

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

### 6 February 2008

1 The 485<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 PM in Room W714.

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3 **Presiding:** Richard Stapleford, Chair

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5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.

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7 **Minutes:** The Minutes of November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.

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9 **Report by the President:** A summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate is as follows. She said:

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11 "There is wonderful news from two recent Board of Trustees meetings. Our own Peter Carey, who is  
12 the Director of our Creative Writing Program and Professor in the English Department, was approved  
13 as a Distinguished Professor. We are very excited about that.

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15 Thanks to the efforts of so many of you in this room, we have reached a historic point for our  
16 community. We are now a Joint Doctoral Degree granting institution with the Graduate Center for  
17 Doctors in Public Health, and in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry. This is truly  
18 extraordinary. It will give our faculty an opportunity to claim what they have been doing, which is  
19 being the faculty for the Graduate Program in the Sciences since the Graduate Center has no labs and  
20 all the work gets done on the campuses, and primarily on the City College and Hunter College  
21 campuses. The resolutions that were approved by the Committee on Monday will go to the Board of  
22 Trustees at the end of February, and we are really very close to final approval. I want to thank Vita for  
23 her excellent leadership, and Shirley Raps, Roger, Ezra, Bill. This is an incredibly exciting time for us  
24 in the sciences, but it is also a challenge because we will have to raise a lot of money to support these  
25 students who are now ours. There has been a whole re-configuring of the ways students will be  
26 funded. The Graduate Center will pick up the funding for the first year and there will be health  
27 coverage. The students will then have a year or two to meet with the faculty on campus and decide  
28 who they want to study with. It will be our responsibility to support these students. I find it to be an  
29 advantage, because it will be easier now to raise money for these students. They are truly our students,  
30 and we will be seeking scholarships for them. So, we are very excited about that.

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32 I want to re-introduce to the community to someone everyone knows from her first round at Hunter  
33 College. Linda Carlson is back as a Special Advisor to the President for Enrollment Management. We  
34 asked her to come back to help coordinate many of the things that are going on at the college,  
35 particularly those things that fall between the various vice-presidential responsibilities, academic,  
36 student service and the administrative side. Linda has already been working with Middle States, with  
37 Mellon, and with many of the Committees here to talk about how we can best communicate to improve  
38 our education and support for our students. One of the things that Linda and I are working on is  
39 support for increased faculty effort at student engagement outside of the classroom. We know that  
40 many of you are already doing so much with students, sometimes in some sort of social type way  
41 whether it is taking students to plays or to museums or having end-of-the-year branches at your home,  
42 and we would like to support these efforts and ask more of you to be involved, because we all know  
43 that the key to student success is contact with faculty. Sometimes it is that moment outside of the  
44 classroom where it all comes together, and rather than ask you to try to find free tickets or somehow  
45 get everyone to pay, we would like to support buying tickets or going out to a lunch after a  
46 performance, just so that the people can get to know each other. Another important initiative will be  
47 support for student presentations at academic conferences. The third part will be support for faculty  
48 and students working on faculty research. We are looking at an idea of about \$1000.00 a semester  
49 maximum to help students that work with you on projects. That could be anything from lab research to  
50 field research, to work in social  
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56 science research or book indexing, all the types of things that are necessary. So, you will be hearing  
 57 more about this and Linda will be coordinating this with Eija and with Vita.  
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59 Next month we are going to present to the Senate Computing & Technology Committee a faculty  
 60 computer replacement program. Many of you have asked for some type of certainty about when you  
 61 can expect to get a new computer in your life-time. In the last few years we have invested a great deal  
 62 of funds in new software and new hardware for faculty, but we want to put this on a regular cycle so  
 63 that people have expectations of when they are going to be replaced. This is for normal office use, and  
 64 not special computers that you would use for research which you can apply for in a separate way. We  
 65 will be presenting a policy to the Senate Committee and, if everybody seems in agreement, we will  
 66 finalize it and announce that.  
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68 Finally, I want to make a note about the Governor's Budget. Many of you are following the very  
 69 exciting announcements from the Governor's Commission on Higher Education which endorsed a true  
 70 investment from the public sector in Higher Education in New York State. SUNY and CUNY came  
 71 together to push for investment in a COMPACT Plan, which involves the State adding funding to  
 72 CUNY and SUNY, and the school is coming forward with our own contributions through modest but  
 73 regular tuition increases rather than big increases every couple of years, and also philanthropy and  
 74 efficiency on the campuses. This concept was endorsed by the Commission. We were excited about  
 75 possibly continuing the COMPACT funding but are disappointed so far in the Governor's Budget  
 76 which did not call for additional funding for the COMPACT this year. At the moment we are still  
 77 allocating the Compact funds from the last two years. Much of that money was used to invest in  
 78 particular projects or replacing equipment and that money can still be turned into faculty lines going  
 79 forward. There are a number of searches that are going on. We are continuing to spend money from the  
 80 last two years and we are optimistic from what we hear from the Governor's office that in the year  
 81 2009-2010 the COMPACT funding will be renewed. The Governor has announced a plan to sell the  
 82 New York State Lottery and use those funds to invest in an endowment which would provide a regular  
 83 stream for investing in Higher Education in New York. Clearly, there are a lot of details to work out  
 84 and a lot of politics will ensue. This year there is no tuition increase nor is there new COMPACT  
 85 funding, but there is about a \$17M decrease. We obviously have no idea how that would impact the  
 86 campus, but we are optimistic that the Legislature will put that money back into the Budget so that  
 87 there will not be any cuts. We will keep you informed.  
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89 On the Capital Budget, CUNY did not receive the very substantial Capital Budget they had applied for.  
 90 The good news is that both of the large Hunter projects remain funded, and that is about \$80M for the  
 91 Social Work School and well over \$100M for the first phase of the Science building. Both remain in  
 92 the Governor's Budget and are going to the Legislature together with money for major repairs."  
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94 **Report by the** There was no report.  
 95 **Administrative**  
 96 **Committee:**  
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98 **Open Meeting: Discussion of Middle States Self-Study**

99 It was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a committee-of-the-whole until 5:20 PM for a discussion  
 100 of the Middle States Self-Study. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.  
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102 The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:20 PM.  
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104 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.  
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 107 Respectfully submitted,

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 110 Jill Gross  
 111 Secretary

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## APPENDIX I

*The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:*

### Faculty

Anthropology	Michael Steiper (A)
Biological Sciences	Thomas Schmidt-Glenwinkel (A)
Chemistry	Pamela Mills
(A)	Namby Krishnamachari
Classical & Oriental Studies	Fang Dai (A)
Computer Science	Ioannis Stamos (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Tony Picciano
Economics	Howard Chernick
	Jonathan Conning (A)
Educational Foundations	Peggy Chen (A)
English	Mark Miller
	Jeff Allred
	Christina Alfar (A) "E"
Film & Media Studies	Tim Portlock (A)
	Michael Gitlin
German	Annette Kym (A)
Health Sciences	Mimi Fahs (A)
Music	David Capps (A)
Nursing	Elizabeth Simon (A) "E"
Physics/Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A)
	Marilyn Rothschild
Political Science	Joan Tronto
	John Wallach (A)
Psychology	Jeffrey Parsons (A)
	Tracy Dennis
Romance Languages	Monica Calabritto (A)
SEEK	Patricia Martin (A)
School of Social Work	Karun Singh (A)
	Bernadette Hadden
	Paul Kurzman
Sociology	Charles Green (A)
	Manfred Kuechler
Special Education	Grace Lappin
	Thomas McIntyre (A)
Theatre	Joel Bassin (A)
	Alan Sikes

### Lecturers and

#### Part-Time Faculty

Barbara Sproul (Religion)  
Barbara Barone (Math&Stat)  
David Hodges (Anthropo)  
Claus Mueller (Sociology)  
Aubrey Ewaroo  
Jeffrey Mongrain (Art)  
Stuart Ewen (Film)

### Administration

Dean Jacqueline Mondros (A)

### Ex-Officio

Jason Ares, CLT Council President  
Nadine Young, HEO Forum Pres.  
Sarit Levy, GSA Pres.  
Al Peterson, USG Pres.  
Agnes Violenus, Alumni Assoc. Pres.

### Students

Karen Busani-Halevi  
Tithi Ghosh  
Jonathan Alexandratos (History)  
Tin Thu (Sociol.)  
Dulguun Maidar (Poli Sci)  
Theodora Telfort (Economics)  
Ezra Serrar  
Nicole Odom  
Tonia Tiewul (THH) "E"  
Ingrid Deborah Francois  
Jean-Kenson Dorlouis (Biochem)  
Alex Kohen (Poli.Sci.)  
Josef Bresko (Honors/Econom)  
Siobhan Cawley (Psych)  
Destimona Anokye  
Renelyn Joy Carino  
Isaiah Negrón  
Ho Young Hung (Poli Sci& Sociology)  
Tina Galvez  
Yevgeniy Milman (Math&Stat, Grad)  
Jenny Alcalde (undeclared)  
Ricardo Jute  
Steven Perchikov  
Wanda Anderson  
Sara Reinstein  
Greta Rojas (Psych&Nursing)  
Israel Burns  
Dominitza-Carmen Belecciu (Grad.Math)  
Joseph Eastman (Poli Sci)  
David Wexler (Poli.Sci.)  
Sofia Farquharson (Urban Plan.)  
Bawo Ebigbeyi (Account.)