

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
28 September 1994**

	The 311th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:25 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 as presented.	6
Report by the President:	President Blank informed the Senate of a new initiative called "Burning Issues," a weekly series of informal topical discussions by faculty with different point of views would take place in the third floor cafeteria. Students are encouraged to join with questions and comments. This weeks topic, "The Hatred in Haiti" with Professors Toney and Canoe, will take place on Thursday at 11:45 a.m. President Blank asked the faculty to inform their students and invited members of the Senate to attend.	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
	She said that she is planning to drop in on offices this year to meet people, to keep in touch, and that she would welcome comments and suggestions.	14 15
	The President concluded the report by answering questions from the floor.	16
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Professor Sherrill presented the report as follows;	17
	<u>Election of Ombudsman—Reading of the List of Candidates</u>	18
	The following individuals have declared their candidacy:	19
	Professor Giuseppe Di Scipio (Romance Languages)	20
	Dr. Sally Polakoff (Office of Student Services)	21
	The floor was open for further nominations, but none were received.	23
	<u>Election of Panels for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences</u>	24
	Professor Sherrill presented the following list of nominees, as distributed, for the <u>Member-Panel</u> for the Search Committee:	25 26
	<u>Faculty:</u>	27
	Gerald Creed (Anthropology)	28
	Terence Agbeyegbe (Economics)	29
	Carolyn Somerville (Poli.Science)	30
	Sumit Ganguly (Political Science)	31
	Peter Moeller (Psychology)	32
	Robert Perinbanayagam (Sociology)	33
	Elaine Walsh (Urban Affairs)	34
	<u>Students:</u>	27
	Joahne Ferrus (Poli.Sci.)	28
	Seth Blau (Urban Affairs/Grad.)	29
	Neva Fried (Urban Affairs/Grad)	30
	Patrick Sagon (undeclared)	31
	Mary Ellen Pastor (undeclared)	32
	Karen Ruchala (undeclared)	33
	A motion was made to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of the faculty and student slate. The motion carried by hand vote.	35 36
	The slate will be forwarded to the President, who will choose 4 faculty and 3 students to serve on the Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences.	37 38
	Professor Sherrill presented the list of nominees for the <u>Chair-Panel:</u>	39
	Ms. Jo-Ann Morgan (Academic Skills)	40
	Prof. Lynne Clark (School of Health Sciences)	41
	Prof. George Yudice (Romance Languages)	42
	Prof. Charles Guzzetta (School of Social Work)	43
	He reminded the body that in accordance with Senate rules each voter must vote for three candidates.	44 45
	Ballots were distributed.	46

While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.	47 48
<u>Announcement of Election results:</u>	49
A total number of 67 ballots were cast. Two ballots were invalid. The following three candidates were declared elected to the panel of nominees to chair the Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences. The names will be forwarded to the President who will choose one of them as Chair:	50 51 52 53
Prof. Lynne Clark (School of Health Sciences)	54
Prof. George Yudice (Romance Languages)	55
Prof. Charles Guzzetta (School of Social Work)	56
<u>Election of Panels for Search Committee for Chief Librarian</u>	57
Professor Sherrill presented the following list of nominees for the <u>Chair-Panel</u> :	58
Prof. Francis Conant (Anthropology)	59
Dean Evelyn Gioiella (School of Nursing)	60
Prof. Cecile Nebel (Romance Languages)	61
Prof. Peter Salins (Urban Affairs)	62
Dr. Marc Eichen (Director, Academic Computing)	63
Ballots were distributed.	64
While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot the Senate moved on to the next item of business.	65 66
<u>Announcement of Election results:</u>	67
A total number of 70 ballots were cast. One ballot was invalid. The following three candidates were declared elected to the panel to Chair the Search Committee for Chief Librarian:	68 69 70
Dean Evelyn Gioiella (School of Nursing)	71
Prof. Francis Conant (Anthropology)	72
Dr. Marc Eichen (Director, Academic Computing)	73
The names will be forwarded to the President who will choose one of them to chair the search committee.	74 75
Professor Sherrill presented the list of nominees for the <u>Member-Panel</u> for the Search Committee for Chief Librarian, as distributed:	76 77
<u>Faculty:</u>	<u>Students:</u> 78
Library:	79
Danise Hoover	Francesca Burgess (Honors Prog) 80
Tom Jennings	Joanna Oliver (Grad./Urban Aff.) 81
Elliott Kaback	82
Pamela Wonsek	83
Division of Programs in Education:	84
Marcia Lipson (Academic Skills)	85 86
Division of Humanities & Arts:	87
Isabel Pinedo (Communications)	88
Ann Raimes (English)	89
Mary Sullivan (German)	90
Cecile Nebel (Romance Languages)	91
Division of Sciences & Mathematics:	92
Roger Persell (Biological Sciences)	93 94
Division of Social Sciences:	95
Francis Conant (Anthropology)	96
Laura Randall (Economics)	97
Bernadette McCauley (History)	98
Darlene DeFour (Psychology)	99
Peter Salins (Urban Affairs)	100

School of Health Sciences/Nursing/Social Work:	101
Stephen Burghardt (School of Social Work)	102
Marilyn Auerbach (School of Health Sciences)	103
Professor Sherrill informed the Senate that two additional names had been received by the Senate Office well after the deadline and after the updated list of nominees had been mailed.	104 105 106
Professor Matthews moved that the two names be accepted and added to the list of nominees. The motion carried by hand vote.	107 108
Professor Harry Rodriguez (Black & Puerto Rican Studies) was added to the nominees for the Division of Humanities and Arts; Ivelisse Rosario (Black & Puerto Rican Studies) was added to the list of students.	109 110 111
The Chair reminded the body that under the rules of the Senate, Professors Hoover, Jennings, Kaback, Wonsek, Lipson, Persell, Burghardt, and Auerbach were automatically elected, as the number of candidates in their categories is equal to the number to be elected to the panel of nominees in their category. The names will be forwarded to the President, as will the names of the three students.	112 113 114 115 116 117
However, the Senate must vote to elect its nominee from the Division of Humanities & Arts, and from the Division of Social Sciences. Each voter must vote for two candidates. The highest vote getter in the Division of Humanities & Arts and in the Division of Social Sciences will complete the panel to be sent to the President. From the panel the President will choose 3 students, 5 faculty, including two members of the Library staff and at least one faculty member not primarily based at the 68th Street campus.	118 119 120 121 122 123 124
Ballots were distributed.	125
Professor Sherrill instructed the Senate to strike the name Francis Conant from the ballot, as Professor Conant has been elected to the Chair-Panel.	126 127
He proposed that, in order to save time, the ballots be counted tomorrow morning in the Senate Office. He invited members of the Senate to be there at 11 a.m. There having been no objection, it was so ordered.	128 129 130
[Voting by written ballot produced the following results: A total number of 66 ballots were cast. Six ballots were invalid. Professor Harry Rodriguez (Black & Puerto Rican Studies) was elected to represent the Division of Humanities & Arts; Professor Bernadette McCauley (History) was elected to represent the Division of Social Sciences on the member-panel for the Search Committee for Chief Librarian.]	131 132 133 134 135 136
<u>Election of Faculty and Students to the Nominating Committee</u>	137
Nominations were postponed to the next meeting.	138
<u>Presidential Search Process</u>	139
On behalf of the Administrative Committee, Professor Sherrill presented the resolution dated 28 September 1994, which had been distributed at the door.	140 141
Professor Shahn moved that the motion be amended by changing lines 18 and 19 to read as follows: "...that President Blank <u>seek competent legal counsel</u> to report on..."	142 143 144
The question was called and carried. The amendment was defeated by hand vote.	145
After discussion, Professor Polsky moved that the motion be amended by deleting lines 13 through 15, and lines 34 through 37.	146 147
The motion carried by hand vote.	148
After discussion, Professor Basquin moved that the motion be amended by substituting the words " <u>improperly observed</u> " for the words "honored in the breach" on line 4.	149 150 151

After discussion the question was called and carried. The amendment was approved by hand vote, and became part of the main motion on the floor.	152 153
Professor Raps moved that line 16 be amended to read as follows: " <u>The current method of conducting background checks</u> of presidential candidates affords..."	154 155
After discussion, the amendment was approved by hand vote, and became part of the main motion on the floor.	156 157
Professor Linton moved that lines 3 and 4 be amended to read as follows:	158
"there are significant questions in the College community that rules and procedures of the search were not clearly articulated and were not properly observed."	159 160 161
Professor Basquin moved that the amendment be amended by changing the word "questions" to " <u>concerns</u> ," and the word "clearly" to " <u>adequately</u> ."	162 163
The question was called and carried. The motion to amend the amendment carried by hand vote.	164 165
The motion on the floor was Professor Linton's amendment, as amended.	166
After discussion the question was called and carried. The amendment as amended was approved by hand vote, and became part of the main motion on the floor.	167 168
The motion on the floor was adoption of the main motion as amended.	169
The question was called and carried.	170
The main motion was overwhelmingly approved by hand vote, and reads as follows:	171 172
WHEREAS , the Hunter College community has expressed its deep regret and dismay at the failure of last year's presidential search; and	173 174
WHEREAS , there are significant concerns in the College community that rules and procedures of the search were not adequately articulated and were not properly observed; and	175 176 177
WHEREAS , the CUNY Board of Trustees is charged to conduct a search for a president; and	178 179
WHEREAS , the Board's wise practice has been to consult with the college community in the conduct of a search for president; and	180 181
WHEREAS , the events of the past year demonstrate that the methods of the Central Administration, particularly those of the Office of Executive Searches and Evaluation, seriously compromise the integrity and independence of the search process; and	182 183 184 185
WHEREAS , no set of rules guarantees wise judgment; and	186
WHEREAS , the current method of conducting background checks of presidential candidates affords a candidate no due process and may form an absolute basis for judgments; now, therefore,	187 188 189
BE IT RESOLVED , that the Hunter College Senate requests that President Blank ask the College's legal counsel to report on how the procedure used for presidential searches within CUNY are governed by the state laws, CUNY bylaws, and other binding regulations, with particular attention to guarantees of due process for the candidates and the role of the chancellor in the process; and	190 191 192 193 194 195
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the procedures to be followed during the resumed Hunter presidential search be stated in writing and made public before the search committee conducts any interviews; and	196 197 198

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that, should governing laws and regulations so permit, the written procedures shall allow the search committee to specify three candidates for further consideration by the CUNY Board and the Chancellor, and that the Chancellor shall recommend one of these three to the Board or recommend that the search be re-opened; and	199 200 201 202 203 204
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that all members of the search committee, the Hunter community, and the Board and the Chancellor shall agree to adhere to these procedures; and	205 206 207
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Hunter College Senate urges the CUNY Board of Trustees to retain competent and independent staff to conduct presidential searches professionally.	208 209 210
After discussion, and because of the late hour, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.	211 212

Respectfully submitted,



Khursheed Navder
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Roy Connell
Mary Yepez

Anthropology: William Parry

Art: Joel Carreiro
William Agee

Biological Sciences: Rivka Rudner

Black & P.R. Studies: Joyce Toney

Chemistry: Angelo Santoro

Classics: William Mayer
Alex Alexander

Communications: Serafina Bathrick
Samuel Fleishman
James Roman

Computer Science: Christopher Ward
Thomas Wesselkamper

Curriculum & Teaching: Alene Smith
Anthony Picciano

Economics: Terence Agbeyegbe
Nashwa George

English: Karen Greenberg
Floyd Horowitz

Geology & Geography: Richard Liebling

Health Sciences: Nora Baker

Library: Polly Thistlethwaite

Mathematical Sciences: Daniel Chess
Sandra Clarkson
Norma Moy

Music: James Harrison

Nursing: Eileen Lahey "E"

Physics & Astronomy: Marilyn Rothschild "E"

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz

Romance Languages: Marithelma Costa
Diana Conchado

Social Work: Jayne Silberman
George Getzel
Malka Sternberg

Sociology: John Cuddihy "E"
Martin Warmbrand

Special Education: Marsha Lupi

Urban Affairs: Sigmund Shipp
Stanley Moses

Dean Carlos Hortas
Dean Erwin Fleissner
Dean Everlena Holmes
Vice Pres. Sylvia Fishman

STUDENTS:

Hopeton Smalling
Yvonne Zaharakis
Gary Braglia
Lucrece Francois
Shirley Juste
Erica Petersen
Adeline Su
Carol Calmenares
Mintra Baijnauth "E"
Bianna Belfer
Jose Diaz
Neida Gonzalez
Danielle Schwartz
Peter Davies
Patricia Laporte
Ana Ramirez
Mark Quick