

M I N U T E S

"Overflow" Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
23 March 1976

The seventy-first ^{76th} meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m. at the Playhouse.	1 2
Presiding: Charles M. Sherover, Chairman	3
Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those noted in Appendix I.	4 5
Report by the Administrative Committee: Prof. de Comminges, Secretary of the Senate, presented the report as follows:	6 7
1. Informed the Senate that the first item of business is the election of a new Vice-Chairman, in view of Mr. Johnson's resignation as per his letter dated 9 March 1976.	8 9 10
Mr. Weissman moved that a unanimous vote of thanks be given to Mr. Johnson for his dedicated service to the Hunter College community and the Hunter College Senate as Vice-Chairman.	11 12 13
The motion carried unanimously.	14
Prof. Sherrill moved that the Senate formally accept Mr. Johnson's resignation.	15 16
The motion carried by hand vote.	17
The Chair then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.	18
The following were nominated after brief nominating speeches.	19
Mr. Richard Schulman	20
Mr. Neil Callender	21
Mr. Eric Weissman (declined)	22
After a statement by each candidate, 80 votes were cast by secret ballot and Mr. Callender was elected with 49 votes.	23 24
2. Yielded the floor to Prof. Rena Gropper.	25
Prof. Gropper asked for the indulgence of the Senate until the next meeting, at which time she will present the revised resolution.	26 27 28
3. Presented the proposed Senate Calendar for Spring 1977 and moved for its acceptance.	29 30
The motion to accept the following Senate meeting schedule carried by hand vote.	31 32
<u>Senate Calendar Spring 1977</u>	33
<u>Regular Meetings</u>	<u>Overflow Meetings</u> 34
February 15	February 22 35
March 8	March 22 36
April 12	April 19 37
May 3	May 17 38
4. Informed the Senate that the Administrative Committee has asked the Chairman of the Elections Committee to draw up a proposal with procedures for the election of a new Ombudsman; this proposal will hopefully be included in the mailing for the next meeting.	39 40 41 42 43

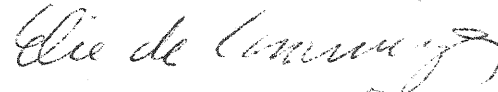
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	The Chair informed the Senate that the Nominating Committee Report is postponed to the next meeting because of Prof. Gonchar's illness.	44 45 46
Report by the Budget Committee:	<u>Budget Committee</u> Prof. Thomas Burke, Chairman of the Committee, presented Part II of the Committee Report dated 24 February 1976. He informed the body that no specific resolutions would be forthcoming at this time, but asked for any specific suggestions, for resolutions to be presented at the next meeting.	47 48 49 50 51 52
	The Chair then stated that the Provost had suggested a "free-wheeling" discussion of budget considerations. There being no objection, the floor was opened for an informal "committee-of-the-whole" type discussion which then ensued.	53 54 55 56
Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee Report:	<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u> Prof. Peter Basquin, Chairman of the Committee, presented an Interim Report on plus-minus grading, dated 23 March 1976, as distributed, and moved that: no action be taken by the Hunter College Senate to alter the existing grading system until the Committees have concluded their investigation of plus-minus grading, and have prepared a final report for the Senate. After discussion, Prof. Tannenbaum moved that the motion be amended by changing the sentence to read: ...and submit a final report to the Senate <u>before the end of this semester.</u> This was accepted by the mover and became part of the main motion. After further discussion the question was called and the motion as amended carried by hand vote. <u>Proposal re: "Minimal Vote Requirement"</u> The next item on the Agenda was Prof. Korn's proposal for "Minimal Vote Requirement" as distributed. The motion on the floor is as follows: If the total number of voters (including those who "abstain") on an issue is less than 65, the following rules will be in effect: A motion is approved (or disapproved) when the number of affirmative (or negative) votes is at least 40. Motions failing to achieve this minimal number may be moved for a recount, failing again to meet this minimal number, the motion, unless withdrawn, shall be postponed to the next meeting. The Chair stated that this is a motion to change the rules which requires a 2/3 majority vote. Mr. Weissman moved that this proposal be discussed, but that no binding vote be taken at this meeting. Prof. Flashner moved, and it was seconded, that the motion be amended by changing the number of votes (see line 80 above) from 40 to 33. After further discussion the Chair asked for an informal show of hands; finding overwhelming approval, the Chair said that he would ask the Administrative Committee to present this motion at the beginning of the next meeting in the Administrative Committee Report.	57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96

Mr. Weissman formally requested that the Administrative 97
Committee look into the problem of the high rate of absenteeism 98
at Senate meetings, and suggest corrective measures. 99

The Chair adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:15 pm. 100

Respectfully submitted



Elie de Comminges,
Secretary

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APPENDIX I

The following members are noted as ABSENT from the meeting:

FACULTY

Academic Skills: Milagros Garcia
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Anthropology: Daniel Bates

Art: Mary Moore

Biology: Robert Grant
Morris Green

Business Ed.: Bernadette Metzler
Louis Scrittore
Harry Buckler

Chemistry: Charles Hecht
Horst Hoyer

Communications: Ruth Gonchar - 'E'
Fulton Ross

Curric. & Teaching: Elaine Block

Economics: Alvin Kabot

English: Terry Comito
Richard Barickman

Geology & Geography: Anna Gavasei
Roy Grossman

German: George Nordmeyer

History: Pierre Oberling - "E"

Home Economics: Darlene Kness

Health Sci.: Robert Ayers
Lee Marglies "E"

Library: Elliot Kaback, Rae Robinson

Music: Ruth Anderson, Sylvia Kinney
Louis Martin

Physics & Astronomy: Phillip Blurnenau, Marilyn Rothschild

Nursing: Margaret Magnus

Psychology: Rae Silver

Political Science: Michael Valentine

Romance Language: Alex Szogyi, Joan Spitzer

Social Work: Diana Tendler

Sociology: Celia Heller
Robert Perinbanayagam
Audrey Bonnet

Student Services: Robert Cohen

Theatre & Cinema: Milton Polsky

Urban Affairs: Walter Stafford

Adult Education: Leonard Stib
Daniel Savage

Administration: Dean Blank "E"

STUDENTS

DAY SESSION STUDENTS

Maria Piskorz Robin Russell
Evelyn Seda
Bernardine Lopez
Marilyn Jones
Michael Megale
Jeff Olefson
Bonnie Gardner

EVENING SESSION STUDENTS

Howard Crim
Stanley Sachs
I. J. Neubart
Bernadetta Piscitello
Shelly Spritzer
Fazakas Arpard
Gloria Kline
George Sawicki
Jeryl Healy
Thom Burns
Michael Frankel
Harold Pickett
Monica Safford

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Anita Cooper
Theresa Slesinski
Madine King
Linda Carney
Julia Yeung
Ann Benyaminowich
Humphrey Husbands
Constance Clark

ACADEMIC SKILLS STUDENTS

Juanita McNeill
Morris Johnson