Item CI.13.1.
New York City	Item CRI.16.2
Hostos	Item CI.17.1.
LaGuardia	Item CR-IV.18.1.
Medgar Evers	Item C-IV.19.1.
Lehman	Addendum Item D.1.
Kingsborough	Addendum Item D.2.
Baruch	Addendum Item D.3.
Graduate Center	Addendum Item D.4.
City	Addendum Item D.5.

Mr. Williams, as Chairman of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Planning, made the following statement:

At its last meeting my committee took the position of deferring action on all guard service contracts until April. We recommended that no renewal contracts be awarded in the belief that lower amounts might be expended if these contracts were let out for bidding. We also made the determination that no college could expend more on its guard service contract next year than it did this year. As a result of these actions we have asked to have the above items withdrawn from the Chancellor's Report.

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

NO. 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: RESOLVED, That the minutes of the Board of Higher Education for the following meetings be approved as circulated:

April 28, 1975	June 23, 1975
May 27, 1975	July 28, 1975

NO. 3. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: RESOLVED, That the following items be adopted:

A. HUNTER COLLEGE - B.A. IN WOMEN'S STUDIES:

RESOLVED, That the interdisciplinary program in Women's Studies leading to the B.A. degree, to be offered at Hunter College, be approved effective September 1976, subject to financial ability.

This program combines a traditional major in an established field with an 18 credit interdisciplinary program in Women's Studies. The program has been developed in response to the educational needs of students at Hunter where women comprise more than 70% of the student body. It will provide students with new perspectives in their field of interest and prepare graduates to continue their studies at the graduate level in either the traditional major or in Women's Studies. Apart from a new introductory course and a senior research seminar, all courses in the program are already being offered by the various departments participating in the program.

The program will not incur additional costs to the college.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF HONORARY CLINICAL ASSOCIATE TITLE:

RESOLVED, That colleges of the University with programs which have clinical components in affiliated health service or human service institutions be able to grant the title of Clinical Associate to those non-University personnel who aid in the coordination, instruction or supervision of the clinical component of the program; and it is further

RESOLVED, That where more than one college with the same program utilizes the same institution for clinical experience, the award of the Clinical Associate title shall be made jointly or severally by those colleges; and it is further

RESOLVED, That Clinical Associate be an honorary non-faculty title without financial remuneration to be granted for a renewable period of one year; a person holding such title shall not be or be deemed thereby to be an employee of the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, That Clinical Associates in recognition of their service to the University, be listed in the college catalog and receive full library privileges.

EXPLANATION: Recognition by City University of individuals who aid its students in clinical experiences is long overdue. It is hoped that the type of recognition herein provided, will acknowledge the University's appreciation of this service by granting special status and some courtesy privileges to the recipients of the title.

NO. 4. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS: RESOLVED, That the following items be adopted:

A. FURLOUGH: A motion was made and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

At this point the Board heard the following who spoke in opposition to the resolution:

Professor David Valinsky, Chairman, University Faculty Senate
 Dr. Belle Zeller, President, Professional Staff Congress
 Ms. Doreen Julius, representing District Council 37
 Professor Haig Bohigian, John Jay College

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That notwithstanding a resolution entitled Closing of Facilities adopted on February 23, 1976 (Cal. No. 4), the period April 12th through April 18, 1976 may be designated by the Chancellor as a payless furlough period for faculty and staff, pursuant to a resolution entitled Retrenchment, adopted December 15, 1975 (Cal. No. 5) and subject to such terms and conditions relating to the implementation of such furlough as shall be promulgated by the Chancellor.

EXPLANATION: The period April 11 through 18 has been designated as a period during which facilities will be closed. This resolution permits the Chancellor to substitute for such closing a payless furlough for the period April 12 through April 18, 1976.

Mr. D'Angelo asked to be recorded as voting No.

B. BYLAW AMENDMENT RE STUDENT SUSPENSIONS: Notice was served of a proposed amendment to Article XV of the Bylaws regarding student suspensions.

C. GOVERNANCE PLAN - STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A motion was made and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Quinones that the resolution be tabled. The motion was lost.

At this point the Board heard a presentation by President William M. Birenbaum of Staten Island Community College.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the structure of the Faculty Council at Staten Island Community College be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That amendments to the structure of the Faculty Council or changes in its relationship to the Student Government at Staten Island Community College be subject to Board approval.

EXPLANATION: The Board's Statement of Policy on the Organization and Governance of The City University of New York contemplated the development of individual comprehensive college governance plans tailored to the needs of the several colleges. Approval by the Board authorizes structures and processes at variance with the Board's Bylaws.

The Board's Committee on Administrative Affairs believes the proposed Faculty Council at Staten Island Community College conforms with the general intent of the Board's Governance Policy.

Mr. Williams, Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Quinones asked to be recorded as voting No.

NO. 5. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS AND PLANNING: RESOLVED, That the following item be adopted:

A. BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE - SILVER HALL CONVERSION:

RESOLVED, That the Board accept preliminary plans, outline specifications and preliminary construction cost estimate of \$2,402,836. (as of February, 1976) for the Silver Hall Conversion for Bronx Community College, as prepared by Brown, Guenther, Battaglia, Seckler, Architects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City University Construction Fund be requested to accept the aforesaid preliminary plans, etc. and to authorize the Dormitory Authority to complete final plans, bid documents, etc., for the work.

EXPLANATION: Proposed construction at Bronx Community College consists of implementing certain urgent on-campus rehabilitation work which was recommended in the Campus Master Plan. The work proposed can be described as follows:

Silver Hall is to be converted from its former residential function to provide classroom and office space for the Nursing, English and Speech Departments and for Special Educational Services. A total of 59,496 net assignable square feet is to be provided in the building which contains 112,332 gross square feet.

Heretofore, on October 28, 1974, the Board approved the selection of Architects and Engineers for various design packages. The preliminary cost estimate of \$2,402,836. as of February, 1976 when compared with a tentative March, 1974 estimate of \$2,284,000. appears reasonable.

The preliminary plans, outline specifications and cost estimate have been reviewed by the College, the Office of Campus Planning and Development and the Dormitory Authority and acceptance by the Board is recommended in order that the Architects may proceed with development of final plans, specifications and cost estimates.

The acceptance by the Board of the design work performed to date by the Architects is an intermediate requirement of the firm's contract with the Authority. The actual construction work (estimated at \$2.4 million) will not be contracted unless and until the Board has authorized its bidding and there are funds available for its financing.

NO. 5A. SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE: The Chairman read a letter from the Mayor indicating the City's intention to withdraw its employees from the Social Security System and requesting that the Board, as a non-mayoral agency, take action to follow suit.

The Board heard Mr. Peter Kiernan of the Mayor's Office and Dr. Ray Horton of the McGivern Commission, who explained the implications of the action and answered questions put to them by members of the Board.

After discussion the Board decided to take the matter under advisement.

NO. 6. UNIVERSITY REPORT: No report.

NO. 7. STATEMENT ON CHANCELLOR'S RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS: Dr. Goldin read the following statement into the record:

In November I had expressed my opposition to the Chancellor's October proposal on educational grounds.

In my judgment, that proposal was deficient in terms of its failure to develop a comprehensive educational policy, relating to the nature and mission of the University, which would serve as the conceptual framework for the formulation of specific retrenchment proposals involving structures and programs.

The Chancellor's recent restructuring plan now before this Board is based on a sound foundation of educational policy relating to the nature and mission of the University. It meets the critical test of differentiating the educational roles of the constituent units of the University and assigning academic responsibilities and resources in terms of their respective educational missions.

However, the Chancellor's current proposals are out-of-touch with fiscal reality.

A week ago there was an acknowledged gap of over \$50 million between the expenditure limits in the Chancellor's plan and the projected funding levels. As the result of a new downward revision in the City's fiscal contribution for next year, the difference between the anticipated funding and the projected costs is in the range of \$70 to \$100 million. Any plan predicated on the assumption that the dollar level of State funding for next year will be significantly above this year's level is illusory. The only realistic assumption is that the current level of State funding for CUNY may be maintained even with a decrease in the City's contribution. A University restructuring plan presented by this Board must not only be an educationally sound one, but a fiscally realistic one, too. Such a plan must be one that is consistent with anticipated funding levels rather than one whose projected costs are far in excess of those levels.

NO. 8. EAST HARLEM PUERTO RICAN CAUCUS: The Board noted the receipt of a statement and petitions from the East Harlem Puerto Rican Caucus with respect to the Chancellor's restructuring proposals.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

ETTA G. GRASS
Acting Secretary of the Board



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Deputy Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman

The absence of Mrs. Hauser and Mr. Murphy was excused.

**WAIVER OF NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

The undersigned members of the Board of Higher Education do hereby waive notice of a special meeting of the members of the Board of Higher Education to be held on March 22, 1976, at 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office at 535 East 80 Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, to transact such business at such meeting as may lawfully come before said Board.

s/ Alfred A. Giardino
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s/ Vincent R. FitzPatrick
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s/ Franklin H. Williams
Franklin H. Williams

s/ Rita E. Hauser
Rita E. Hauser

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

NO. 1. SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE:WHEREAS, The Board of Higher Education of the City of New York is aware that, under existing law, if termination of the participation of Board of Higher Education in the Social Security program becomes effective, Board of Higher Education may never again participate in the State's agreement with the Federal government in relation to the Social Security program;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the participation of Board of Higher Education in the agreement between the State and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare for Social Security coverage shall terminate on the last day of the first calendar quarter in 1978, namely, as of March 31, 1978; and
2. That advance notice of such termination shall immediately be given to the Director of the New York State Social Security Agency.

The Board directed that this item come before it from time to time for consideration of the implications of the proposal before the expiration period.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

ETTA G. GRASS
Acting Secretary of the Board