

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
24 September 1986**

	The 210th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 pm in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	F. Fulton Ross, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of May 14th were approved with the following correction: lines 158-161 should read: "In recommitting the report of the Charter Review Committee the Senate wishes to reaffirm its belief in the concept that the widest representation of the faculty and student body should be sought on all committees."	6 7 8 9 10
	The Minutes of May 21st were approved as distributed.	11
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Shalala's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	12 13
Report by the Ombudsman:	There was no report.	14
Report by the Administrative Committee:	The first item of business was the election of Vice-Chair of the Senate . Ms. Doris Bruntel who had been elected Vice Chair in May has accepted a full scholarship at Syracuse University.	15 16 17
	The floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair of the Senate.	18
	Ms. Gille Petersen (Geology & Geography) was nominated.	19
	A motion to close nominations and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of Ms. Petersen carried by voice vote.	20 21
	The next item of business was the election of Chair for the Nominating Committee . The floor was open for nominations.	22 23
	Dr. Marilyn Rothschild (Physics & Astronomy) was nominated.	24
	A motion to close nominations and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of Dr. Rothschild carried by voice vote.	25 26
	The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Budget Committee .	27
	Prof. Peter Basquin (Music) was nominated.	28
	The motion to elect Prof. Basquin as Chair of the Budget Committee carried by voice vote.	29 30
	The floor was open for nominations for for Chair of the Master Plan Committee .	31 32
	Prof. Rena Gropper was nominated.	33
	The motion to elect Prof. Gropper as Chair of the Master Plan Committee carried by voice vote.	34 35
	Prof. Ross then presented the "Procedures for the Election of Search Committees" as follows:	36 37

A. <u>ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON PANEL</u> — Panel of 3 candidates:	38
Each voter must vote for three candidates.	39
B. <u>ELECTION OF MEMBER-PANEL</u> —Panel of 8 faculty and 6 students:	40
Each voter must vote for a minimum of 4 faculty members and 3 students	41
up to a maximum of 8 faculty members and 6 students. (A ballot contain-	42
ing the votes of <u>less</u> than 4 faculty or 3 students, or <u>more</u> than 8 faculty	43
members or 6 students, will be declared invalid.)	44
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C. <u>PROCEDURE FOR COUNTING VOTES:</u>	46
The highest vote getters in each Department are declared elected in the	47
order of the number of votes each achieved. If there are still vacancies	48
to be filled, the second highest vote getters in each Department are de-	49
clared elected in the order of the number of votes each achieved. Process	50
terminates when all vacancies are filled.	51
<u>Note:</u> This procedure guarantees that all Departments are represented	52
on the panel with no more than 2 candidates from each Department.	53
D. <u>Listing of Departments for Election Panel for Search Committee for Dean</u>	54
<u>of Sciences and Mathematics:</u>	55
Biological Sciences	56
Chemistry	57
Computer Science	58
Geology & Geography	59
Mathematical Sciences	60
Physics & Astronomy	61
After brief discussion, the motion to accept the "Procedure" carried by voice	62
vote.	63
<u>Election of Chair-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Sciences & Math.</u>	64
Prof. Ross presented the following nominations for Chairperson-Panel:	65
Prof. Aubrey Bonnett (Sociology)	66
Prof. Marjorie Honig (Economics)	67
Prof. Michael Griffel (Music)	68
The motion to approve all three nominations as a slate to be presented to the	69
President, carried by voice vote.	70
<u>Election of Member-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Sciences & Math.</u>	71
Prof. Ross presented the names of all nominees as submitted.	72
Written ballots were then distributed.	73
While awaiting the results of counting ballots, the Chair yielded the floor to	74
Prof. Ruth Sidel, Secretary of the Senate.	75
Prof. Sidel presented the following items on behalf of the Administrative Com-	76
mittee:	77
<u>1.</u> Read the following letter from Doris Bruntel:	78
Dear Senate Friends and Colleagues,	79
It is with very mixed emotions that I submit my resignation as Vice-Chair of	80
the Hunter College Senate. The decision to leave Hunter and pursue my gradu-	81
ate study at Syracuse University was a difficult one. I am proud and excited	82
to have a Fellowship at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs,	83
but it was hard to leave Lexington Avenue.	84
Hunter College is a special place. The administration and faculty of Hunter	85
is dedicated to providing a first-class education for all its students. It is all	86
too easy to get lost in a large public institution. Instead, I have received direc-	87
tion and reinforcement. I have been nurtured and encouraged, and I have re-	88
ceived an education I am proud of. I have been changed profoundly and wonder-	89
fully, and I am grateful.	90

My career objectives in Public Administration stem from a recognition of the invaluable gift I have received at Hunter College. I believe all public institutions need and deserve caring, capable administrators who are dedicated to making a difference in peoples' lives. To thank you all for the difference you have made in my life, I am determined to return the gift Hunter has given me.	91 92 93 94 95
With love and thanks, Doris Bruntel	96 97
<u>2.</u> Prof. Sidel next informed the Senate that the Committee on Evaluation of Academic Administrators is hard at work, and that a report to the Senate would be ready soon.	98 99 100
<u>3.</u> Informed the Senate that there are a number of vacancies on the Nominating Committee which need to be filled before the committee can carry out its responsibilities.	101 102 103
The floor was open for nominations to fill the faculty vacancy, and the following were nominated:	104 105
Prof. Ruth Ramsay (Communications)	106
Prof. Ronald Brown (Health & Physical Education)	107
Ms. Teri Haas (Academic Skills)	108
After discussion, the motion to close nominations carried by voice vote.	109
A hand vote produced the following results:	110
Prof. Ruth Ramsay 37 votes	111
Prof. Ronald Brown 3 votes	112
Ms. Teri Haas 34 votes	113
Prof. Ramsay was elected faculty member of the Nominating Committee.	114
The floor was open for nominations for faculty alternate, and the following were nominated:	115 116
Ms. Elaine Lawrence (Student Services)	117
Ms. Teri Haas (Academic Skills)	118
Prof. Muriel Kneeshaw (School of Nursing)	119
Ms. Edith Maldonado (Academic Skills)	120
A hand vote produced the following results:	121
Ms. Elaine Lawrence 17 votes	122
Ms. Teri Haas 49 votes	123
Prof. Muriel Kneeshaw 1 vote	124
Ms. Edith Maldonado 1 vote	125
Ms. Teri Haas was elected faculty alternate member of the Nominating Committee.	126 127
The floor was open for nominations to fill the 3 student vacancies on the Nominating Committee, and the following were nominated:	128 129
Ms. Irene Hanna (Computer Science)	130
Ms. Marlene Brown (undeclared)	131
Ms. Michelle Joyce (Political Science)	132
A motion to close nominations and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of each nominee carried by voice vote.	133 134
The floor was open for nominations for student alternate member of the Nominating Committee.	135 136
Ms. Ruby Yoshizaki (Romance Languages) was nominated.	137
A motion to close nominations, and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of Ms. Yoshizaki carried by voice vote.	138 139

<u>Election results</u>	140
After a 10 minute recess the Chair announced the results of voting by written ballots in the order of category and the highest number of votes achieved for the membership panel of 8 faculty and 6 students for the Search Committee for Dean of Sciences & Mathematics.	141 142 143 144
A total number of 79 ballots were cast with 6 ballots declared invalid.	145
<u>Faculty:</u>	146
Prof. Harvey Ozer (Biological Sciences)	27 votes 147
Prof. Rivka Rudner (Biological Sciences)	39 votes 148
Prof. Lou Massa (Chemistry)	44 votes 149
Prof. Robert Tannenbaum (Computer Sci.)	26 votes 150
Prof. Virginia Teller (Computer Sci.)	26 votes 151
Prof. Saul Cohen (Geology & Geography)	26 votes 152
Prof. Sandra Clarkson (Mathematical Sci.)	43 votes 153
Prof. Robert Marino (Physics & Astron.)	33 votes 154
<u>Students:</u>	155
Ms. Jill Macosca (Biological Sciences)	40 votes 156
Mr. Russell Widom (Biological Sciences)	24 votes 157
Ms. Heidi Albrecht (Computer Science)	27 votes 158
Ms. Gille Petersen (Geology & Geog.)	55 votes 159
Mr. Robert Welch (Mathematical Sci.)	30 votes 160
Mr. Meng Chiao (Physics)	46 votes. 161
The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.	162

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Sidel,
Secretary

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APPENDIX I

Faculty:	Students:
Anthropology: Louise Lenihan "E" Susan Lees	Roger Kennedy Euela Swinton Mikell Knights Kirk Callender Colleen Kojima Leonor Alvarez Sheila Dowling Maryana Buneta Anthony Mancini Cathleen Goodman Martha Sheparce Debra Schmitt Beth Warhofskey Helene Reisman Salvatore Capalbo Michael Kraljev Julie Harrison Donald Morgan Karl Rutter "E" Austin McBean Linda Flannelly Kathleen D'Arcy Anahit Djirdjirian Barbara Hughes Hyacinth Write Paul Flannelly
Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Jaffer Kassamali	
Chemistry: Max Diem "E"	
Classics: Robert White Milagros Garcia	
Computer Science: Constantin Negoita	
Economics: Robert Shakotko	
Educational Foundations: Joan Buxbaum "E"	
German: Minna Altmann "E"	
Library: J. Thomas Jennings "E"	
Music: Jana Feinman "E" Clayton Westermann	
Physics & Astronomy: Sook Lee "E"	
Political Science: Benedetto Fontana	
Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz	
Romance Languages: Alex Szogyi	
Sociology: Vladimir Nahirny	
Special Education: Katherine Garnett "E"	
Student Services: Reva Cohen "E"	
Theatre & Film: Joel Zucker	
Urban Affairs: Stanley Moses William Milczarski	
Administration: Dean Evelyn Gioielli "E" Dean Walter Weiss "E" Provost Tilden LeMelle Asst. V.P. Ruth Weisgal "E" Dean Everlena Holmes	

A P P E N D I X I I

President Shalala welcomed everyone to to the beginning of what she hoped would be a very exciting year.

Enrollments: Enrollments are strong and perhaps a little stronger than we want them to be. We surpassed our budgeted numbers by 200 to 300. Since the show rate can only be estimated, and our show rate for the last decade has been between 51% and 53%, a change of 1% can make a difference. Our students are probably telling everybody that this is the best college to come to, and that we came within 200 to 300 out of almost 20,000 students is about as good as we will be able to do.

We have made an attempt to stretch classes more evenly across the day to try to overcome some of the serious crowding problems, particularly during prime times between 10 and 2. Students have indicated that they are prepared to take classes earlier in the day and perhaps even a little later. This would allow us to be more responsive in terms of services.

Enrollments are up in almost every area. We now have more graduate students than the Graduate Center of CUNY, i.e. 4,000 graduate students. The total enrollment is at 19,600 students. We have no intention of increasing the number of students and have made this clear in our new budget submission. We will make some improvements internally in terms of spreading the students more evenly across the day. There may also be some shifting within professional programs, and we will try to fine-tune admissions as carefully as we can. The key for admission to Hunter is to apply early because we have rolling admissions and we admit on the basis of first come first served.

Middle States Review: This is the year of the Middle States review, which is the College's accreditation review. When the College was accredited more than 7 years ago the criticisms were: (1) that we had a terrible library facility; (2) that we did not have a serious recruitment program, and (3) that we needed a serious development operation. We have obviously done something about all three of those items. The new commission is chaired by Barbara Uehling, Chancellor of the University of Missouri. In particular we will be looking at Hunter as a research institution and as a graduate institution. The commission will be talking to a variety of constituencies at Hunter next spring. We are now in the process of preparing a self-study.

Presidential Review: President Shalala announced that there will be a presidential review by the Trustees of CUNY who will appoint a committee to review her. It is at President Shalala's request that this review is done at the same time as the Middle States review. The President said that she did not know just how this would be organized since there has not been a presidential review in several years except for emergency purposes, but she expects that the Board of Trustees will notify the Senate Chair of arrangements for the evaluation which will also take place this coming spring term.

Budget: We did receive a slight increase in adjunct monies for the existing budget, as well as a few new lines. However, we are still desperately underfunded in almost every area. The budget initiatives which we will defend in Albany and discuss with the budget people next week include four major items. The first one on student retention, ranges from our need to add people in the financial aid area and counselors, and increasing the number of Student Services personnel to work with learning disabled students, to our need to provide more staffing in the area of international students. This last group is growing and we need increasing help in our work on eliminating the backlog and improving the quality of all of our remedial and developmental courses. We have also included a very large request for an increase in the regular operating budget of the Library in both the graduate and undergraduate areas for which we are still underfunded in relationship to the rest of the colleges. Also, we have requested \$28M in the capital budget which would cover the first phase of planning for renovations at the Brookdale Campus, as well as the continuation of renovations that are going on in the North Building. Other budget requests include the increase in the number of security employees which are hired directly by the college as opposed to those who are under contract. This will be a centralized university request which will help all CUNY colleges.

President Shalala informed the Senate that CUNY has requested that Hunter take a huge increase in enrollments, but that she had turned down the request at least until proper funding has been received on both the faculty level and the staffing level.

Our difficulty will be that many colleges in the university are not as healthy as we are in terms of enrollments, and that the State may say that additional funding for Hunter should be internally reallocated by CUNY and not by the State. This would put us into a different kind of politics within the university.

President Shalala concluded her report by opening the floor to questions.