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BEDFORD STUYVESANT COALITION ON EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND SERVICES  
268 Ashland Place - Room 602                      Brooklyn, New York 11217

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 17, 1969 - 5:00 P.M.  
The City University of New York - Graduate Center  
33 West 42nd Street, New York City

Present: Messrs. Frederick H. Burkhardt, Chairman  
                  Robert Carson  
                  Porter R. Chandler  
                  James O. Lee  
                  Jack L. Pannigan  
                  Herman Patterson  
                  Luis Quero-Chiesa  
                  Joseph Shenker  
                  Albert Vann  
                  Arleigh B. Williamson  
                  Mmes Almira Coursey  
                  Isaura Santiago  
                  Ella Sease

The meeting commenced after some delay with a registration of strong protest by the Chairman to the Bedford-Stuyvesant Committee for lateness on their part, and a request was made to them for closer attention to punctuality.

Mr. Vann introduced five members of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Coalition to the Committee, who were present as observers. All present were reminded that the names of the candidates discussed had to be held in complete confidence. A serious and unfortunate leak in the past had not caused an easy situation.

The Chairman summarized the last Committee meeting

and explained the prolonged discussion about Rhody McCoy. He said that in spite of Mr. McCoy's capability in leadership, in community affairs, etc., the Board (Board of Higher Education) felt that he did not have experience on the college level, no connections within the academic world, nor administrative experience on the college level. Also, for a practical reason; as the subject of great controversy, should he be selected the college would be doing nothing but fighting and arguing about the Ocean Hill-Brownsville issue.

The Committee agreed to leave the matter of a final determination on Mr. McCoy until all other candidates had been discussed. Evaluations of Messrs. Proctor, Westerfield and Wilcox continued.

After the dinner recess a date was scheduled for the next meeting of the Committee and inquiry was made of our position in regard to Dr. Hugh Smythe. Dean Shenker reported that he had written to Dr. Smythe indicating that the Committee was having difficulty picking a date, but would contact him. It was requested at this time that Dean Shenker contact Dr. Smythe as to his availability for interview on February 26th.

During the evaluations Mr. Vann, Chairman of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Committee, pointed out that he felt more was involved in the selection process than just picking an individual to be President; how this President would have to relate to a policy-making body had to be considered.

Discussion followed concerning the various aspects of community control; whether members of the Committee viewed it as being a relevant aspect of the selection; the makeup of the "Community"; and legal determinations that would have to be made. Professor Hausknecht, member of the Faculty Senate present as an observer, explained at this time the traditional rights (i.e., certain privileges and powers) of the faculty.

A request was made and agreed to that a legal adviser be present at the next Presidential Search Committee Meeting.

The attention of the Committee was directed to a Public Hearing of the Board of Estimate on February 25 concerning the 1969-70 New York City Capital Budget. One of the Items under discussion was to be an allocation of \$1.5 million to Community College Number Seven. Dean Shenker said he would research to find out the course of action, if any, for involvement of the Committee and advise.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

J. Campbell  
Secretary