

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT COALITION ON
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & SERVICES
Room 602 - 268 Ashland Place
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217

Minutes
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 3, 1968
7:00 - 9:15 p.m.
New York City Community College

Present: Frederick H. Burkhardt, chairman, Presidential Search Committee, presiding; Albert Vann, chairman, Bedford Stuyvesant Coalition on Educational Needs and Services; Porter R. Chandler, chairman, Board of Higher Education, Professor Julius C.C. Edelstein, Judge Thomas R. Jones, Luis QueroChiesa, Henry Paley, Jack Pannigan, Prof. Herman Patterson, Mrs. Ella Sease, Joseph Shenker, Mrs. D. Watson.

AUTHORITY TO GRANT BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Mr. Vann referred to the requisite authority to be obtained for the new college to offer baccalaureate degrees and inquired what has to be done to secure this authority and what steps CUNY has taken towards this end.

Dean Shenker explained that the State University of New York (as opposed to the City University of New York) is one of the responsible bodies for all public community colleges throughout the State. Any action would have to go to it for review by the Board of Higher Education. The Board makes a recommendation to the State University Board of Trustees. This body then makes a proposal to the State Education Department and the Board of Regents. These channels for approval must be requested through a recommendation by the Board of Higher Education, accompanied by a Statement of Justification of the action to be taken.

Mr. Burkhardt said CUNY could get the authority because there is recognition of the need for certain types of occupational groups, and there is need for the type of institution to provide them. Prof. Edelstein noted the recommendations of the Presidential Search Committee and the Board members of this Committee, with respect to this particular college, would carry great weight with the Board of Higher Education, which is the body to initiate the first step. Chancellor Bowker has already begun informal discussions with some of the Board of Regents members in the New York City area. The problem will be to confine this unique request to this college; if the concept becomes widespread and sought by other community colleges, a roadblock will develop.

Mr. Vann pressed for an explicit statement on this authority, because the community would have to be advised of the difficulties inherent in the situation, although this Committee is confident the authorization can be gotten. Mr. Burkhardt affirmed this view, inasmuch as Chancellor Bowker is laying the groundwork. Mr. Burkhardt felt the Presidential Search Committee should proceed with the college as outlined in the letter, planning for the baccalaureate possibilities, and deciding which areas to make the case for. When we have the plan, the approving authorities will already be acquainted with it, any agreements reached, and its recommendations. We will have to prepare a concrete plan in order to get this approval.

NEED FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO B-S COALITION

Mr. Vann indicated the Bedford Stuyvesant Coalition Negotiating Team had been and is now in need of consultative services to do certain exploratory studies regarding the curricula for the specialized areas, among others. Contacts have been made, guidance sought and given, but on occasional volunteer basis which is inadequate. The Negotiating Team seeks financial resources to hire consultants. It already has the kinds of consultants it needs. Can CUNY provide it with the funds to do the research necessary to develop this college? Mrs. Sease stated the Team wanted access to funds for payment but would expect CUNY to pay directly for services rendered. Mr. Pannigan felt the Chancellor would support this request, since his letter states the Coalition could hire consultants.

W Mr. Vann stressed the Team wanted to chose its consultants because people with a fresh approach and different rationale were crucial in this situation. The orientation of traditional-minded consultants has proven inadequate. Dean Shenker noted planning is primarily the responsibility of the chief educational officer of an institution. The Team felt preliminary guidelines should be drawn up by the community and offered to the president as a foundation for his comprehensive and definitive planning. The community would expect him to be the sort of person who would accept the community's thinking and bring in his own people to detail and refine the program the community has in mind, through the proposal it will evolve. Mr. Pannigan stated these services would be for the purpose of defining the problems and setting up general guidelines.

In answer to Mr. Pannigan's question whether the Presidential Search Committee has the authority to hire consultants, Mr. Burkhardt said it did; but as Mr. QueroChiesa pointed out, it would be difficult to grant direct funds to the Team for this purpose. The consultant, as an employee of this Committee, can be authorized. This is a request this Committee can push. CUNY cannot authorize the use of the existing Revolving Fund for this purpose, although it was recognized the work of the consultants becomes the property of the Presidential Search Committee.

The fee paid consultants depends on the type of work and time necessary to complete it. The Bureau of the Budget sets standards and qualifications for professional services. The Team pointed out the people it needs would have the ability and knowledge but perhaps lack the credentials presently required. Mr. Burkhardt said this was no barrier as long as the Committee justified the employment on the basis of the individual's special knowledge, for it will share the responsibility of the outcome with the Team. Judge Jones recognized because of the difference between the concepts of this Board and the attitudes of our community, there is the possibility a consultant's views may be unpopular with the Board. The Team suggests that by alerting this Committee, a means for it to avoid embarrassment is available to it.

* The two chairmen (Mr. Burkhardt and Mr. Vann) will approve the selection of consultants. The chairman of the Negotiating Team will consult its members before taking action on a consultant.

Mr. Chandler and Mr. Burkhardt asked that at the next meeting, the community present the kinds of subjects the consultants will work on, list the problems

(about half-a-dozen concrete ideas and guidelines) and where to find the consultants to help. The statement should indicate in what respect we want this college to be different and how a consultant can help.

CUNY PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Burkhardt outlined the general procedures for selecting presidents. CUNY calls for names and recommendations from various sources. Each applicant (his resume or curriculum vitae) is given consideration. Particular Presidential Search Committees establish criteria for their institution's president.

The salary of a CUNY president is \$29,000/annum. The Negotiating Team sought clarification on where the president sets up office once he comes on. Mr. Burkhardt said generally it is at his discretion. He is given funds to set up his office, hire staff, and a planning grant. He has a Development Fund until the college is set up officially. After that, he goes through the regular City procedures for getting his money, year-to-year, by submitting a budget which the Board of Higher Education approves. The starting salary for CUNY faculty is \$9,000. The number and kind of faculty he recruits depends on a projection of the student body.

The Presidential Search Committee agreed on basic criteria for the president of the Bedford Stuyvesant Community College: a) maximum age - 55 years; b) individual must have sensitivity to the needs of this community; c) a Ph.D. is desirable but not essential, if the person is really outstanding.

Mr. Burkhardt wanted the Committee to have chosen the president by January, 1969.

PARITY TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Dean Shenker noted only part of this has been worked out, i.e., automatic transfer now exists, but they are still working on the full credit transfer aspect.

SITES (Temporary & Permanent)

Judge Jones suggested as a permanent site, the area along Atlantic Avenue, west of Grand Avenue. It appears to be the only location with the required amount of area. Mr. Burkhardt suggested the Coalition seek sites in the neighborhood of 75,000-100,000 sq. ft. and inform Dean Shenker of location. For a temporary site, the armory on Bedford Avenue is a possibility. Mr. Vann will obtain for Dean Shenker the surveys made by Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation.

ADDITIONAL CLERK-TYPIST FOR TEAM OFFICE

CUNY was asked to allocate another clerk-typist for this office in view of the tremendous workload it is now carrying. The community is fully utilizing the office facilities and staff. Dean Shenker agreed to look further into this.

The next meeting of the Presidential Search Committee:

Wednesday, October 9, 1968
6:00 pm
New York City Community College

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COMMITTEE TO SEEK A PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE NUMBER SEVEN

NAMES SUBMITTED TO DATE (SEPTEMBER 3, 1968)

NAME AND TITLE

- ✓ Adkins, Dr. Charles E.
President of Briarcliff College
- *Aller, Dr. Curtis
Associate Manpower Administrator
- ✓ Barlow, Dr. Daniel L.
Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Santa Fe Junior College, Florida
- ✓ Barrell, Dr. Lawrence L.
Assistant to the President
Rockland Community College
- ✓ Birenbaum, Dr. William M.
Subsequent to Dr. Birenbaum's being recommended
to this Committee, he was selected as President
of Staten Island C. C., effective Sept. 1, 1968
- ✓ Brown, Dr. Roscoe C.
Professor of Education,
New York University, School
of Education
- ✓ Draper, Edgar D.
Dean, Borough of Manhattan
Community College
- ✓ Farmer, Dr. James
Staff Associate
The Education Affiliate
Bedford-Stuyvesant Development and
Services Corporation
- ✓ Feldman, Mr. Marvin J.
Program Associate
The Ford Foundation
- ✓ Fox, Dr. Lawrence E.
Associate Director of Massachusetts
Advisory Council on Education
- ✓ Lacey, Dr. Archie L.
Associate Professor of
Education, Hunter College
- ✓ Martorama, Dr. Sebastian V.
University Dean for Two-Year Colleges,
State University of New York
- ✓ Murray, Dr. Walter
Department of Education
Brooklyn College

NAME AND TITLE

- ✓ Ranhand, Samuel
Professor and Chairman of Department of
Management
Bernard M. Baruch School
- ✓ Reeves, Dr. James Holt
Assistant Director of Student Activities
University of Minnesota
- ✓ Russell, Dr. Roger D.
Assistant Unit Administrator
Ocean Hill Demonstration Project
Board of Education, Brooklyn, New York
- Shaw, Dr. Thomas
Dean of Students
New York City Community College
- Smoot, Dr. James
Coordinator Urban Centers
State University of New York, Albany
- ✓ Smythe, Dr. Hugh
Educator, Sociologist
Department of Sociology
Brooklyn College
(Present Position: U. S. Ambassador
to Malta)
- ✓ Sullivan, Dr. Arthur
Coordinator of Graduate Studies and
Chairman of Philosophy Department
University of Puerto Rico
- ✓ Tidwell, Dr. Melvin E.
Dean, School of Evening Studies
and Continuing Education, Kingsborough
Community College
- ✓ Wolfe, Deborah Cannon Partridge
Professor of Education
Queens College
- ✓ Wright, Dr. Leon E.
Professor, New Testament
Language and Literature School
of Religion, Howard University

*PARTIAL INFORMATION ONLY

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CRITERIA FOR PRESIDENT
(Vann - preliminary list - 9/68)

Physical

Color : Black
Age : under 40 years
Residence: in community
Health : Good

Academic Credentials

Ph. D. desirable, not essential

Experience

Administrative, in education preferably
Urban orientation
Recruitment ability
Knowledge of lower school system deficits
Demonstrated creative ideas/programs
Curriculum development

Philosophy

- a. Personal
 - Demonstrable support of Black people's cause
 - sensitivity to community's needs
- b. Community Control
 - accepts accountability to community
 - aim to involve community meaningfully, make an integral part of planning and development
 - accepts community control of school