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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
22 March 1995

	The 318th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 P.M. in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Kenneth S. Sherrill, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
	The Agenda was adopted as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Blank's report is as follows:	7
	She said: "Because you have received so much literature on the subject of the City Hall March, I would like to say that it is a good thing that you are planning this in a legal and orderly way. I will explain to you that I am not going, and this is because I am not great at marching. I am really not an athlete type. I really have so much work to do here at the college because other things must keep going on, that it would not be a good use of my time in my judgment. That is something I wanted to explain to you.	8 9 10 11 12 13 14
	In this connection I want to further explain that there was a false "Open Line" circulating. How many of you saw or heard of this? It was a piece of paper like this, and it said "Open Line," and attempted to imitate in some way the <u>Open Line</u> that I am sending to many of you. But this "Open Line" was an attempt at imitation, and it was <u>not</u> from me. What it said, among other things was, that I was suspending classes tomorrow, which I am <u>not</u> . The important thing that I am explaining to you is that to cancel classes would be, from my point of view, unprofessional and ill-advised, but it is also illegal. I wanted you to know that. Now, in your judgment classes can be rescheduled. There also may be some of you for whom the march might be an academically appropriate assignment, depending on the nature of your class.	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
	In this connection, I want to give you a very short update on the budget, Pataki, and some other things. Some of you, have been to Albany. I, too, had a day in Albany last week with Eugenie Birch the Associate Provost and Tim Harwood, Vice President for Development. I thought it was very successful, because among the many assembly and senatorial persons that we met was Assemblyman Ravitz from our own district. Some of you may have met him yourself. Well, it was not that unusual that he came out of the Assembly to greet us, but what I was told was very unusual, was that he quite insistently brought me back onto the floor and introduced me to the whole Assembly, thus associating himself -- a Republican in good standing with Pataki, not one of the fringy ones -- with me, President of a College who was obviously up there not to applaud what Pataki is doing, but to protest it. I thought that was a good day's work. That is the update. I really think we are getting the message through. I think that Pataki may have second thoughts. On the other hand, I cannot be too optimistic. He may give a little here or there, but not enough to get excited. We are not going to see a real turn around. It just won't happen that way. However, we should still fight to the bitter end. We should do everything we can do, because otherwise we would feel regretful and guilty. So, relieve yourselves of such possible regrets.	27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
	I just want to say a few words about the Retrenchment Committee. It is alive and well. As you know, so many wanted to serve. I think that perhaps they are now having second thoughts, because the Committee is going to have many, many meetings. Among other times, it will have to meet during what used to be thought of as the Spring break. The way things are going "Spring break" is just an opportunity to start the meetings at nine and go right through till the evening, instead of just using the usual Friday afternoons that we have all reserved. The important thing to tell you about this committee is that it is trying very hard to operationalize genuine consultation so that people from every quarter will be consulted. If you should miss	47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

some invitation, take it upon yourselves to make sure that your voices are heard. We need to understand what the entire community thinks as we move along trying to describe what we will do if we are faced with the \$5.5 million cut. We will also have to make some plans for even larger cuts.

The only other comment I want to make is regarding the second part of the resolution that is before you, which says that the Senate urges that no disciplinary action be taken against the eight students. I thought that resolution unnecessary and gratuitous since no disciplinary action was taken, nor did I intend to take such action. You might look at it this way. I just thought this was not a necessary urging. Thank you."

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

Professor Sherrill presented the report as follows; 67

Approved Curriculum Changes 68

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the report dated 22 March 1995, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GR-397 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-394 (Education/Sciences & Mathematics), US-928/GS-393 (Education/Sciences & Mathematics). 69
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Budget Developments 73

The following is a summary statement of Professor Sherrill's report. He said: 74

"We have gone through an extraordinary time of politics by normal means. Our count at this point is of 10,159 letters that have gone out to members of the legislature and the governor, with another 300 letters waiting for stamps. We may have to pass the hat for more stamps, but there have been some extraordinary contributions. I don't know where to begin with thanks. Certainly the Senate staff gets the largest share of our thanks. Without the heroic efforts of Renate Murray and Judith King this could never have been done. Renate actually prevailed on a good friend to contribute \$500 for stamps. Our colleagues at Academic Computing passed the hat and raised \$500 for stamps. Joan Tronto wandered through the Cafeteria and raised a couple of hundred dollars for stamps. Ruth Sidel's nephew donated 5000 envelopes. We received contributions from the Alumni Association, the President's Office and through the good offices of the Vice President for Institutional Development. It has been an amazing outpouring. Maria Paynter mailed 2778 signatures and distributed 9000 letters to commuters at Grand Central Station. We sent busloads of people to Albany. The student government contributed 3 buses. We visited dozens of legislators, and for the most part had very productive meetings. It has really been a wonderfully uplifting, though somewhat exhausting, period in the College's life. 75
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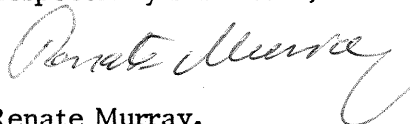
The net result has been reported in the papers. As I have been hearing from informal conversations with friends of mine in politics, the University is now the top priority for restoration for the Democrats in the Assembly. Of course, no budget can pass without being passed by both the Assembly and the Senate. The Governor is playing hardball. He has raised between \$500,000 and \$1 million for an advertising campaign to use against the Democrats in the Assembly who will hold out for a better budget. The money is being targeted particularly for TV commercials in upstate districts and on Long Island. The rumor out of Albany is that sometime before April 1st the Senate will pass the Governor's budget and leave town. The Governor may also leave town, leaving the Democrats holding out in Albany, the object of press attention and scorn and very negative commercials. So, it is our job to provide them with some backbone. This means continuing our lobbying efforts by visiting our representatives in their district offices, which is extremely important. You all know about the March and Rally tomorrow afternoon. 94
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Re; Presidential Search 110

There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday at 4:30 P.M. After that meeting, they will go into executive session and presumably choose a new President for Hunter. The finalists were interviewed on Tuesday. One of the three finalists withdrew at the last minute." 111
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Committee Reports:	<u>UCSC Report re: Elimination of Category VII of Distribution Requirement</u>	115
	Professor Mario Kelly, Member of the Committee, presented the report dated 22 February 1995, and moved for approval of the following two proposals:	116 117
	1. Proposal to eliminate Category VII--Physical Education (1 credit) from the Distribution Requirement.	118 119
	2. Proposal to retroactively apply the elimination of Category VII from the Distribution Requirement to all current Hunter College students.	120 121
	After discussion the motion was approved by hand vote.	122
New Business:	Professor Gilpatrick moved for approval of the following resolution:	123
	"Be it resolved, that the Hunter College Senate endorse the Brooklyn Bridge procession and the City Hall Rally, protesting CUNY and SUNY budget cuts, to be held on March 23rd, and express its support for all participants in it."	124 125 126
	After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by striking the words "and all participants in it."	127 128
	After discussion the question on the amendment was called and carried. The amendment was approved by hand vote.	129 130
	The resolution, as amended, was approved by hand vote.	131
	It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.	132 133

Respectfully submitted,



Renate Murray,
Executive Assistant

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Jo-Ann Morgan "E" Barbara Stanley "E" Mary Yepez Namby Krishnamachari	Romance Languages:	Maritnelma Costa Maria Paynter Cecile Insdorf
Anthropology:	Gerald Creed William Parry	Social Work:	Jayne Silberman George Getzel Malka Sternberg
Art:	William Agee Jane Roos	Sociology:	Ruth Sidel "E" John Cuddihy "E" Martin Warmbrand
Biological Sciences:	Rivka Rudner Ezra Shahn	Theatre & Film:	Alkis Popoutsis
Black & P.R. Studies:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno "E"	Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp
Chemistry:	Angelo Santoro Gary Quigley David Mootoo	Dean Evelyn Gioiella "E" Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Erwin Fleissner Dean Everlena Holmes	
Classics:	Tamara Green		
Communications:	Samuel Fleishman James Roman		
Computer Science:	Christopher Ward Thomas Wesselkamper	STUDENTS:	
Curriculum & Teaching:	Alene Smith Anthony Picciano	Jean Lemaitre Mark Quick Simon Kamara Tracey Rivera M. Johane Alexandre Sherry-Ann Smith Hopeton Smalling Yvonne Zaharakis Gary Braglia Lucrece Francois Meg Bruck Shirley Juste Erica Petersen Inacio Pinto Adeline Su Sonya Martirosyan Paula Henriquez Mintra Baijnauth Kimberly Baxter Joyce Bowden Emmanuel Roy Istvan Busa-Farkas Shoshana Roland "E" Priscilla Chang Jose Diaz Neida Gonzalez Peter Davies Patricia Laporte Christine Gengaro Mark Weinstock Elka Mumizaga Desiree Wilson Corina Vizhnay Anna Matkovic Mercedes Batista Miguel Muirhead	
Economics:	Avi Liveson Howard Chernick Terence Agbeyegbe Nashwa George		
Educational Foundations:	David Hodges		
English:	Karen Greenberg "E" Floyd Horowitz Trudith Smoke		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Liebling		
Health Sciences:	Khursheed Navder "E" Nora Baker		
Library:	Tom Jennings		
Mathematical Sciences:	Daniel Chess Sandra Clarkson Jane Matthews "E" Norma Moy		
Music:	James Harrison		
Physics & Astronomy:	Al Bennick		
Political Science:	Joan Tronto		
Psychology:	Cheryl Harding "E" Peter Moller "E"		