

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
6 April 1976

	The seventy-second ^{77th} 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 listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of February 24th, March 9th, and March 16th were approved as distributed.	6 7
	The Chair informed the body of the following corrections in today's Agenda: (a) Item # 7 Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report is deleted; (b) introduced under "New Business" will be a memorandum concerning Charter Revision.	8 9 10 11
Report by the President:	President Wexler reported to the Senate in some detail on recent events at the Board of Higher Education, and explained the significance of some current journalistic reports on matters affecting the future of the City University of New York. She continued to explain the resolutions before the Board concerning the restructuring of the University and the implications of those resolutions on the academic life of Hunter College.	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
	President Wexler then responded to questions from the floor.	19
	The Chair asked the Senate that he be allowed to rearrange the Agenda because of impending deadlines and the class schedules of reporting committee chairmen.	20 21 22
	There being no objection, the next item of business was the Budget Committee Report.	23 24
Budget Committee Report:	<u>Budget Committee</u> Prof. Thomas Burke, Chairman of the Committee, presented a set of resolutions as distributed, and moved for acceptance of Resolution I:	25 26 27
	BE IT RESOLVED, that the President establish a single permanent Hunter College Budget Committee to serve as the primary consultative body and liaison for the Hunter College Community with the College Administration on all matters concerning the budget and its allocation, consisting of ten appointed members serving for two years selected from lists proposed to the President by the College Community's organized constituencies, as follows: Hunter College Senate, 4 members; Faculty Delegate Assembly, 1 member; F.P. & B., 1 member; Day Session Student Government, 1 member; S.G.S. Student Government, 1 member; Graduate Student Association, 1 member; S.E.E.K., 1 member; the Provost, the Dean of Administration, the Business Manager will serve <u>ex officio</u> without vote.	28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
	The Hunter College Budget Committee shall have authority to appoint <u>ad-hoc</u> subcommittees, including non-budget committee members, to investigate specific budgetary problems. The members of the Budget Committee shall be responsible for reporting on budgetary matters to their respective constituent bodies.	41 42 43 44 45
	After discussion Provost Schneewind moved that action on the resolution be postponed to the first meeting in the Fall.	46 47
	After further discussion the question was called, and the motion to postpone carried by handvote with 35 in favor and 21 opposed.	48 49 50.

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At the request of Prof. Burke, consideration of the remaining resolutions was postponed to the next meeting.	51 52
<u>Report by the Senate Elections Committee re: Procedures for Election of an Ombudsman</u>	53 54
Mr. Bob Daly, Chairman of the Committee, presented the proposed guidelines concerning the procedures for the election of an Ombudsman as distributed. It was moved that the procedures be adopted.	55 56 57 58
After discussion, Prof. Tannenbaum moved that the procedures for the May 4th Senate meeting be amended as follows:	59 60
The first item of business shall be a 30-minute period, divided equally among the candidates for such presentations as they see fit.	61 62 63
The motion to amend carried by voice vote.	64
The motion to accept the procedures as amended carried by voice vote.	65 66
(The Procedure Schedule as amended is attached as Appendix II)	67
<u>Report by the Teacher Evaluations Committee</u>	
Mr. Howard Strongin, Chairman of the Committee, presented the interim report as distributed. He informed the Senate that there are three student vacancies on the Committee and asked that anybody who is interested in serving on this Committee please contact the Nominating Committee of the Senate.	68 69 70 71 72
<u>Report by the Administrative Committee:</u>	
<u>Re: Change in the College Calendar for 1976-77</u>	
Provost Schneewind informed the Senate that the BHE has approved the college calendar for 1976-77 as adopted by the Senate, with the following changes:	73 74 75
"no classes are held on Columbus Day and Lincoln's Birthday."	76
A motion to receive the Board's change carried by voice vote.	77
<u>Proposal re: Minimal Vote Requirement</u>	
The next item on the floor was the Proposal on "Minimal Vote Requirement," with a proposed amendment, as held over from the last meeting (see lines 76-91 of the Minutes of March 23rd).	78 79 80
The motion on the floor is the motion to amend by reducing the number of votes from 40 to 33.	81 82
After discussion Prof. Tannenbaum moved that the motion be amended to read:	83 84
A motion requiring a majority vote is approved (or disapproved) when the number of affirmative (or negative) votes is at least 33.	85 86 87
A motion requiring a 2/3 majority vote, is approved (or disapproved) when the number of affirmative (or negative) votes is at least 44.	88 89 90
Motions failing to achieve this minimal number of votes may be moved for a recount, failing again to meet this minimal number, the motion, unless withdrawn, shall be postponed to the next meeting.	91 92 93 94
This amendment was accepted by the movers and became the main motion.	95 96
The question was called, and the motion carried by a 2/3 majority vote.	97 98
<u>Resolution re: Absenteeism at Senate Meetings</u>	
The Administrative Committee, acting on a formal request made at the last meeting, next presented the following resolution re: Absenteeism from Senate meetings:	99 100 101

A member of the Hunter College Senate who is absent from 102
three out of four consecutive meetings of the Senate without 103
prior notice of such absence, shall be deemed to have 104
resigned from the Hunter College Senate, and the Secretary 105
of the Senate shall notify: 106

The Chairman of the Day Session Student Senate, 107
who shall be asked to have the Student Senate 108
elect replacement(s) for: Freshmen and Sophomores 109

The Chairman of the respective Department, who 110
shall be asked to have replacement(s) selected 111
for: Day Session Departmental 112
Majors 113

The SGS Representative of the respective 114
Department, who shall be asked to have 115
replacement(s) selected for: Evening Session Students--Top 116
10 Departments 117

The Student Electoral College of the Evening 118
Session Council, who shall be asked to have 119
replacement(s) elected for: Evening Session Students 120
elected through ESC 121

The President of the Graduate Student 122
Association, who shall be asked to have 123
replacement(s) selected for: Graduate Students 124

The Chairman of the Department, who shall be 125
be asked to have replacement(s) elected 126
for: Full-time & Part-time Faculty 127
including at-large seats held 128
by members of the Department. 129

Prof. Matthews moved that the following be added to the 130
first paragraph (see line 106 above): 131

the Secretary of the Senate shall notify the person 132
involved and:... 133

This was accepted as part of the main motion. 134

Mr. Weissman moved that line 107 above be changed to read: 135

The President of the Day Session Student Government, 136
who... 137

There being no objection it was so ordered. 138

Prof. Ayers moved that the resolution be further amended 139
by inserting the word "immediately" after the word 140
"(s)elected" in each of the six sections above. 141

There being no objection it was so ordered. 142

The motion to approve the resolution as amended carried 143
unanimously by voice vote. 144

The next item of business was a brief report by Dean Decker 145
concerning the status and implementation of Foreign Language 146
Proficiency Examinations. The following is a synopsis of 147
Dean Decker's report: 148

Testing of incoming students was done on a small scale for 149
the February Class. Through a misunderstanding the wrong 150
tests were ordered and we relied on Departmental 151
Advisors for placement, where we received fine cooperation. 152

Testing will be done for all students on May 2nd, with the 153
proper tests which have been ordered. 154

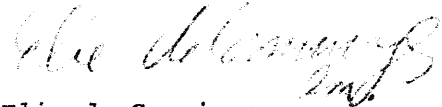
Testing of current Hunter students for comparative purposes 155

is planned for the week of Teacher Evaluations (May 10). 156

Re: development of courses to fulfill the four options 157
in the various languages (Track System): Small Departments 158
with a small number of students cannot offer four separate 159
courses. We will therefore try to individualize offerings 160
in the 202 levels. Large departments will set up four 161
tracks at the 202 level which are so labelled and are 162
similar to the 17 250 "Topics in Literature" course. 163
Each will deal with a specific option. 164

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elie de Comminges,
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as ABSENT from the meeting:

FACULTY

Academic Skills: Milagros Garcia

Anthropology: Daniel Bates

Art: Mary Moore

Biology: Constante Ceccarrini
Robert Grant
Morris Green

Black & P.R.: Benjamin Ortiz

Business Ed: Bernadette Metzler
Harry Buckler

Chemistry: Charles Hecht
Richard Wyley
Horst Hoyer

Communications: Ruth Gonchar - 'E'
James Aronson
Roslyn Statsinger

Curriculum & Teaching: Francis Lawlor
Marietta Shore

Economics: Alvin Kabot - 'E'

English: Terry Comito

Geology & Geography: Anna Gavasci
Roy Grossman

History: Joanne McNamara
Naomi Miller
Pierre Oberling - 'E'

Health Sciences: Lee Margulies - 'E'

Library: Rae Robinson - 'E'
Elliot Kaback

Mathematics: Sandi Clarkson

Music: Peter Basquin
Louis Martin
Ruth Anderson
Sylvia Kinney

Physics & Astronomy: Alfred Bennick
Marilyn Rothschild
Phillip Blumenau

Political Science: Malcolm Valentine

Psychology: Alexander Newman

Social Work: Michael Phillips
Diana Tendler

Sociology: Celia Heller
Robert Perinbanayagam
Aubrey Bonnet

Student Services: Robert Cohan

Theatre & Cinema: Milton Polsky

Urban Affairs: Arnold Nadler
Walter Stafford

Adult Ed: Leonard Suib
Daniel Savage

Administration: Dean Hugh Scott
Dean Blanche Blank

STUDENTS

DAY SESSION STUDENTS

Maria Piskorz
Carol Ann Rabolt
Evelyn Seda
Bernardine Lopez
Marilyn Jones
Michael Megale
Jeff Olefson
Bonnie Gardner
Rosetta Randisi
Jocelyn Berman

EVENING SESSION STUDENTS

Howard Crim
Stanley Sachs
I.J. Neubart
Bernadetta Piscitello
Shelly Spritzer
Arpard Fazakas
Gloria Kline
Jeryl Healy
Thom Burns
Michael Frankel
Harold Pickett
Monica Safford
Mary Beth Yacoubian
Frank Werth

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Anita Cooper
Theresa Slesinski
Nadine King
Linda Carney
Julia Yeung
Humphrey Husbands
Constance Clark

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Juanita McNeill
Morris Johnson

APPENDIX II

Procedures for the Election of an Ombudsman

April 6th senate Meeting:

Acceptance by the Senate of rules governing the election of the Ombudsman: (i) A nomination for Ombudsman may be made by any member in good standing of the Hunter College community and all members of the community are eligible for election. (ii) Nominations shall be made by (a) announcement on the Senate floor or (b) by filing such nomination with the Chairman of the Elections Committee of the Senate which shall serve as the Nominations Committee for the purpose, or (c) with the Administrative Assistant of the Senate. (iii) There will be no nominating speeches on the floor of the Senate.

April 20th Senate Meeting:

Senate secretary reads list of validated candidates and list of those candidates who have only partially completed necessary documentation. The floor will then be opened for nominations (the agreements may be filed at a later date.)

April 21st 5.00 p.m.--Deadline:

All candidates who accept nomination are asked to submit for distribution (i) a signed agreement acknowledging the Senate's agreement with the President and the definition of the Office as stated in the Charter, (ii) a resume, and (iii) a statement of platform or intent not to exceed 500 words. All such documentation received in the Senate Office in final form not later than 5.00 p.m. on April 21st will be mailed to the Senate membership with the regular mailing for the meeting of May 4th.

April 30th 5.00 p.m.:

Absolute Deadline for receipt by the Senate Office of the aforementioned documentation material is designed to facilitate distribution of documentation to members of the Senate. All documents received between the 21st and 30th shall be distributed together with voting cards, etc., at the meeting on May 4th. No candidacy may be entered which is not filed in this manner with the Senate Office before 5.00 pm on April 30th.

May 4th Senate Meeting::

The first item of business shall be a 30-minute period, divided equally among the candidates for such presentations as they see fit. Balloting will be the next order of business. A list of all candidates will be distributed to Senate members. The Senate Secretary or the Chairman of the Nominations Committee (Elections Committee) will read off the list of candidates for the last time. At the point during the reading when his or her name is called the candidate will rise if he so chooses to be physically identified. A sufficient number of I.B.M. cards will be distributed along with any candidate's statement received after the April 21st deadline. The voting will proceed according to the rules as set out in Article XIII, Section 2 of the Hunter College Governance Charter; the winner will be determined in the same manner. We have planned for any number of votes necessary to elect an Ombudsman, but in no case will nominations be accepted from the floor at this meeting.

Rationale of Schedule

Listed below are the calendar dates* with brief description of necessary actions to be instituted or completed by that date to insure a smooth election. Please read through each date with its related action, then read the rationale for this action before making any decision for or against. All nominations must be presented to the Nominations Committee (Elections Committee) whether or not the nomination has been made on the floor of the Senate. The presentation will be in the form of a signed copy of the candidate's acceptance of the terms of office.

*This calendar will not be presented in strict chronological order. The reasoning behind this move will become apparent as you read on.

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TO: The Members, The Hunter College Senate

FM: Senate Administrative Committee

RE: Charter Revisions

The Charter Review Committee has submitted a series of specific proposed changes, generally of a housekeeping nature, to the present Charter.

In view of the present budgetary situation the amendment procedure outlined in the present Charter is no longer economically viable. It has therefore been proposed that a revised amendment procedure be adopted which would enable the Senate Charter to be periodically updated.

For this reason the Administrative Committee proposes the amendment to the article on amendment as below. If satisfactory to the Senate and adopted by the Senate with a 3/4 majority vote (as presently provided in the Charter), the President would then be in a position to present to the BHE a request for special authorization permitting this amendment to be adopted by the College; the Senate would then be in a position to consider the other specific changes proposed by the Charter Review Committee and generally to update the Charter.

If this general procedure is satisfactory, the prime questions before the Senate are: (i) approval of the final wording of this amendment, and (ii) recommendation as to the mode of constituency ratification.

The Administrative Committee proposes the following Article, replacing Article XIII.5, Article XIV, and Article XV:

Section 1.

Any amendment of Article III of these By-laws concerning total faculty, student, or administration components of the Senate shall be proposed for referendum by a three-fourth majority of the Senate members present and voting at any meeting, regular or special, provided that the text of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Senate membership no less than ten days prior to the meeting. To be approved such an amendment shall require a majority vote in each constituency, faculty and students, with no less than 30% of each voting.

Petition for amendment may be filed either by 20% of the Senate membership or by 10% of either the student or the faculty voting constituency.

Section 2.

All other sections of this Charter are characterized as subject to amendments by the Senate and shall be proposed to the Senate either by petition or by draft, and prepared on request from the Senate by one of its committees. To be approved, such amendments shall be placed on the agenda of two successive regular meetings of the Senate. At the first meeting, they shall be subject to amendment and shall be passed in final form by a two-thirds majority of the Senate membership present and voting. At the second meeting they shall be subject to discussion but not to further amendment and shall be passed again by a two-thirds majority of the Senate membership present and voting.