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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

21 May 2003

The 429th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Alan Hausman, Chair

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

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as distributed.

Report by the President: A summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate is as follows. She said:

"I just came from a very exciting meeting with Arthur Levitt Jr., the former Commissioner of Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), who has very graciously agreed to be the honoree in a major fundraiser-dinner that Hunter is having at the Plaza on June 3rd in conjunction with the Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute. Roosevelt created the SEC, so there is a wonderful link. We have been able to build on Arthur's connections in the financial community as well as people in the preservation community and our own alumni base who care deeply about the restoration of Roosevelt House. We have already raised well over one-half million dollars towards programming and construction at the house. It will be the biggest fundraising event that Hunter's has done. We are hoping that Donna Shalala will also join us at this event.

I hope to see many of you at graduation at Radio City Music Hall. It is going to be quite beautiful. The President's Medal will go to Bogart Leashore in recognition of his 12 years of extraordinary service as Dean of our School of Social Work. We will also honor Sidney McNairy, who has been incredibly important to Hunter. He is with the NIH and he is one of the greatest believers in the work we do here in the minority science programs. We are very proud to be giving him an honorary degree. Our speaker will be William Thompson, Comptroller of the City of New York. He is the highest-ranking African American official in the city, a really inspirational speaker, and someone who has been a long time supporter of public education. I hope to see many of you there, and I am asking Eija to remind the faculty about some of the details.

The President yielded the floor to Eija Ayrvainen, who said:

"We have sent you letters indicating where you should be and what you should bring with you. We will be having buses for the faculty to bring them from 68th Street to Radio City Music Hall. You will get passes on the bus, but it is always a good idea to carry your Hunter ID with you. Also, there will be buses going back to the college after the ceremony. The only thing I ask is that you leave all of your backpacks, sneakers, shopping bags, and other things at the College. We will have a security guard there. If you really need to bring something on the bus we will also secure the buses, because you will not have any dressing room or changing room at RCMH. Over 300 graduate students will be sitting on stage, and we will have 1200 undergraduate students who have responded that they will come to commencement."

Vice President Ayrvainen yielded the floor back to President Raab who said:

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 54 “A note for faculty. This is the last voluntary semester of web grading, which is actually
 55 something that nobody at Hunter complained about. I hope that we have a similar response this
 56 semester, but web grading will be mandatory next semester. It is much more efficient for all of us,
 57 and we are looking for everything that saves time and resources.
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59 You may remember that in last year’s report on performance and goals for the year we talked
 60 about initiating a discussion about what the structure of the School of Arts and Science should be.
 61 I have started to talk about this with the Provost and the Deans, and we are bringing in a
 62 consultant to help us think about what the best process is for this discussion. During the next few
 63 weeks, over the summer for people who are around, and into September the consultant team will
 64 be contacting all the chairs and many people involved in the administration to get your sense and
 65 ideas about how the old structure worked, how the new structure is working, and ideas about
 66 something in between. Please talk frankly and give these people your thoughts. We are trying to
 67 figure out how to structure this discussion, how to have everybody involved so that it will be a
 68 community decision, and how to go forward. We now have an acting dean, and before we can
 69 begin a formal search we have to understand what we are recruiting for. This is a very important
 70 initiative and the provost will be focusing on this a lot in September.
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72 I want to wish you all a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to seeing you all in
 73 September. Thank you all for your service in the Senate, and thank you Dr. Hausman.”
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75 **Report by the**
 76 **Administrative**
 77 **Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows:

Election of Senate Officers

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Senate.

Professor Joan Tronto (Political Science) was nominated.

It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
 The motion carried and Professor Tronto was elected Chair of the Senate.

The floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair of the Senate.

Mr. Runako Taylor (Classics) was nominated.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
 The motion carried and Mr. Taylor was elected Vice Chair of the Senate.

The floor was open for nominations for Secretary of the Senate.

Professor Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching) was nominated.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
 The motion carried and Professor Picciano was re-elected Secretary of the Senate.

The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Evening Council of the Senate.

Professor Michael Turner (History) was nominated.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
 The motion carried and Professor Turner was re-elected.

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 112 **Senate Meeting Schedule for Fall 2003 and Spring 2004**

113 The Senate meeting schedule for the following Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:25 P.M. was approved:

114 <u>Fall 2003</u>	114 <u>Spring 2004</u>
115 September 10 and 24	February 11 and 25
116 October 1 and 22	March 10 and 24
117 November 5 and 19	April 14 and 28
118 December 3 and 10	May 5, 12, and 19

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 120 **List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees**

121 Professor Hausman moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and
 122 degrees to be awarded in June 2003. The motion was approved by hand vote.
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124 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

125 The following curriculum changes, as listed in Parts I, and II of the Report dated 21 May 2003, were
 126 approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1286
 127 (Romance Languages), US-1298 (Curriculum & Teaching), US-1305 (Geography), US-1306 (Music),
 128 US-1307 (Computer Science), US-1308A (Chemistry), US-1308B/GS-587 (Chemistry), US-1313
 129 (Philosophy), US-1314 (Political Science), US-1316 (School of Arts & Sciences/Provost
 130 Office/Student Services), UE-1317 (Geography), GS-585 (Educational Foundations), GS-586
 131 (Geography), GS-589 (Psychology), GS-590 (Economics), GS-591, 592, 593, and 594 (Special
 132 Education), GS-595 (School of Nursing). (Note: Proposal US-1297 (English) was withdrawn by the
 133 department.)
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135 **Other Reports:**

135 **Re: Placement Priorities and Policy Changes for Residence Hall**

136 The following is a summary statement of the report by Acting Vice President Eija Ayravainen. She
 137 said: "Thank you for inviting me. I understand there are some questions about the allocations for the
 138 residence hall. The policy regarding the dorms and dorm allocations has not fundamentally changed.
 139 While the dorms were renovated in 2001-2002 the whole policy was reviewed and slight changes were
 140 made in consultation with the programs as well as with academic deans and the provost. The dorm
 141 allocations support student needs such as national and international exchange programs that we have at
 142 the college, athletic needs and athletic programs, and resident advisors. We have emergency rooms in
 143 the dorms for students who have real emergencies during the semester, as well as the general rooms.
 144 The dorms also support academic needs from the Schools of Health Professions, the graduate
 145 programs, and the Honors Programs. These needs are often articulated by the academic deans as well
 146 as the provost. We use dorms as recruiting tools to get the very best students to come to Hunter and to
 147 stay here. As you know, we have very few dorm rooms and we have 20,650 students at the college,
 148 and not everyone will be able to get a dorm room. The written commitments made to residents who
 149 were there prior to the 2001-2002 renovations will be honored. If you have a special case, please go
 150 and see Pamela Burthwright or come and see me. I'll be happy to speak with you and look at
 151 individual cases as they come to us. So far we have not had difficulties in this regard at all. That's my
 152 report on the policy."
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154 **Re: Technology Fee and Security Issues**

155 Acting Vice President Len Zinnanti presented the following report: He said: "Thank you and good
 156 afternoon. Alan asked me to report on a particular item that we discussed at the Technology Fee
 157 Committee meeting last week that had to do with printing costs. We have collected data for the eight
 158 months the technology fee has been in effect, and we are estimating that the paper usage for a 12-
 159 month period will approach 1,250,000 sheets of paper, which will cause us to adjust the budget for the
 160 technology fee this year. As you know, the technology fee subsidizes 8 cents per sheet and students
 161 pay 7 cents per sheets. The budget for that was originally set at \$50,000 and will probably be in the
 162 area of \$100,000 by the time the year ends. The group discussed at length alternatives to that subsidy
 163 arrangement, and I believe it is fair to say that a consensus was reached. Given the total usage of
 164 1,250,000 sheets, we will divide that by the appropriate number of full time and part time students and
 165 issue each student a prepaid card with an average number of copies on it. We have discussed this with
 166 the president and we will move in that direction for the year beginning in September. However, there
 167 is one cautionary note that we had raised at the meeting and talked about.
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Once the prepaid card expires, students will have to pay the full charge of printing. We want to be very clear that that would be the risk. We did talk about another alternative that would increase the subsidy to some greater level than 8 cents a sheet, but the consensus revolved around a prepaid card that would allow an amount of paper to be used for free, and that is the direction we are going to go in.

I was also asked to talk about the recent set of burglaries in the East Building. Three weekends ago the Math Department had an incident, and two weeks ago a storage room within Centro and the Business Office had an incident. The break-ins were rather odd, because three tiles were removed and a very small individual was able to shimmy their way in between pipes, girders and electrical lines and into selected offices. A few items were stolen, but it clearly seems to be an inside job because very specific things were taken. We have called in the 19th Precinct and they are conducting investigations as we speak. We are working with their crime prevention people to see what we can do to tighten up security. We have already stepped up security on weekends. Thank you very much.”

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Picciano,
Secretary