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**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
23 November 1988**

	The 239th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:10 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Jo Kirsch, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President LeClerc's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	6 7
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Kirsch presented the report as follows:	8
	1. Informed the Senate that several nominations for vacant Senate seats had been received by the Senate Office after the Agenda had been set and mailed. The list of nominees was handed out at the door.	9 10 11
	A motion was made to change the agenda, and to approve the nominations as a package.	12 13
	The motion carried by voice vote. The following were elected:	14
	<u>Student:</u> Kim Ray (Communications)	15
	<u>Faculty:</u> Rosalind Petchesky (Women's Studies/Poli.Sci.)	16
	Kenneth Ericksen (Political Science)	17
	Carolyn Somerville (Political Science)	18
	Charles Green (Sociology)	19
	Joan Tronto (Political Science)	20
	Voting cards were distributed to the newly elected senators.	21
	2. <u>Procedures for the Election of Search Committees</u>	22
	Prof. Kirsch presented the procedures for electing panels and counting votes, which had previously been adopted by the Senate (see Appendix III).	23 24
	During discussion, Prof. Kirsch informed the Senate that the procedures could not be changed at this meeting, but could be reviewed at a later meeting.	25 26 27
	She pointed out that the Senate is required to elect a panel of 3 for Chair, and a Member-Panel of 8 faculty and 6 students. From these panels the President will choose a Search Committee consisting of 4 faculty and 3 students.	28 29 30 31
	3. <u>Election of Chair-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences</u>	32
	Prof. Kirsch presented the following list of nominees for Chair-Panel, as submitted:	33 34
	Prof. Saul Cohen (Geology & Geography)	35
	Prof. David Lavalley (Chemistry)	36
	Prof. Joseph Roitberg (Mathematical Sciences)	37
	Prof. Marlies Danziger (English)	38
	Prof. Mildred Mailick (School of Social Work)	39
	Dr. Robert Salmon (Associate Dean School of Social Work)	40
	Prof. Daniel Cohen (Computer Science)	41
	Prof. Louise Fox (Educational Foundations)	42
	She reminded the Senate that each voter must vote for exactly three candidates.	43 44
	Ballots were distributed.	45
	After discussion, and while awaiting the results of voting by written ballot the Senate moved on to the next item of business.	46 47

4. <u>Election of Member-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences:</u>	48		
Prof. Kirsch presented the following list of nominees for the Member-Panel, as submitted:	49		
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<u>Department:</u>	<u>Faculty:</u>	<u>Students:</u>	52
Anthropology:	Gregory Johnson	Ellen Parker	53
Economics:	Marjorie Honig		54
History:	Barbara Welter		55
Political Sci.:	Ken Sherrill		56
	Joan Tronto		57
Psychology:	Cheryl Harding	Debbie Dekelbaum	58
	Peter Moller	Jane McGee	59
	Herbert Krauss	Carole Ann Scott	60
	Bonnie Seegmiller		61
	Robert Fried		62
Sociology:	Charles Green	Amy Kossoy	63
	Marnia Lazreg		64
Urban Affairs:	Hans Spiegel	Pam Barnhart	65
		Charlotte Fahn	66
		Judith Rodwin	67
Written ballots were distributed.	68		
The Chair reminded senators to cast their votes in accordance with the instructions listed at the top of the ballot.	69		
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While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot the Senate moved on the the next item of business.	71		
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Prof. Gilpatrick moved: " that the Procedures for Electing Search Committees be remanded to the appropriate committee for consideration and report to the Senate."	73		
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The Chair requested that suggestions for revising the procedures be sent in writing to the Senate Office. The Administrative Committee would then collect all recommendations and present them to the Senate for a vote.	76		
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The motion carried by voice vote.	79		
New Business: Mr. Guy Conti presented the following resolution for Senate approval:	80		
WHEREAS, Hunter College encourages the exercising of free speech and the right of organized, legal demonstrations, and;	81		
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WHEREAS, the University Student Senate and the University Faculty Senate have both passed resolutions opposing any raise in the current tuition, and;	83		
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WHEREAS, the University Student Senate has organized a legal demonstration opposing tuition raises to coincide with the City University of New York Board of Trustees meeting to be held on Monday, 28 November 1988 at 4 P.M.;	86		
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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate opposes any raise in the tuition of the City University of New York, supports the efforts of the University Student Senate in this light, and encourages the faculty to cooperate with those students who wish to attend the aforementioned demonstration.	90		
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The resolution was approved by voice vote.	95		

Prof. Gilpatrick presented the following resolution:	96
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate prepare the organization necessary to mount a mailing campaign and demonstrations in Albany to respond to budget developments in enough time to be able to respond quickly to such developments.	97 98 99 100
The resolution was approved by voice vote.	101
While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot for the election of panels for the Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences, the Chair proposed that in the event of a tie vote both names be submitted to the President. The mee- ting could then be adjourned while the tellers would remain to count the votes. Anyone wishing to know the results would be invited to remain.	102 103 104 105 106
It was so moved, and the motion carried by voice vote.	107
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.	108

Respectfully submitted,



William Mayer,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Lucille Croom
Phyllis Rubinfeld "E"
Marilyn Daley-Weston
Bernice Baxter "E"
Maria Rodriguez "E"
Hector Martinez

Anthropology: Sally McLendon

Art: Anthony Panzera
Susan Peterson
Richard Stapleford

Biology: Shirley Raps "E"

Black & P.R. Studies: Harry Rodriguez "E"

Classics: William Mayer "E"

Communications: Tami Gold-Ahern
Robert Stanley

Educational Foundations: Linda Scheffler "E"
Marvin Wayne
Joan Buxbaum "E"

English: John Stone

Geology & Geography: Sara McLafferty
Christine Carlson

Health Sciences: Jack Caravanos
Karen O'Brien "E"

Mathematics: Thomas Jambois
Sandra Clarkson
Barbara Barone

Music: Jana Feinman "E"
Richard Burke

Philosophy: Christine Sistare

Physics & Astronomy: Al Bennick "E"

Political Science: Robert Burrowes

Psychology: Sam Korn "E"

Romance Languages: Julius Purczinsky
Alex Szogyi
Giuseppe Di Scipio
Juan Gonzalez-Millan

Social Work: Yvonne Asamoah
Judith Rosenberger
Yolanda Mayo "E"

Sociology: Charles Green

Special Education: Marsha Smith-Lewis

Student Services: Reva Cohen "E"
Elaine Lawrence "E"
Madelyn Stokely

Theatre & Film: Dick Tomkins
Dan Koetting

Urban Affairs: Stanley Moses

Dean Carlos Hortas
Dean Walter Weiss
Dean Everlena Holmes
Vice Pres. Sylvia Fishman "E"
Vice Pres. Anthony Picciano "E"

STUDENTS:

Irene Hanna
Michael Weber
Chris Kikis
Nadine Rochler
Veronica Odum
Peter Gallert
Kalliopi Kapsalis
Nick Kapsalis
Anna Kapsalis
Dennis Bianco
Robert Sharp
Marie Cyriaque
Samantha Young
Blaise Hancock
Shannon Gibney "E"
Marta Calderon
James McKeever
Simon Campbell
John Orlando
Keisha Gaither
Sandra Maxwell
Michael Pierre-Louis
Danielle Benoit
Theresa Forte
Mike Knights
Michael Hewitt
Rick Rozos
Constance Simmons
Erika Comrie
Valerie Lionel
Barbara Zganiacz
John Mans
Prem Isaac
Ines Loveras
Gus Vonortas
Valeda Dent
Mark Windley
Hilda Abadia
Terence Maxwell
Maureen Walls
Kim Ray
Norma Moy
Maryana DeZarlo
Barbara Hughes
Lisa Hallman
Jeffrey Schiller
Sheila O'Shea
Sophia Muirhead "E"

APPENDIX II

Report by the President

The President stated that he would briefly talk about the budget situation. He said: "I will be brief because there is still a whole lot of uncertainty that surrounds the budget issue, which is of very direct concern to us. You know that the revenue shortfall has risen from \$900M to approximately \$2B, and that the State is near the end of its fiscal year. Even if all State agencies were to freeze all the vacant positions, that would still yield only about \$100M in revenue, leaving a very considerable gap between the size of the revenue shortfall and the budgetary needs of the State. The State will probably borrow money this fiscal year to make up for the loss in revenue. It means that the debt that is being incurred this year will roll over into next year, and that will be added onto projected shortfalls of anywhere from two to three billion dollars in the next fiscal year. It means as well that we will suffer a cut in our budget for the Spring semester. We don't know exactly how much that will be, but my belief is that it will be somewhere in the area of \$350,000 for the Spring semester, 1989.

The Governor is talking about a \$35 to 40M cut for the senior colleges of this system, which will directly affect us in the academic year 1989-90. Again, nothing is definite. That is a figure that is being put out, but it is dependent on a number of conditions that could change. The most significant of those conditions is of course the delay of a reduction in the State income tax. Were the Governor and the Legislature to postpone the latest round of income tax cuts in New York State, then revenue would be produced in greater abundance than is forecast. When you talk about this, you talk about New York State politics. As you probably saw in the Times, the Governor has proposed to the Legislature that he have sole budgetary authority to make cuts for the remainder of this fiscal year. It was curious that there was no response initially from either the leadership of the Assembly or the Senate. I believe if someone like Stanley Fink had been in charge of the Assembly, he would have immediately reacted to the Governor's proposition in a negative kind of way. Mel Miller is now in charge, and there is a change in the Senate leadership as well. Those individuals may wish to avoid any of the political backlash that might derive from making a priority listing on what should be cut and what should be retained within the State.

The Provost, the Vice President for Administration, the Deans, and I have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss this situation as it evolves. We can handle a \$350,000 decrease in our budget for the Spring semester with some pain, but not acute pain. If we have to handle a percentage of \$35M for 1989-90, then we are talking about something of considerable magnitude. My feelings are that we will not lay anybody off at this College, and that we will avoid in every way possible the curtailment of existing faculty and staff. I have told Department Chairs to go ahead with the recruiting season, and to bring in outstanding candidates to fill faculty positions at the College for the next academic year. Once we find out in a more precise kind of way what 1989-90 looks like--which we may not know for many months--then we will be able to put together a plan of action for meeting fiscal constraints for that academic year. Again, our priorities will always be to protect the academic integrity of the College and to protect positions at the College. I would ask every member of the Senate and every member of any collective bargaining agency at this college to be actively involved in lobbying efforts that the PSC and other unions will be mounting with regards to the Legislature and the Senate. Students at this University represent about 190,000 votes, faculty and staff about 40,000 votes. They are down-state votes, but they still count a lot. Intense lobbying will take place, and we should be very active partners, if not leaders, in such efforts."

President LeClerc opened the floor to questions, but none were asked. He concluded his report by wishing everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

APPENDIX III

Procedures for the Election of Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR-PANEL — Panel of 3 candidates:

Each voter must vote for three candidates.

B. ELECTION OF MEMBER-PANEL — Panel of 8 faculty and 6 students:

Each voter must vote for a minimum of 4 faculty members and 3 students up to a maximum of 8 faculty and 6 students. (A ballot containing the votes of fewer than 4 faculty or 3 students, or more than 8 faculty or 6 students, will be declared invalid.)

C. PROCEDURE FOR COUNTING VOTES:

The highest vote getter in each department is declared elected in the order of the highest number of votes each achieved. If there are still vacancies to be filled, the second highest vote getter in each department is declared elected in the order of the number of votes each achieved. The process terminates when all vacancies are filled.

Note: This procedure guarantees that all Departments are represented on the panel with no more than 2 candidates from each Department.

D. Listing of Departments for Election of Member-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences:

Anthropology
Economics
History
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Urban Affairs

From the two panels, the President will choose a Search Committee of 4 faculty, 3 students, and a Chair.