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**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
17 May 1995**

	The 321st meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM 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 with the change that part of the Administrative Committee Report be presented before the President's Report.	6 7
	The Chair presented the following resolution in honor of Professor Al Bennick:	8
	WHEREAS: Professor Al Bennick has been an outstanding member of the Hunter College Senate since its first meeting in March 1971; and	9 10
	WHEREAS: Professor Al Bennick has served the Senate as Parliamentarian, Chair of Departmental Governance Committee, Chair of Charter Review Committee; and	11 12 13
	WHEREAS: Professor Al Bennick served the Hunter College community as Ombudsman for six years; and	14 15
	WHEREAS: Professor Al Bennick has represented in all regards Hunter College's commitment to excellence and access; and	16 17
	WHEREAS: Professor Al Bennick has represented a unique combination of intelligence, public spiritness, generosity of spirit, warmth, altruism, principle, and sincerity; and	18 19 20
	WHEREAS: Professor Al Bennick has been a one-person Honest Ballot Association; therefore,	21 22
	BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Hunter College Senate express its thanks to Al Bennick for all of his virtues; and	23 24
	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Hunter College Senate congratulate Al Bennick on his retirement from Hunter College and wish him well in his coming years of freedom; and	25 26 27
	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Hunter College Senate bestow on Al Bennick the title SENATOR EMERITUS with all of the rights and privileges that obtain thereto.	28 29 30
	The resolution was approved by acclamation.	31
	Professor Sherrill presented the following resolution in honor of President Blanche Blank:	32 33
	WHEREAS: Blanche D. Blank served as a member of the Hunter College Senate from its first meeting in March of 1971 until her retirement from the College, and	34 35 36
	WHEREAS: Blanche D. Blank returned to Hunter College as Acting President in December of 1993, continuing until July of 1995, and	37 38
	WHEREAS: Blanche D. Blank has presided over the College with firmness, openness, commitment to principle, honesty, candor, integrity, wit, humor, style, forthrightness, skill, and a passionate love of the college and all of the things for which it stands, and	39 40 41 42
	WHEREAS: All at Hunter take pride in Blanche D. Blank as student, alumna, colleague, Dean and President, and	43 44

WHEREAS: We wish to reciprocate the great love Blanche D. Blank has always shown for Hunter College, therefore, 45
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Hunter College Senate express its appreciation to Blanche D. Blank for the love and leadership she has given this college; and 47
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Hunter College Senate wish Blanche Blank all of the best in her future endeavors, and 50
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Hunter College Senate bestow upon Blanche Blank the title of SENATOR EMERITUS with all of the rights and privileges that obtain thereto. 52
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The resolution was approved by acclamation. 55

Report by the President:

A summary statement of President Blank's report to the Senate is as follows: 56

She said: "Thank you all for what has been in many ways and at many times an entertaining situation here. I will certainly pass along to the new President the really serious advice that he pay close attention here, and not to think of the Senate as some rubber stamp event. Not at all, and he will come to understand that. I have already asked that the new schedule be sent to his office. I know that you will enjoy his presence with you. I have truly enjoyed most of my times here. 57
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I just learned an hour ago that once again the Hunter faculty have outdone themselves, and have once again received over \$25M in grants. That is stupendous. It is more than the previous year. This is very, very unusual and deserves applause from all of you for all of you. 64
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You have all the updates on the budget. I honestly think that however terrible things are (and they are terrible) American politics works in cycles. Therefore, after another year which I think will be a tough year, we can count on the cycle effect to bring us into better times. I really believe that. 68
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I want to leave you with some suggestions about topics that in my view should be addressed by you in the coming year or so, i.e. a review of the course repeat policy, the question about progress to degrees, and the course access code policy." 72
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President Blank concluded her report by answering questions from the floor. 76

Report by the Administrative Committee:

Professor Sherrill presented the report as follows: 77

Election of Senate Officers 78
He opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Senate. 79

Professor Barbara Hampton (Music) was nominated. 80

It was moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. 81
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The motion carried by hand vote. Professor Barbara Hampton was elected Chair of the Senate. 83
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The floor was open for nomination for Vice Chair of the Senate. 85

Absent any nomination, it was moved to lay the election of Vice Chair over to the first meeting in the Fall. The motion carried by hand vote. 86
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The floor was open for nominations for Secretary of the Senate. The following were nominated: 88
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Professor Ken Sherrill (Political Science) 90
Professor Deborah Blocker (School of Health Sciences) 91

Professor Sherrill yielded the floor to Vice Chair Chris Goeken.	92
It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.	93
Written ballots were distributed. While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.	94 95
Mr. Goeken yielded the floor to Professor Sherrill.	96
<u>Senate Meeting Schedule for Fall 1995/Spring 1996</u>	97
Professor Sherrill presented the following schedule for Senate meetings to be held on Wednesdays from 4:10 to 5:40 PM:	98 99
<u>Fall 1995</u>	<u>Spring 1996</u>
September 13 and 27	February 14 and 28
October 11 and 25	March 13 and 27
November 8 and 22	April 10 and 24
December 6 and 13	May 1, 8, and 15
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The meeting schedule was approved by hand vote.	105
<u>List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees</u>	106
Professor Sherrill moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees to be awarded in June 1995.	107 108
The motion carried by hand vote.	109
<u>Revised College Calendar for Spring 1996</u>	110
Professor Sherrill informed the Senate that the CUNY Central Administration notified us that according to their academic calendar guidelines we could not start the Spring semester before February 1st. The Calendar Committee is therefore proposing the following revised college calendar for Spring 1996:	111 112 113 114
<u>January 1996</u>	115
4TH - 25TH	SPRING TERM REGISTRATION (TENTATIVE)
15M	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
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<u>February 1996</u>	118
5M	<u>First Day of Classes -- Spring 1996</u>
12M	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (observed) -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
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19M	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY (observed) -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
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<u>March/April 1996</u>	124
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<u>May 1996</u>	126
22W - 31F	<u>Final Week of the Spring Semester 1996</u> (Final Exam Week -- or last instructional period where no finals are given)
27M	MEMORIAL DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
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After brief discussion, the Revised College Calendar for Spring 1996 was approved by hand vote.	130 131
<u>Report by the Chair</u>	132
The following is a summary statement of Professor Sherrill's report. He said:	133
The current news from Albany is not good. It looks as if it will be another couple of weeks before a budget is passed. Some strange things are happening at 80th Street. There is a report floating around which is a proposal to centralize the libraries' purchases of books and subscriptions to journals. Much more troubling are the proposed new rules for presidential searches, which were secretly proposed by a committee and may be enacted next	134 135 136 137 138 139

Monday. In the interest of time I want to tell you what I see as the absolutely worst part of it, which is the following paragraph: 140
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"Exceptions to these Guidelines: Special situations may occur when, for example, there is a candidate of proven distinction within the University, former University executive, or a candidate of national prominence from outside the University, or an exceptional candidate from a recent CUNY presidential search. Under such circumstances the Board Chair and the Chancellor, after full consultation with the leadership of campus constituencies, may decide to suspend these guidelines for a specific presidential search and substitute a shortened process." 142
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Professor Sherrill then proposed the following two resolutions which had already been approved by the Faculty Delegate Assembly. 150
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RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate request that the Board of Trustees: 152
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1. defeat the proposal on the basis that there has been no consultation with college constituencies. 154
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2. delay a decision on changes to the presidential search process until the Fall semester to enable full consideration by constituencies. 156
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Resolution # 1 was on the floor. 158

After discussion the question was called and carried. 159

Resolution # 1 was overwhelmingly approved by hand. 160

Resolution # 2 was on the floor. 161

The question was called and carried. 162

The motion was overwhelmingly approved by hand vote. 163

Professor Sherrill informed the Senate of another proposed new rule, which would allow the Board Chair to appoint additional members to the Search Committee to achieve balance in terms of academic discipline, representation of various campus constituencies, race, and gender. 164
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Announcement of Election Results 168

Vice Chair Chris Goeken announced the results of voting by written ballot for Secretary of Senate. 169
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Professor Ken Sherrill (Political Science) was declared elected. 171

**Items Carried
Over from Last
Meeting:**

Resolution by the Concerned Faculty and Staff of Hunter College 172

Professor Sherrill informed the Senate that he had reconsidered the issue and would reverse his ruling at the last meeting, thereby declaring the proposed amendment to be in order. 173
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The motion on the floor was Ms. Stokely's amendment to the first sentence of paragraph # 2 of the resolution (see Minutes of May 10th, lines 92-97), which would read: "...specifies retrenchment and non-reappointment of faculty members and staff in certain areas..." 176
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After discussion the question was called and carried. The amendment was approved by hand vote. 180
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Paragraph # 2, as amended, was approved by hand vote and reads as follows: 182

2. The present draft report specifying retrenchment and non-reappointment of faculty members and staff in certain areas involved the elimination or serious curtailment of programs central to the mission of the 183
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College. Decisions to modify the curriculum and the mission of the College are the province of the Hunter College Senate, which is the College governance organization and should be brought to the Senate for its deliberation. 186
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Resolution re: Essential Services 190
The motion on the floor was Professor Milgrim's resolution as stated in the Minutes of April 5th (lines 173 to 187). 191
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Professor Milgrim moved to amend the wording of her resolution by substituting the following: 193
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate insist that: 195

1. These services be reinstated immediately upon budget restorations, and 196
2. There be meaningful consultation of the faculty in the process of making the above decisions, and 197
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3. There be a sunset provision ending emergency cuts at the close of a given semester or budgetary period, and 199
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4. Emergency cuts in services not be institutionalized or carried on to future academic years. 201
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After discussion, Professor Polsky moved that the resolution be amended by striking paragraph #2 and renumbering the remaining paragraphs. 203
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After discussion the question was called and carried. 205

The amendment was approved by hand vote. 206

The resolution, as amended, was on the floor. 207

The question was called and carried. 208

The resolution as amended was approved by hand vote. 209

Committee Reports: **Senate Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS** 210
Professor Kathleen Nokes presented the Annual 1994-1995 Report of the Senate Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, as distributed. 211
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New Business: Professor Gilpatrick moved for approval of the following resolution: 213

"that the Administrative Committee be requested to call an emergency session of the Senate when it is determined that the budget has been solidified for City University and the issues are of concern to the Hunter College community." 214
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During discussion Professor Sherrill requested that the Administrative Committee be given more detailed instructions. 218
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After discussion the question was called and carried. 220

The motion was approved by hand vote. 221

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM. 222

Respectfully submitted,


Renate Murray,
Executive Assistant

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Roy Connell Marica Lipson Namby Krishnamachari "E"	Political Science:	Joan Tronto
		Psychology:	Gerald Turkewitz Peter Moeller
Anthropology:	William Parry Ida Susser Marc Edelman Nancy Flowers	Social Work:	Jayne Silberman Malka Sternberg
Art:	Emily Braun William Agee	Sociology:	Martin Warmbrand
Biological Sciences:	Ezra Shahn "E"	Theatre & Film:	Jonathan Kalb "E" Alkis Popoutsis
Black & P.R. Studies:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno	Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp Stanley Moses
Chemistry:	Joe Dannenberg Max Diem "E"		
Classics:	Tamara Green	Dean Evelyn Gioiella Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Susan Lees "E" Dean Everlena Holmes Asst Vice Pres Stanley Sokol	
Communications:	Tammy Gold Peter Parisi Stuart Ewen		
Computer Science:	Christopher Ward Thomas Wesselkamper	STUDENTS:	
Curriculum & Teaching:	Dolores Fernandez Anthony Picciano	Emmanuel Roy Lonny Paris Shoshana Roland Alisha Ostacher Kimberly Baxter Allison Lavalas Sonya Martirosyan "E" Michael Reyes Rita Deleuse Tanya Brown Shantih Brando Bianna Belfer Desire Wilson Tamara Gayer Anna Matkovic Corina Vizhnay Miguel Muirhead Johane Alexandre	
Economics:	Avi Liveson Howard Chernick Terence Agbeyegbe		
Educational Foundations:	Linda Perkins		
English:	Karen Greenberg Trudith Smoke		
Geology & Geography:	Jeffrey Osleeb Richard Liebling		
German:	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius Annette Kym		
Health & Phys Education:	Franklyn Greenberg		
History:	Marta Petruszewicz		
Library:	Polly Thistlethwaite		
Mathematical Sciences:	Sandra Clarkson		
Music:	Peter Basquin		
Nursing:	Carole Birdsall "E" Marie Mosley "E"		
Philosophy:	Laura Keating		
Physics & Astronomy:	Martin den Boer "E"		