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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
2 December 1998

1 The 373rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in Room W714.

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3 **Presiding:** Pamela Mills, Chair

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5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.

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7 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.

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9 **Minutes:** The Minutes of October 7, October 21, and November 4 were approved as distributed.

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12 **Report by the President:** A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.

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15 **Report by the Administrative Committee:** The Chair presented the report as follows:

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17 She announced that everyone was invited to the retirement party for Professor Alan Brick, former Chair of
18 the Senate, and that invitations had been mailed.

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20 **Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate**

21 Professor Mills presented the following nominations to fill vacant seats for students in accordance with
22 Article IV. 2. H. i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*:

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24 Sandra Barros (Part-time/LACS)
25 Michel Said Belkadi (Full-time/undeclared)
26 Brian Cortigo (Full-time/undeclared)

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28 It was moved that the nominees be declared elected. The motion carried.

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30 Voting cards were distributed to the newly elected senators.

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32 **Election of Search Committee for Dean of the School of Education**

33 The "Recommended Voting Procedures" for electing the Search Committee for Dean of the School of
34 Education were adopted as distributed.

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36 Professor Mills informed the Senate of two changes in the listing of nominees for the Search Committee.
37 Professor Rena Subotnik had requested that her name be withdrawn from the Member Panel. The
38 Department of Curriculum & Teaching had requested that Anna Martinez (Graduate student) be substituted
39 for Denise Rodriguez who was already listed under Educational Foundations.

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41 She then presented the following list of nominees for the Search Committee :

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43 **Nominees for Chair Panel:**

44 Acting Provost Evangelos Gizis
45 Professor Ezra Shahn (Biological Sciences)

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47 **Student Nominees for Member Panel:**

48 Curriculum & Teaching: Wendy Nelson (Undergraduate)
49 Anna Martinez (Graduate)

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51 Educational Foundations: Derrick Grubb (Undergraduate)
52 Denise Rodriguez (Graduate)
53 Nancy Song (Graduate)

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55 Special Education: Christine Lopez
56 Angela McGrath

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58 **Faculty Nominees for Member Panel:**

59 Curriculum & Teaching: Miriam Balmuth
60 Yvonne DeGaetano
61 Frank Gardella
62 George Gonzalez
63 Ira Kanis
64 Mary Lefkarites
65 Sally-Anne Milgrim
66 Alene L. Smith
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74 Educational Foundations: Caroline Adkins
75 Sherryl Browne Graves
76 Mario A. Kelly
77 Kimberly Kinsler
78 Mary Kopala
79 John O'Neill
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81 Special Education: Rosanne Silberman
82 Katherine Garnett
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84 SEEK: Jorge Fuentes
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86 Campus Schools: Rena Bonne (Assist. Principal, High School)
87 David Hankin (Chair, Math Dept., High School)
88 Patricia Lambert (Principal, Elementary School)
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90 It was moved that the two nominations for Chair Panel be approved. The motion carried by hand vote.

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92 It was moved that the seven student nominations for the Member Panel be approved. The motion carried
93 by hand vote.
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95 Written ballots were distributed for the election of eight faculty for the Member Panel.
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97 While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.
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99 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

100 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 2 December 1998, were approved as per
101 Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GS-457 (School of Nursing), GS-
102 458 & GS-459 (School of Health Sciences/Communication Sciences), and GS-463 (English).
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104 **Resolution to Create Select Committee on Student Life, Advising, and Retention**

105 Professor Mills presented the following resolution:
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107 WHEREAS, the Office of Student Services provides a wide range of services designed to enhance the
108 quality of student life, to provide advising for students, and to improve retention at the College; and
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110 WHEREAS, the quality of student life directly affects the quality of education that students receive at
111 Hunter College; and
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113 WHEREAS, it is within the purview of the Hunter College Senate to express its views formally on
114 services provided to students; therefore,
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116 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate establish a "Select Committee on Student Life,
117 Advising, and Retention", consisting of one faculty member from each of the divisions (as defined in
118 Article IV.1.B.ii of the *Charter*) and one faculty from the divisions serving at-large; an equal number
119 of students. In addition, the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Associate Dean of Students, the
120 Chief Academic Officer or designee, the Assistant Dean for Advising and Counseling, the Director of
121 Evening Student Services, the Director of Admissions, the Registrar, and the Chair of the Senate's
122 Student Standing Committee shall serve without vote.
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124 The Committee shall assess the current organization, priorities, accomplishments, and delivery of
125 services to students, including those of the Office of Student Services, and it shall make such
126 recommendations to the Hunter College Senate as are appropriate.
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128 She then made the following statement:
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130 The Administrative Committee is concerned about the lack of a formal structure to facilitate
131 communication among the faculty, students, and those involved in the delivery of student services,
132 including the Office of Student Services, and proposes the creation of a Select Committee on Student
133 Life to address this lack.
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135 The Select Committee shall review the current mechanisms for the delivery of services to students,
136 including advising, and shall report to the senate its findings about student life in the College and how
137 students' academic performance is affected by non-academic considerations. A more informed sense
138 of who our students are, why they are here and why they leave could significantly affect our academic
139 and curricular policies. The Committee will also be charged with determining the need for and
140 viability of a standing committee on student life, advising, and retention.
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142 While the purpose of the committee is to provide the Senate with a more complete picture of our
143 students' lives, it is important to state clearly what this proposal is not. It is not meant to be critical of
144 the Office of Student Services. Rather the Select Committee is proposed in the spirit of fostering
145 communication among all units of the College that engage in the delivery of services to students,
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including faculty as well as the Office of Student Services, in order to improve the quality of out students' experiences at Hunter.

After brief discussion, the resolution was approved by hand vote.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee

Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the following nominations:

Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement:
Faculty from Health Professions: Arlene Spark (Health Sciences)

Master Plan Committee
Students: Irene Neofitistos (undeclared)
Marc Gross (undeclared)

The nominations were approved by hand vote.

Election of Search Committee for Dean of the School of Education

It was moved that in the event of a tie-vote both names be submitted to the President. The motion carried by hand vote.

At 5:00 P.M. it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned while the counting of written ballots cast in the election of faculty representatives to the Member Panel continued.

Announcement of Election Results for Search Committee for Dean of the School of Education

A total number of 78 ballots were cast, and two ballots were declared invalid.

The following faculty representatives were declared elected to the Member Panel:

Frank Gardella	35 votes
Mary Lefkarites	32 votes
Sherryl Brown Graves	28 votes
Kimberly Kinsler	28 votes
Rosanne Silberman	30 votes
Katherine Garnett	30 votes
Jorge Fuentes	45 votes
Patricia Lambert	39 votes

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hampton,
Secretary