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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

5 November 2003

1 The 433rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 PM in Room W714.

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3 **Presiding:** Joan Tronto, 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 presented.

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9 **Report by the** The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate 11/5/03. She said:
10 **President:**

11 "Before I get to the PowerPoint presentation, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on
12 the various search committees. I also want to ask Eija to make two announcements of great
13 importance to the students."
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15 She yielded the floor to Vice President Ayravainen, who said:

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17 "The New York State Legislature passed a bill last spring that requests all colleges in New York
18 State notify students about meningitis and what the disease does to individuals. We are also
19 required to tell students that they need to return a form that confirms that they have indeed been
20 notified. This information was sent to every student at the end of August. Students may choose to
21 be vaccinated or not, but they have to read the form and return it. Of the 21,000 forms sent out in
22 August, only 11,000 were returned to us. CUNY is now developing MG stops. This could mean
23 that in the very near future students may have an MG stop on their record, and will not be able to
24 register until they return the form to us. I urge students to return the form as soon as possible, and
25 I urge faculty to notify students that the form must be handed in. About 3,000 people in the United
26 States get meningitis every year and about 300 of them die. It is a very serious disease.
27 Approximately 100 to 150 college students around the country get it, and you need to weigh
28 whether or not to get vaccinated. It is most prevalent in individuals between the ages of 2 and 18.
29 More information about the disease is available at our website and also at the Wellness Center.
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31 I want to remind you that the Office of Student Services on the 11th floor of the East Building
32 offers a personal counseling service for students. We noticed during the first four weeks of this
33 semester that there are more and more students with some serious problems and issues that are
34 affecting their studies and their attendance. Our school psychologist, Dr. Katherine Leek, is
35 available 25 hours a week, and we have six competent interns from the School of Social Work who
36 are supervised by senior staff. We also have excellent referral services for some of our seriously
37 affected students. If you know a student who needs some pointed and serious help, please send
38 them to see us on the 11th floor."
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40 Vice President Ayravainen yielded the floor to President Raab who said:

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42 "I want to take a few moments to present Hunter College's performance goals for the years 2003-
43 2004. As many of you remember, CUNY has moved to a system of performance goal and
44 evaluation for each college. The University has certain University goals and objectives that are set
45 out to the colleges to achieve these goals. We are also given certain indicators to show how we are
46 meeting these objectives and goals. It has been in effect now for 3 years. I have found it to be a
47 very useful management tool because it has required all of us on the academic side, as well as in
48 the areas of administration, finance, and student services to set performance goals for ourselves that
49 are consistent with where the University as a whole is asking colleges to move. In June we are
50 required to submit our evaluation of how we have done on these performance goals.
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56 I regret that we are doing this a bit backward. I had hoped that there would be time to come to you
57 first with the evaluation of last year's performance goals and our report to 80th Street that was
58 submitted last June. I am hoping that there will be time in the next few weeks to do that.
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60 But now we are looking forward to where we hope to be June. I will answer your questions, and if
61 you feel upon reflection that you would like to write to your Chair, or to the Dean, or any of the
62 Vice Presidents, please feel free to do that. We will leave the next two weeks open for thoughts
63 and comments on the document, and then we will place the document on the Web as a public
64 statement of where we are going as a community. We have already received a comment from Liz
65 Beaujour, to recognize the extraordinary work that has been done on the Honors Programs at
66 Hunter. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for that work."
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68 President Raab's PowerPoint presentation *Hunter College Performance Goals for 2003-2004* is
69 attached as Appendix II).
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71 The floor was open for questions.
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73 **Report by the**
74 **Administrative**
75 **Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows:

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

77 In accordance with Article IV.2.H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College* the
78 Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date:

79 Students:

80 Natasha Nurse (School of Nursing)
81 Anthony Avenoso (undeclared)
82 Kathleen Ensor (Political Science)
83 Leah Moss (Political Science)

84 It was moved that the nomination be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.
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86 **Establishment of Select Committee on First Year Experience**

87 The Administrative Committee submitted the following report for senate approval:
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89 **Resolution**

90 WHEREAS, retention and the improvement of the experience of first year students are serious
91 academic concerns at Hunter College and the City University of New York, and
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93 WHEREAS, the involvement of faculty, student services staff, and students is critical to assuring
94 that programs for first years students are outstanding, and
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96 WHEREAS, such matters fall within the jurisdiction of the Hunter College Senate, therefore,
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98 BE IT RESOLVED: That the Hunter College Senate establishes a Select Committee on the First
99 Year Experience.
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101 Membership. The committee will consist of four faculty members, four members of the Staff of
102 Student Services, and five undergraduate students. The Provost, Vice President for Student
103 Affairs, and the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, or their designees, shall serve ex officio.
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105 Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of this committee will extend to such academic and support
106 programs that exist and will be created to improve the academic experience of first year students.
107 Among the concerns that may be included are:

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- The “Block Program”
- Orientation Programs
- The Orientation Seminar
- Admission and Enrollment issues
- Communications with first years students,
- Involvement of academic departments in the first year experience.
- Transitions from the First to the Second Year

Membership Slate

Faculty:

Angelo Angelis, Department of History
Eckhard Kuhn-Osius, Department of German
Pamela Mills, Department of Chemistry
Clay Williams, Library

Student Services Staff:

Linda Carlson, Director, Advising and Counseling
Ilene Drapkin, Director of Retention Programs
Alta Mercedes, Counselor
Madlyn Stokely, Acting Assistant Dean for Student Support Services

Students:

Pierre Hypolite (undeclared)
(additional names to follow)

Ex-Officio:

Provost, or designee
Dean of Arts & Sciences, or designee

Ms. Kuperberg moved that membership be amended to include 5 students. The motion to amend carried and became part of the main motion on the floor.

Vice President Ayravainen moved that membership be amended to include the Vice President of Student Affairs as an ex-officio member. The motion to amend carried and became part of the main motion on the floor.

The main motion as amended was approved by voice vote.

Committee
Reports:

Nominating Committee

Professor Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate committees.

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

Student: Luminitza Carmen Belecciu (Math Major)

Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements Committee

Student: Brooke Krystosek (Grad. Art History)

Student Standing Committee

Faculty: Caroline Somerville (Political Science)

Committee on the Library

Student: Brooke Krystosek (Grad. Art History)

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 172 Master Plan Committee

173 Student: Anthony Avenoso (undeclared)

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 175 Charter Review Committee

176 Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Victor Bobetsky (Music)

177 Faculty from Sciences & Math: Pamela Mills (Chemistry)

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 179 Committee on Computing & Technology

180 Faculty from Social Sciences: Manfred Kuechler (Sociology)

181 Staff: Nancy Guerrero (Reading/Writing Center)

182 Student: Runako Taylor (Classics Major)

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 184 Select Committee on Performance Measures & Outcomes Assessment

185 Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Adele Haft (Classics)

186 Faculty from Social Sciences: Jeanne Weiler (Sociology)

187 Faculty from Sciences & Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson (Mathematics)

188 Faculty from Education: Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon (Educational Found.)

189 Faculty from Health Professions: Phil Alcabes (Urban Public Health)

190 Faculty At-large: Anita Ondrusek (Library)

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 192 It was moved that the entire slate be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.
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194 **Report by the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee re: CPE**

195 Professor Jason Young, Chair of the Committee, informed the Senate that the Committee had met with
 196 Provost Pizer and Steve Serafin to discuss the various updates on the administration of the College
 197 Preparatory Exams (CPE). Since the resolutions were written last spring and over the summer a
 198 number of changes have occurred. Also, no data was made available until recently. Some data has
 199 now been released by 80th Street, and Hunter has also collected data. That being said, the Committee
 200 is not backing away from its concern about the CPE. We seriously question its validity and the
 201 wisdom of it. However, at this time, we wish more time to evaluate the data and re-evaluate the
 202 resolutions.
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204 He recommended that the report be tabled until early spring.

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 206 After brief discussion, it was so moved. The motion to table carried by voice vote.
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208 **New Business:**

209 Professor Kuechler moved that the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee be requested to
 210 reconsider the Course Repeat Rule.

211 He explained that under current regulations students who received a failing grade are given
 212 preferential treatment over students who initially received the passing grade of D.
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214 The motion carried by voice vote.
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216 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:25
 217 PM.
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 220 Respectfully submitted,

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 224 Anthony Picciano,
 225 Secretary