

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

**HELD**

**DECEMBER 27, 1976**

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:14 P.M.

There were present:

**Harold M. Jacobs, Chairperson  
Patricia Carry Stewart, Vice-Chairperson**

**Walter H. Crowley  
Armand D'Angelo  
Edith B. Everett  
Nicholas Figueroa**

**Ronald T. Gault  
Albert V. Maniscalco  
Harriet R. Michel  
Emanuel R. Piore**

**Maynard S. Jones, ex officio**

**Richard M. Catalano, Secretary of the Board**

**Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee  
Deputy Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman  
Acting Vice Chancellor Egon Brenner**

**Vice Chancellor Anthony Knerr  
Vice Chancellor J. Joseph Meng**

The absence of Ms. Conway, Dr. Goldin, Mr. Maas, Mr. Olivero and Mr. Robinson was excused.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted or action was taken as noted: (Cal. Nos. 1 and 2)

**NO. 1. COMMITTEE ON EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: RESOLVED, That the following item be adopted:**

**A. REVISION OF ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SEEK AND COLLEGE DISCOVERY:**

The resolution was moved and seconded.

Mr. Jones moved a substitute resolution. Mrs. Michel seconded the motion. The motion was lost.

The following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That the Resolution on Academic Eligibility Criteria for SEEK and College Discovery, adopted on February 23, 1976 (Calendar No. 5), is hereby amended to read as follows:

**RESOLVED**, That for purposes of determining eligibility a student shall be deemed "educationally disadvantaged" if he or she has received a general equivalency diploma or [in the case of current high school graduates if he or she has earned an average of less than 75 percent based on academic courses and at the completion of their eleventh year has accumulated no more than 10 academic units. Those prior graduates who have completed twelve years shall have an earned average of less than 75 and have accumulated no more than 12 academic units. The Chancellor is directed to undertake a review of the application of these criteria to make recommendations by December 1, 1976 for such changes in the criteria as he deems advisable.] has earned a high school admissions average of less than 80% or a rank in class at the 65th or lower percentile. These criteria shall be effective with the entering freshman class in the Spring of 1977.

**NOTE:** Matter in brackets to be deleted; matter underlined to be added.

**EXPLANATION:** In February 1976 the Board approved a definition of the term academic disadvantage for the purpose of determining student eligibility for the SEEK and College Discovery Programs. The application of the definition to the Fall 1976 freshman class resulted in the exclusion of numerous students who proved to be in need of substantial academic remediation. The proposed change in the definition will make eligible for the special programs more students with serious academic deficiencies and better reflect the population the programs were intended to serve.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, requesting the Committee on Expanded Educational Opportunity, in conjunction with the Chancellor, to review and assess the impact of this resolution on the SEEK and College Discovery Programs and to report to the Board no later than May, 1977.

**NO. 2. ACTING PRESIDENT - QUEENS COLLEGE:** **RESOLVED**, That Nathaniel H. Siegel be designated Acting President of Queens College effective January 1, 1977 with compensation of \$13,000 per annum in addition to his academic salary, subject to financial ability.

**Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**

**RICHARD M. CATALANO**  
Secretary of the Board