

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

HELD

NOVEMBER 28, 1966

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

There were present:

Porter R. Chandler, Chairman  
David I. Ashe  
Lloyd H. Bailer  
George D. Brown  
Frederick H. Burkhardt  
Gladys M. Dorman  
Mary S. Ingraham  
Benjamin F. McLaurin

Jack I. Poses  
Luis Quero Chiesa  
Edward D. Re  
Arthur Rosencrans  
Ruth S. Shoup  
Ella S. Streater  
David Sullivan  
Arleigh B. Williamson

Pearl Max, Administrator  
Arthur H. Kahn, Counsel

Chancellor Albert H. Bowker  
President Milton G. Bassin  
President Murray H. Block  
President James A. Colston  
President Jacob I. Hartstein  
President Buell G. Gallagher  
Act. Pres. Mary L. Gambrell

President Dumont F. Kenny  
President Joseph P. McMurray  
President Herbert Schueler  
President Walter L. Willig  
Vice-Chancellor Harry L. Levy  
Vice-Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman

The absence of Dr. Azzari, Dr. Conboy and Dr. Schultz was excused.

**No. A. Report of the Committee to Seek a President of the New College of The City University of New York, Temporarily Called Alpha College:** On behalf of the Committee to Seek a President for the new college of The City University, Temporarily Called Alpha College, Mr. Luis Quero Chiesa, Chairman, presented the following report:

The Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Mr. Porter R. Chandler, on October 31, 1966, appointed a Committee to Seek a President for the new college of The City University, Temporarily Called Alpha College. The Committee was charged with the task of selecting a president who would, with speed and discretion, organize the new college so that it could be opened in September, 1967. This required that we find a man who was aware of the hazards and advantages of creating and developing a new college within the City University complex. The four members of the Committee had themselves the special advantage of seven months which had been crowded with meetings of two other Board Committees seeking college presidents for the university. The members of this Committee are:

Luis Quero Chiesa, Chairman  
Mary S. Ingraham  
George D. Brown  
Jack I. Poses  
Porter R. Chandler, ex officio

The seven months' search on the other committees had immediately preceded the present assignment so in our many meetings and interviews for these other committees we had covered the field. This experience enabled us to recognize in Dr. Dumont F. Kenny the qualities which we consider essential for the creation of a new college and its establishment by September 1967. He is a man who works quietly but with extreme effectiveness. In the words of one of our members, "As president of Queensborough Community College, he has done a marvelous job without making a lot of it." As president of Queensborough Community College, he commands the respect of his faculty and of all who work with him. The record of his work prior to coming to Queensborough forecast the success he has had there. This included directing the U. S. Military Government Emergency Textbook Printing Program in 1945 which produced 5,000,000 German textbooks free of Nazi in-

doctrination. For ten years he was Vice-President for Program Development for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Committee unanimously recommends to the Board that Dr. Dumont F. Kenny, now president of Queensborough Community College, be appointed Professor of Philosophy and President of the new college of The City University of New York, temporarily called Alpha College, effective December 1, 1966, at a salary rate of \$32,000 per annum, subject to financial ability.

Respectfully submitted,

LUIS QUERO CHIESA, Chairman  
 MARY S. INGRAHAM  
 GEORGE D. BROWN  
 JACK I. POSES  
 PORTER R. CHANDLER, ex officio

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

I. RESOLVED, That Dr. Dumont F. Kenny be appointed Professor of Philosophy and President of the new college of The City University of New York, temporarily called Alpha College, effective December 1, 1966, at a salary rate of \$32,000 per annum, subject to financial ability.

II. RESOLVED, That the new college of the City University, hitherto temporarily called Alpha, be named YORK COLLEGE of The City University of New York.

The Committee's report was received and the Committee was discharged with the thanks of the Board.

Upon being notified of his appointment, Dr. Kenny said: "Thank you very much. This really shouldn't happen to anyone twice in four years.

"The four older senior colleges of the City University of New York have distinguished records of academic achievement and service to the City. Their new sister-institution can do no less than attempt to emulate them in this regard.

"With unprecedented educational demands taxing all our educational resources, this is no time for frozen thinking or outworn moulds. A new liberal arts college has a rare opportunity to try fresh approaches to old, old problems. We intend to take full advantage of it in curriculum matters and student affairs.

"I am leaving Queensborough with considerable regret. Its stimulating and friendly campus atmosphere has been a source of great personal satisfaction and pride to me. Its fine young faculty—all of them young in ideas—has my respect and affection. These four years at Queensborough were exhilarating. I have every confidence that this vigorous, growing community college will go on under new leadership to achieve fully its high potential.

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board, I accept this responsibility and shall get on to the business of establishing this newcomer to our system without delay.

No. 1. Election of Vice-Chairman: Laid over.

No. 2. Election of Two Members of the Executive Committee: Laid over.

No. 3. Committee on Trusts and Gifts: In presenting the report of the Committee on Trusts and Gifts, Mr. Poses made the following statement:

"You have received a report dated November 14 on our investment portfolio. You also received a letter from our investment counsel outlining their professional thinking on investments. Mr. Grossman has the annual report prepared by a Certified Public Accountant which is available for your inspection.

"I would like to make an observation on the report. City College has 73.5% of the total portfolio. It is the result of extraordinary efforts made by President Buell Gallagher over a long period of time. The will of Bernard Baruch left the Baruch School close to \$9,000,000. This, too, was the fruits of effort on the part of the president. President Gallagher also raises annually from his alumni and others over \$500,000 for the City College fund, and this is not included in the Trusts and Gifts portfolio.

"You will find Charts 4 and 5 interesting. In November of 1964, I presented to the Board a memorandum on raising funds from individuals, corporations, foundations and the Federal Government. As far as funds from the Federal Government are concerned, we have received substantial funds. I feel certain that this is only the beginning. In the years ahead the major funds will come from the Federal Government.

"We are also fortunate to receive a princely gift from Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Silberman who have given us the building for the Graduate School of Social Work at Hunter College. This gift was augmented by a grant from the Federal Government amounting to over one million dollars.

"Perhaps at some future time, I hope in the not too distant future, the Board will assume a greater interest in the area of fund raising."

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following report of the Committee on Trust and Gifts, dated November 14, 1966, was adopted with thanks to Mr. Poses: