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M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
9 March 1976

	⁷⁴⁴ The sixty-ninth meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:50 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
Minutes:	The Minutes of February 10th were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	Provost Schneewind, on behalf of President Wexler, delivered a brief informal report on the daily negotiations regarding the current budget crisis and the status of the new buildings. He concluded the report by opening the floor to questions.	7 8 9 10
Report by the Administrative Committee:	In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Johnny Johnson, Vice Chairman of the Senate, presented the following Report:	11 12
	1. Informed the Senate that the Administrative Committee has appointed two special Ad-hoc-Committees:	13 14
	a. Special Committee to advise the Provost on a Hunter response to the BHE proposal for a new trimester plan:	15 16
	Prof. Julia Wu (Curriculum & Teaching), Chairman	17
	Prof. Hanna Charney (Romance Languages)	18
	Prof. John Speth (Anthropology)	19
	Ms. Karen Brown	20
	Mr. Sam Catechis	21
	Ms. Lorraine Kaufman	22
	b. Committee in charge of Senate Elections for Spring 1976:	23
	Mr. Robert Daly, Chairman	24
	Prof. Alfred Bennick (Physics & Astronomy)	25
	Prof. Gordon Fifer (Educational Foundations)	26
	Prof. Sam Korn (Psychology)	27
	Prof. Robert Perinbanayagam (Sociology)	28
	Ms. Joan Robinson	29
	2. Yielded the floor to Prof. Rena Gropper to present a privileged motion.	30 31
	Prof. Gropper presented the motion as distributed.	32
	After discussion it was moved that action on this resolution be postponed to the next meeting, so that voiced queries could be clarified and an amended version be brought before the Senate for consideration.	33 34 35 36
	The motion to postpone carried by hand vote.	37
	3. Yielded the floor to Prof. Jeanine Plottel for a privileged motion.	38 39
	Prof. Plottel presented the following Statement on the Chancellor's Proposal for Restructuring the City University of New York:	40 41 42
	While given the exigencies of the fiscal situation, many of the Chancellor's proposals for restructuring the City University seem suitable at this time, exception must be taken to the role assigned the Humanities at the undergraduate level, a question of wisdom, not money.	43 44 45 46 47
	Our concern is the lack of appreciation, regard, esteem for the importance of language, of literature, of theory and practice of the arts, of music, of philosophy, of some 50	48 49 50

of the social sciences, of disciplines striving for enrichment of the human spirit. The criteria determining the hierarchy according to which subjects are or are not included in a core curriculum must take into account not only the vocational and social mission of the City University, but must preserve and promote the strength and achievement of our city's culture: concerts, theater, opera, museums, galleries; its intellectual, literary, and artistic life; its newspapers, magazines, TV and radio networks and programs; its cosmopolitan character, not only English and Spanish, but French, Italian, German, Chinese, and other ethnic minorities; White,, Black, American Indian, Oriental, Christian, Jewish, Moslem, Hindu; Harlem, Staten Island, and the United Nations, foreign consulates and missions, international business and finance, etc. New York City is the source of our country's present eminence in modern art, modern literature modern dance, modern thought, and the core undergraduate curriculum of our colleges must maintain the prerequisites for such excellence: intellectual innovation and experimentation, but also enhancement of traditional courses, foreign languages, philosophy, anthropology, art, music.	51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
These conditions must be met if the City University is to continue to embody our pride and our attainments as New Yorkers.	73 74 75
After brief discussion, a motion to endorse this Statement carried by hand vote.	76 77
4. Yielded the floor to Mr. Eric Weissman for a privileged motion.	78 79
Mr. Weissman presented the motion as distributed.	80
After discussion the following amended resolution carried by hand vote:	81 82
The Hunter College Senate specifically asks that no member of the Hunter College Community be penalized in any way for not attending classes on the 16th of March in order to express their convictions concerning proposed CUNY reorganization plans.	83 84 85 86 87
5. The next item on the Agenda is consideration of the proposed Senate Calendar for Spring 1977. The choice before the Senate is a schedule of meetings to be held either on Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday afternoons.	88 89 90 91
After discussion, a motion to continue Senate meetings on Tuesday afternoons for the Spring term 1977 carried by hand vote.	92 93 94
There having been no objection to a proposal to change the Agenda the next item of business was the Report by the Select Committee on the Office of the Ombudsman.	95 96 97
<u>Select Committee on the Office of the Ombudsman</u>	98
Prof. Tannenbaum, on behalf of the Committee, read the following Report, and moved that the last paragraph be endorsed:	99 100
The members of the Select Committee on the Office of the Ombudsman wish to report to the Senate on their activities and the agreement which has been achieved between them and the President.	101 102 103 104
We, the members of the Committee, spent a number of weeks familiarizing ourselves with the Office of the Ombudsman--its philosophy, history, and purpose--both at Hunter and at other colleges and universities. We also interviewed persons at Hunter who understood the details of the recent problems regarding financing the Office.	105 106 107 108 109 110

	After educating ourselves, we spent several meetings	111
	preparing a proposal regarding the Office which we wished to	112
	bring to the President. When our proposal was formulated we	113
	met with the President and the Provost to discuss it and	114
	obtain their views. From this meeting and follow-up communi-	115
	cations came the Agreement which we now submit to the Hunter	116
	College Senate for its consideration. <u>(The Agreement is</u>	117
	<u>attached as Appendix II.)</u>	118
	We move its ratification and urge that, as soon thereafter	119
	as possible, the Administrative Committee of the Senate	120
	initiate the process of electing a new Ombudsman to assume	121
	office under the terms of this agreement.	122
	The motion (last paragraph above) carried by hand vote.	123
Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report:	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	124
	Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairman of the Committee, presented Parts I,	125
	II, and III of the Report dated 9 March 1976.	126
	She moved for acceptance of U-231 (Schools of Health Sciences).	127
	After discussion, a motion to divide the question and to con-	128
	sider Attachment A of U-231 carried.	129
	The motion to approve Attachment A of U-231 carried by voice	130
	vote.	131
	After discussion, Dean Freund moved:	132
	that all course proposals be passed in principle, and	133
	referred back to the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee	134
	with the authority to incorporate any editorial changes for	135
	the record copy.	136
	After further discussion, the Chair suggested a procedure to set	137
	aside this motion for the moment in order to consider the	138
	routine items of the Report.	139
	There being no objection, it was so ordered.	140
	The motion to accept routine items U-220 (Communications), U-221	141
	(Music), U-225 (Political Science) and U-217 (Academic Skills)	142
	carried by voice vote.	143
	The Chair then placed acceptance of experimental courses on the	144
	floor.	145
	After discussion, there being no visible consensus, the Chair	146
	suggested instead that in view of the hour Dean Freund's	147
	motion (lines 133 to 136 above) be submitted to a vote.	148
	Prof. Korn requested a quorum count. With 59 of the required	149
	65 members present, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.	150

Respectfully submitted,



Johnny Johnson,
Vice-Chairman

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY

Academic Skills: Milagros Gracia

Anthropology: Daniel Bates

Biology: Constante Cerrarini
Robert Grant

Black & P. R. Studies: Dona Richards

Business Ed: Bernadette Metzler
Louis Scrittorale
Harry Buckler

Chemistry: Charles Hecht
Richard Wyley

Communication: Ruth Gonchar - "E"

Curric. & Teaching: Mary Graber
Francis Lawler

Economics: Alvin Kabot

English: Terry Comito

Geology & Geography: John Boylan
Anna Gavaschi
Russell White
Roy Grossman

German: George Nordmeyer
Health & Phys. Ed.: Sylvia Fishman

History: Pierre Oberling

Home Economics: Darlene Kness

Health Sci.: Lee Margulies

Mathematics: Jane Matthews - "E"

Music: Louis Martin
Ruth Anderson
Sylvia Kinney

Adult Education: Leonard Suib
Daniel Savage

Administration: Dean Eisenberg
Dean Scott

STUDENTS

DAY SESSION STUDENTS

Maria Piskorz
Joan Robinson
Evelyn Seda
Bernadette Lopez
Marilyn Jones
Michael Megale
Mark Spector
Jeff Olefson
Bonnie Gardner

EVENING SESSION STUDENTS

Howard Crim
Stanley Sashes
I. J. Neubart
Bernadetta Piscitello
Shelly Spritzer
Arpard Fazakas
George Sawicki
Jeryl Healy
Thom Burns
Michael Frankel
Harold Pickett
Monica Safford
Mary Beth Yakoubian
Frank Werth

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Anita Cooper
Theresa Slesinski
Nadine King
Linda Carney
Julia Yeung
Aisling Benayahu
Humphrey Husbands

ACADEMIC SKILLS STUDENTS

Physics & Astronomy: Marilyn Rothschild

Juanita McNeill
Morris Johnson

Political Sci.: Malcolm Valentine

Psychology: Rae Silver

Romance Lang : Elie de Comminges

Social Work: Diana Tandler

Sociology: Celia Heller
Robert Perinbanayagam
Audrey Bonnet

Student Services: Robert Cohen

Urban Affairs: Arnold Nadler
Walter Stafford

A P P E N D I X I I

Agreement Regarding the Office of the Ombudsman

The Senate Committee on the Ombudsman and President Wexler have reached the following Agreement regarding the Office of the Ombudsman:

We share a concern for the importance of the independence of the Ombudsman in his or her functioning in that position. We recognize at the same time the interdependence of the person in that position on and with the larger Hunter Community.

The President will ensure the following so long as the Charter language in Article XIII remains unchanged:

1. Adjunct replacement money for 1/2 program for a faculty member elected to office.

The equivalent of that amount (\$4500 per year at 1976 levels) for a non-faculty person elected to the office.

2. A Gittelsohn secretary to be selected by the elected Ombudsman from a list provided by Vice President Tesoriero of secretaries available at any given time.
3. All future agreements between the President and the elected Ombudsman shall be made public.
4. In the event that the Ombudsman cannot arrive at a satisfactory agreement with his or her Chairman or supervisor regarding services during non-released time, the President will use her good offices to help resolve the situation.

Signed by: President Jacqueline Wexler
Mr. Neil Callender
Mr. Robert Daly
Prof. Robert Tannenbaum