

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

HELD

JUNE 27, 1994

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:38 P.M.

There were present:

James P. Murphy, Chairperson
Edith B. Everett, Vice Chairperson

Herman Badillo
Sylvia Bloom
Gladys Carrion
Louis C. Cenci
Michael Del Giudice

William R. Howard
Charles E. Inniss
Harold M. Jacobs
Susan Moore Mouner
Thomas Tam

Sandi E. Cooper, ex officio

Anthony Giordano, ex officio

Secretary Genevieve Mullin
Robert E. Diaz, General Counsel and Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs
Lillian W. Phillips, Executive Assistant

Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds
Deputy Chancellor Laurence F. Mucciolo
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Acting President Felix Cardegna
Acting President Leo A. Corbie
Acting President Stephen M. Curtis
President Josephine Dunbar Davis
President Leon M. Goldstein
President Matthew Goldstein
President Frances Degen Horowitz
President Edison O. Jackson
President Shirley Strum Kenny

President Vernon Lattin
President Gerald W. Lynch
President Charles E. Merideth
President Yolanda T. Moses
President Isaura S. Santiago
President Kurt R. Schmeller
Vice Chancellor Richard Freeland
Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson
Vice Chancellor Emma E. Macari
Vice Chancellor Brenda Richardson Malone
Vice Chancellor Richard F. Rothbard
Dean Stanford R. Roman, Jr.

The absence of Mr. Fink as excused.

A. FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT SHIRLEY STRUM KENNY AND DEAN HAYWOOD BURNS: Chairman Murphy noted that this is the last meeting President Shirley Strum Kenny and Dean Haywood Burns will be attending. Queens College, the CUNY School of Law at Queens College, and The City University of New York will be losing the leadership of these distinguished chief executive officers. We wish them both the very best in their new endeavors and we say that from the bottom of our hearts. There is a huge cavern in Queens College which we will have to fill and try to be as successful in filling it as we were with their two appointments.

Dean Haywood Burns could not be with us today because of his commitment to be keynote speaker at an international conference on the delivery of legal services throughout the world, held at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England.

At this point Mr. Giordano joined the meeting.

B. SCHOOL HONORS: Chairman Murphy stated that Medgar Evers College is to be congratulated upon regaining its status as a senior college. On June 8th Governor Mario Cuomo and the New York State Legislature approved the restoration of senior college status to Medgar Evers College in the 1994-95 CUNY budget. A lot of people in this room are to be thanked for that persistent effort over a number of years to do the right thing with respect to Medgar. Many of the long-standing Trustees, many on the staff, the Chancellor, and of course President Edison Jackson has been singular in what he has done to make this work. We will have an opportunity shortly to have an event to celebrate this and we will use that event to suitably express our appreciation to the public policy makers in this State, the Governor and the key members of the Legislature who voted this reality together with those in the City administration who were more than acquiescent, they were also very positively helpful as well.

Statement by President Edison Jackson:

Mr. Chairman, members of the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Reynolds, members of the Chancellor's staff and colleagues, it is with a deep sense of humility and gratitude that we come before you this evening to say thank you. Certainly we at Medgar Evers College are extremely happy, and that's probably an understatement. We certainly felt that the restoration of senior college status was indeed a reasonable request and it could not have happened without the support and the Vision of this Board and the Chancellor. I'd like to give special thanks to Jay Hershenson, who over the years was one who continued to have dialog and to insure that we were setting our ducks in order in order to make this whole thing happen. I'd also like to thank the University Student Senate, the PSC, and the University Faculty Senate for their support, and most of all the family at Medgar Evers. It could not have been possible without their support of the vision that we had espoused and put forth at Medgar Evers College when we arrived there in the fall of 1989.

Medgar is a very special place and with the restoration of senior college status you have placed a high degree of trust in us that we would make good on the promise, and we take this as a very sacred trust. I can assure you that Medgar will continue to march toward excellence, that indeed we will continue to march toward being a flagship institution in this University and beyond. Medgar is that kind of special place and I call it an oasis in a desert where people who are thirsty for knowledge come and have that thirst quenched. It is a place that gives hope, and where people can come to be renewed. As an educator we believe that education has a capacity to transform an individual, and a people, and a nation, and the people come to Medgar Evers to have their lives transformed.

So it is with that we thank you. We are indeed going to have a great celebration. This is indeed a collective victory not only for this Board, not only for this University, but for the Borough of Brooklyn, and yes indeed the City of New York. I would like to acknowledge my colleagues who are here by asking them to stand to let you know that they are here in support of Medgar Evers and to thank you.

Trustee Jacobs stated that many years ago he was one of the charter members for Medgar Evers when it met in a store on Bedford Avenue, and when the Catholic Church's buildings on Carroll Street were purchased to house the College. He and Dr. James Oscar Lee were among the five or six members who formed that particular college.

Chairman Murphy stated that Dr. Jacobs is too modest. He refused to have us acknowledge that the anniversary of his twentieth year on this Board was the first of February, three months ago, so we are going to acknowledge it belatedly because he has opened the door to things past.

Vice Chair Everett stated that the recognition of Medgar Evers is an interesting and timely coincidence. This is also the same year that the assassin of Medgar Evers was finally brought to justice and so there are two very special things that are happening together and it's time that both of them happened.

Chancellor Reynolds stated that it has been a privilege for her to watch President Jackson and his colleagues, and most of all the students at Medgar Evers, pull this University inextricably towards its destiny. It's been an absolutely inspiring piece of work by everyone there. I was laughing today with Edison about how during the campus takeovers I would check on Medgar Evers periodically as other campuses were struggling and Edison would simply give me a rundown of some productive activity the students were all involved in visibly during that whole period of time and indicate that their top priority was achieving four year status for that campus. It's been achieved because of your leadership and because of those wonderful students and of course wonderful faculty and staff, many of whom are here today. There is a special spirit there that is a spirit that's growing in influence in your special part of this wonderful City and I'm so proud of you all.

C. FACULTY HONORS: (1) Mindy Mass, Lecturer in the Department of Office Technology at New York City Technical College, has been appointed editor for information processing for the *Business Education Forum*, the journal of the National Business Education Association.

(2) Leo Treitler, Distinguished Professor of Music at New York City Technical College, has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

(3) Edward J. Shaughnessy, Associate Professor of Sociology and Law at John Jay College, has been elected President of the Dutchess County Historical Society.

D. STUDENT HONORS: (1) Ms. Eleanor D. George, graduating senior at Bronx Community College, is the recipient of the prestigious Belle Zeller Award from the Professional Staff Congress.

(2) Ms. Diane Augustus of Bronx Community College, has won a City University Athlete Award. Ms. Augustus, who excels in track, volleyball and shotput, finished fifth in the Colgate Women's games, and was voted Most Valuable Player on the first U.S. Netball Team. She is a Chemistry major with a 3.37 GPA.

E. ALUMNI HONORS: (1) Ms. Faye D. Ginsberg, an alumna of the Graduate School and University Center who is now teaching at N.Y.U., has received a MacArthur Genius Award. She is the second Anthropology Department graduate to receive this prestigious award.

F. GRANTS: Chairman Murphy presented for inclusion in the record the following report of Grants \$100,000 or above received by the University since the last Board meeting:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

- a. \$700,000 NYS Department of Social Services to Cynthia Murphy, for "C.E.O.S Enhanced Placement Initiative Program."
- b. \$106,580 NSF to Sandra Poster, for "Undergraduate Faculty Enhancement."

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- a. \$165,000 US Nuclear Reg. Comm., to C. Miller, Civ Engineering, for "Hualien Soil Structure Interaction."
- b. \$150,000 NSF to I. Chavel, Mathematics, for "Problems in Geometric Analysis."
- c. \$130,000 NSF to J. Koplick, Levich Institute, for "Molecular Dynamics of Fluid, Solid Systems."
- d. \$129,453 AFOSR to F. Smith, Physics, for "Studies of Electronic & Optical Materials."
- e. \$115,000 NSF to J. Gallagher, Biology, for "Pylogeny of Skeletone."

Since the inception of SEEK, there has been a University administrative office responsible for oversight of the eight College Discovery campus programs, which are located in the University's community colleges. The Office of Special Programs has monitored the funding and operation of the programs over the last thirteen years. In the main, the College Discovery Program has followed the Board-approved Guidelines for the Structure and Operation of the SEEK Program, although there are differences in the funding, structure and operation of the two programs. While differences have been addressed through particularized administrative directives, there is a clear need for guidelines specific to the College Discovery Program. Over the years, several University committees were formed to develop guidelines for the College Discovery Program. The proposed Guidelines are the cumulative result of those efforts.

It is the intent of the Guidelines for the Structure and Operation of the College Discovery Program to provide a set of standards, limitations, authorizations and directions for the Program on each campus, and for the means of monitoring and securing an account of the use of the special funds available for the Program to accomplish its goals and purposes.

Guidelines for the structure and operation of the College Discovery Program are needed to maintain the integrity of this vital program and to ensure the continuation of its services at a level needed to fully serve the most academically underprepared students in the University.

Trustee Carrion reported that the Dormitory Authority will purchase the Queens College Student Union Building from the Student Services Corporation for \$5.4 million. In 1992 the Queens College students made an appeal to the Committee on Student Affairs and Special Programs to assist them in finding a way to reduce the large student activity fee imposed upon the students because of bonds sold in the 1960's to finance the Student Union Building. This will enable that portion of the student activity fee previously used for debt service reduction to now be used for student programming and structural repairs urgently needed on the campus. I would like to acknowledge the Committee, the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors Macari, Nunez-Wormack, and Rothbard in pursuing this remedy, and also Trustee Inniss for always bringing this issue to the forefront, and the Queens College students who were unrelenting in their pursuit of this goal.

NO. 8. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS: RESOLVED, That the following items be approved:

At this point Dr. Jacobs left the meeting.

ADDED ITEM 8.B. WAS CONSIDERED FIRST.

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B. MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:

WHEREAS, The Governor and the New York State Legislature have restored senior college status for Medgar Evers College as of July 1, 1994, 18 years after it was rescinded during the New York City fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, The City University of New York Board of Trustees has long sought restoration, and made it a top priority in the University's 1990 Five Year Plan and 1992 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Medgar Evers College opened in 1971 to serve the educational and cultural needs of Central Brooklyn and the greater metropolitan communities with programs leading to both baccalaureate and associate degrees, and has continued to offer baccalaureate degrees; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That profound thanks and appreciation for the efforts of all who helped restore senior college status to Medgar Evers College be recorded and transmitted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That special thanks be acknowledged to Governor Mario M. Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino, the New York State Legislature, the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, the Brooklyn Congressional delegation, the New York State Board of Regents, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden, the New York City Council, the Middle States Association Commission on Higher Education, Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds, President Edison O. Jackson and the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Medgar Evers College, the University Faculty Senate, the University Student Senate, the Professional Staff Congress, New York State United Teachers, District Council 37, and the Medgar Evers Community Advisory Council for all of their untiring efforts and support.

At this point Dr. Jacobs rejoined the meeting.

A. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT TITLE IX GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

WHEREAS, The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act strengthened the Title IX Graduate Programs by increasing both the stipend levels and institutional allowances for these programs; and

WHEREAS, The President's FY 1995 budget requests no increase in overall funding for these programs; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the stipend level and institutional allowance without an accompanying increase in overall program funding will mean a reduction in the number of students the programs can serve; and

WHEREAS, An increase of only \$14 million for graduate programs will provide sufficient funding to maintain these programs at current services levels (ensure that there will be no reduction in the number of students served); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That CUNY support an increase of \$14 million for the Title IX graduate programs in the FY 1995 federal budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent all members of the NYC Congressional Delegation requesting their support for the increase proposed herein.

Trustee Bloom reported that there was substantial participation at the recent Manhattan and Bronx Borough Hearings and that the Secretary of the Board has circulated copies of all testimony.

Chairman Murphy, on behalf of the Board, acknowledged the stewardship of Dr. Felix Cardagna in his role as acting President of The College of Staten Island. He will be retiring from that position as of June 30th. He stepped in in a challenging and demanding situation. We wish to acknowledge his good work in behalf of The College of Staten Island and the University.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the Board went into executive session to consider personnel matters. The public meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

SECRETARY GENEVIEVE MULLIN