

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate  
21 October 1975

<sup>66th</sup>  
The ~~sixty-first~~ meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:40 p.m. at the Assembly Hall.

Presiding: Charles M. Sherover, Chairman 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those noted by the Secretary as listed in Appendix I. 4 5

As first item of business the Chair announced, as requested, that it is absolutely illegal to smoke in any place in this auditorium or in the Playhouse, and that Prof. de Comminges would take this up in more detail under the Administrative Committee Report. 6 7 8 9 10

Minutes: The Minutes of September 16th, 1975, were approved as distributed. 11 12

The Minutes of September 30th were approved with the following corrections: 13

line 205: The course # for "Human Sexuality" should read: 33340.14  
Appendix I: Prof. Lee Margulies, School of Health Sciences, is to be listed as present at the meeting. 15 16

Report by the President: A summary statement of President Wexler's Report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II. 17 18

President Wexler allocated a portion of her time on the Agenda to Provost Schneewind; a summary statement of the Provost's remarks is included in Appendix II. 19 20 21

Report of the Administrative Committee: Prof. Elie de Comminges, Secretary of the Senate, presented the Report as follows: 22 23

1. Informed the Senate that it has been College policy not to permit smoking in the large Assembly Hall or the Playhouse under paragraph C of Article C19-165.1. of the Building Laws of the City of New York. A formal request for Fire Department approval as required under this paragraph has not been filed by the College. 24 25 26 27 28 29

2. Presented the following resolution: 30

The Administrative Committee, having consulted with the Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the Senate and with the President, asks the Senate to postpone any consideration of a new election for Ombudsman until a Select Committee of the Senate meet with the President and work out a public agreement re: status, facilities and services for the Office. Such agreement would be recorded in the Senate Minutes. 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

The Administrative Committee moved that the Senate: 38

a. endorse this procedure; 39

b. instruct the Nominating Committee to present the names of 2 faculty members and 2 students to comprise such Select Committee, as the first item of business at the October 28th Senate meeting. 40 41 42 43

After discussion the motion carried by hand vote. 44

3. Prof. de Comminges then informed the Senate that, unless there is a contrary resolution from the Senate, the Administrative Committee is confirming the following Agenda for the Overflow Meeting: 45 46 47 48

The first item of business, after the Administrative Committee Report, will be a report from the Nominating 49 50

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	Committee in view of the resolution just passed. This	51
	will be followed by item # 6 of today's Agenda.	52
Nominating Committee Report:	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	53
	Prof. Josephine Kirsch, Chairman of the Committee, presented the	54
	Report as distributed, and the following were elected.	55
	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	56
	<u>Faculty:</u> Prof. Susan Arend - Health & Phys. Education - Educ.	57
	<u>Student:</u> Mr. Avram Gropper - SGS	58
	<u>Graduate Course of Study Committee</u>	59
	<u>Student:</u> Ms. Ruth McCarthy - Graduate - Humanities	60
	<u>Committee on Evaluation of Teaching</u>	61
	<u>Faculty:</u> Prof. Elsie Bandman - School of Nursing	62
	<u>Master Plan Committee</u>	63
	<u>Student:</u> Mr. Richard Schulman - Day	64
	<u>Committee on Registration Procedures</u>	65
	<u>Student:</u> Mr. Gerard Savage - Day	66
	She informed the Senate of currently existing vacancies on	67
	Senate Committees, as listed under item # 2 of the Report, and	68
	urged that anybody interested in serving on any of these	69
	Committees should contact the Senate Office, Room 626.	70
	Prof. Kirsch then informed the Senate of her resignation as	71
	Chairman of the Nominating Committee, due to the fact that she	72
	will be going on leave.	73
	After the Senators expressed their thanks to Prof. Kirsch for	74
	the work she has done, the floor was opened for nominations, and	75
	Prof. Ruth Gonchar, Communications, was elected Chairman of the	76
	Nominating Committee.	77
	The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the faculty	78
	vacancy on the Nominating Committee, and Prof. Jonathan Levine,	79
	Educational Foundations, was elected.	80
Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report:	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	81
	Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairman of the Committee, presented, and	82
	moved for approval of, the following three experimental courses	83
	for Spring 1976:	84
	E-86 "Community Health Services and the Aging"	85
	E-88 "The Experience of Music"	86
	E-92 "Women and Social Change"	87
	After discussion, Prof. de Comminges moved that the motion	88
	re: E-88 be amended by deleting the last line on page 6 of the	89
	Report.	90
	After further discussion the question was called, and the motion	91
	to amend was defeated by hand vote.	92
	Prof. Mirenda moved that the motion re: E-86 be amended, and	93
	that the credit allocation for E-86 be changed to <u>2</u> credits.	94
	This amendment was accepted by the mover, and became part of the	95
	main motion.	96
	The motion to accept the three experimental courses, as amended,	97
	carried by voice vote.	98
	Prof. Dean next moved for acceptance of U-197 (Music Department).	99
	After discussion the question was called, and U-197 was approved	100
	by hand vote.	101

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Prof. Dean then presented the Committee Report dated 102  
21 October 1975 and informed the Senate of the following 103  
corrections to be included in the Report: 104

U-206 (Theatre & Cinema): page 3, last paragraph: Change 105  
Prerequisite to read: "78 170 or special permission." 106

U-199 (Pre-professional Guidance & Rehabilitation 107  
Counseling), page 15: The course numbers should be 108  
corrected as follows: 109  
from 60 321 to 60 324 110  
from 60 322 to 60 325 111  
from 60 324 to 60 326 112  
from 60 323 to 60 327 113  
from 60 325 to 60 329 114

Prof. Dean then presented routine items U-208 (English), U-211 115  
(Romance Languages), U-206 (Theatre & Cinema-as corrected), 116  
and moved for approval of non-routine items U-207 (English), 117  
U-215 (Music), U-210 (Romance Languages), U-199 (Pre-profes- 118  
sional Guidance and Rehabilitation Counseling-as corrected), 119  
and U-214 (Political Science). 120

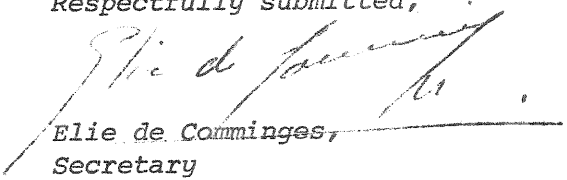
The motion carried by voice vote. 121

Prof. Dean next moved for approval of U-193 (Anthropology). 122

At 6:30, during discussion, the Chair informed the Senate that 123  
unless a motion to extend the meeting time is made, he would 124  
have to instruct the Committee to bring back U-193 in 125  
November. 126

No such motion was made, and the meeting was adjourned at 127  
6:30 p.m. at the direction of the Chair. 128

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elie de Comminges,  
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Milagros Garcia

Anthropology: Thomas Moylan

Art: Richard Stapleford

Biology: Constante Cerrarini  
Robert Grant  
Morris Green

Black & P.R.Studies: Benjamin Ortiz  
Dona Richards

Business Educ.: Harry Buckler

Classics: William Mayer

Educ. Foundations: David Hodges

Geol. & Geog.: Roy Grossman

German: Anna Gutman

Home Economics: Kathryn Logan  
Barbara Maksymowicz

Library: Elliot Kaback

Music: Sylvia Kinney

Physics & Astron.: Alfred Bennick  
Randy Fenstermacher

Political Sci.: Malcolm Valentine  
Kenneth Ericksen  
Stephen Xydis

Sociology: Celia Heller  
Robert Perinbanayagam

Student Services: Robert Cohen

Theatre & Cin.: Holly Hill

Urban Affairs: Arnold Nadler  
Walter Stafford

Adult Educ.: Leonard Suib  
Daniel Savage

Dean Walter Eisenberg

Dean Edward Barrett

Dean Marvin Seiger

STUDENTS - DAY SESSION

Johnny Johnson-Poli.Sci. "E"  
Jeff Gross - Urban Affairs  
Elizabeth Serrano - Bus.Educ.  
Agnes Chin - Home Economics  
Deborah Rooks - Health&Phys.Ed.  
Kathleen Quinn - Anthropology  
Carol Ann Rabolt - Nursing  
Marilyn Jones - Communications  
Steven Rondell  
Jeff Olefson  
Bonnie Gardner  
Jocelyn Berman

STUDENTS - EVENING SESSION:

I.J. Neubart - Psychology  
Bernadetta Piscitello-Rom. Lang.  
George Sawicki

STUDENTS - GRADUATE:

Humanities: Anita Cooper  
Education: Theresa Slesinsky  
Nadine King  
Linda Carney  
Sci.&Math.: Julia Yeung  
Social Sci.: Anne Benjaminowich  
Humphrey Husbands  
Matriculated: John Fink  
Constance Clark

STUDENTS - ACADEMIC SKILLS:

Juanita McNeill  
Morris Johnson

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A P P E N D I X    I I

President Wexler began her report to the Senate with the following remarks with reference to the Chancellor's Proposal:

"My fundamental position, and I think the position of the entire Council of Presidents, is that we must support the direction of the Chancellor's proposal in general. I was quoted accurately in the New York Times as saying that. We have to support it in its exercise of initiative and some leadership at a time when it is already a little too late for us to be exercising that kind of initiative and leadership. We do support the notion that the University cannot continue in its present size and scope under diminishing budgets and budgets that are going to be cut even further next year. Some sense has to be laid upon the University in the extent of its mission and of what it can control with diminishing budgets."

"Within that, we supported the kinds of options as models for consideration and as the models that would be put before the various groups in the University in the hope that revised models or alternative models for any one part of the proposal might be found. I urge each of you as members of this body and as members of other constituent bodies within the College to try to come up with alternative proposals for accomplishing the needed fiscal ends of the university as you criticize--and I think rightly criticize--some of the options that have been offered." Certainly it appears to many of us on a first reading of the proposal that the proposed load on faculty is intolerable in its present form. I personally do not see that as a faculty-against-student option. I would plead with students to look very carefully and very sensitively at what that kind of load proposal on a faculty would mean to them in the end. It would mean that many of the faculty who ought to be available to them will be somewhere else in the future. In the name of having won the cause for themselves, students will have lost the richness of education they deserve. It is a very tough question."

"The proposal must be supported, I believe, in its general form--its general form of taking seriously the limitations of budget on a University and of calling to deep question, and therefore to necessary resolution, the position that the Board of Higher Education has taken for several months, that we must go for full-open admissions, that we must go for full free tuition, and that we must go for full quality education in the University. We have long known that there is a point where none of those will be full unless we are willing to look for the best possible creative compromise within it."

President Wexler continued with a brief synopsis of our present budget situation. The University has been informed that next year's budget should be approximately \$60 million less than this year's. The secondary cuts which have been imposed upon us and have not been retracted were \$32 million in city funds, which when matched (or not matched) would mean about \$52 million in further cuts for this year. There is some indication that that \$ 52 million has been brought down to \$25 million. The President reiterated everyone's belief that that is intolerable. "There is no way that the University can assume a \$25 million cut in the second semester and continue the second semester as we did the first." Many alternatives have been thought about--including furloughing the entire faculty and staff of the University for between one week and one month. These do not seem feasible solutions but still the cuts cannot simply be refused. For if the money runs out on a given date, the University will not have its checks signed.

President Wexler then allocated a portion of her time on the Agenda to Provost Schneewind with the explanation that "we must get the academic leadership in dealing with our problems in specific and with our opportunities before those are thrust upon us." The President underlined two issues