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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

24 March 1999

The 377th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Pamela Mills, Chair

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

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Minutes: The Minutes of February 10th and February 24th were approved as distributed.

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

Report by the Administrative Committee Professor Mills presented the report as follows:

Special Election to fill vacant Senate Seats

She presented the following nomination for a seat reserved for students in accordance with Article IV. 2.H. i & ii of the Hunter College Governance Charter:

Cleveland Julien (Psychology/Biology--Full-time Undergraduate)

It was moved that the nomination be approved. The motion carried.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 24 March 1999, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1072B (Film & Media Studies), US-1082 (Black & Puerto Rican Studies), US-1083 (Geography), GS-468 and GS-469 Special Education), and GS-467 (Educational Foundations).

College Calendar for 1999/2000

The following university-wide College Calendar for Fall 1999-Spring 2000, issued by the CUNY Central Administration, was submitted for the Senate's information:

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK 1999-2000 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 1999

August 1999:

F27.....First Day of Classes for classes scheduled to end after 4:00 p.m.

September 1999:

Sa 4 - Su 5No classes scheduled

M 6LABOR DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED

F 10.....Classes are scheduled for all classes that end before 4:00 p.m.

Sa 11 - 12 Su ..No classes scheduled

M 20No classes scheduled

Tu 21Classes Follow a Monday Schedule

October 1999:

M 11COLUMBUS DAY - COLLEGE IS CLOSED

W 13Classes Follow a Monday Schedule

November 1999:

Th 25 - F 26.....THANKSGIVING RECESS -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED

December 1999:

Sa 11Last Day of Classes

M 13Reading Day

Tu 14 - TH 23..Final Examinations

W 24 Winter Recess begins; College is closed December 24, 25, and 31

SPRING 2000

January 2000:

Sa 1 - M 3 COLLEGE IS CLOSED

M 17MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED

Sa 29First Day of Classes -- Spring 2000

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78 **February 2000:**

79 F 11.....LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
80 Tu 15 Classes Follow a Friday Schedule
81 Su 20..... COLLEGE IS CLOSED
82 M 21 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY (Obs.) - COLLEGE IS CLOSED
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84 **March 2000:**

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86 **April 2000:**

87 W 19 - F28..... SPRING RECESS
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89 **May 2000:**

90 F 19..... Last Day of Classes
91 M 22 Reading Day
92 Tu 23 - Tu 30... Final Examinations
93 M 29 MEMORIAL DAY (Observed) -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
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95 **Committee Reports: UARC Report re: Minimum GPA for Graduation with General College Honors**

96 Professor Jason Young, Chair of the Committee, presented the following resolution for Senate approval:
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98 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the minimum GPA for Graduating with General College Honors be
99 raised to 3.5 for *Cum Laude*, 3.75 for *Magna Cum Laude*, and 3.9 for *Summa Cum Laude*, and,
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101 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this policy shall go into effect with the graduating
102 class of January 2000; and,
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104 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Catalog be changed as follows:
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106 **FROM:**

107 **Graduation with General College Honors.** A student who has completed 60 credits of
108 traditional letter grades at Hunter College may be considered for graduation honors.
109 Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.800 or higher will be graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.
110 Students with a GPA from 3.600 to 3.799 will be graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. Students
111 with a GPA from 3.250 to 3.599 will be graduated *Cum Laude*.
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113 **TO:**

114 **Graduation with General College Honors.** A student who has completed 60 credits of
115 traditional letter grades at Hunter College may be considered for graduation honors.
116 Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.900 or higher will be graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.
117 Students with a GPA from 3.750 to 3.899 will be graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. Students
118 with a GPA from 3.500 to 3.749 will be graduated *Cum Laude*.
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120 The resolution was unanimously approved by hand vote.
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122 **UARC Report re: Procedures for Withdrawing from Courses that Result in a W Grade**

123 Professor Young presented the following report for Senate approval:
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125 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the procedure for withdrawal from courses up to the 10th week of classes be
126 modified as follows:
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- 128 a. that the withdrawal form be revised to require students to obtain the instructor's signature (to
129 signify that the instructor has been informed of the student's intent to withdraw), and
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- 131 b. that for informational purposes only the withdrawal form be further revised to include check-off
132 boxes indicating the reason for withdrawal from class (i.e. personal, medical, academic), and
133 check-off boxes that indicate the student's academic status in the course at the time of the
134 withdrawal request; and,
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136 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee be
137 mandated to review the current policy of withdrawal from classes in the Fall 2000 semester, using
138 the data collected.
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140 This resolution shall go into effect in Fall 1999.
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142 After discussion it was moved that the question on paragraphs "a" and "b" be divided. The motion
143 carried.
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145 The motion on the floor was approval of paragraph "a".
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147 After discussion the question was called and carried. Paragraph "a" was approved by hand vote.
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The motion on the floor was approval of paragraph 'b'.

After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by adding the word "anonymous" before "check-off boxes". It would then read as follows:

- b. that for informational purposes only the withdrawal form be further revised to include anonymous check-off boxes indicating the reason for withdrawal from class (i.e. personal, medical, academic), and anonymous check-off boxes that indicate the student's academic status in the course at the time of the withdrawal request; and,

The amendment was approved by hand vote and became part of the main motion.

The question was called and carried. Item 'b', as amended, was approved by hand vote.

The question on the complete report as amended was called and carried.

The report was approved by hand vote.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hampton,
Secretary