

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

4 May 2005

The 454th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:10 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Joan Tronto, Chair

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

Moment of Silence: The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Professor Pamela Wonsek.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as distributed.

Minutes: The Minutes of April 6th were approved as distributed.

Report by the President: There was no report.

Report by the Administrative Committee: Professor Tronto presented the report as follows:

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum change as listed in the two-part report dated 5/4/05 was approved as per Senate resolution, and was submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1424 and US-1423 (School of Nursing), US-1431 (Art), UE-1436 and US-1434 (Political Science), UE-1437 (English), UE-1422 (Film & Media Studies), GR-648 (Psychology), GS-634 and GS-635 (School of Health Sciences).

College Calendar

The University-wide College Calendar for 2005-2006 as issued by the CUNY Central Administration was distributed for the Senate's information. It is attached as Appendix II.

Amendment to Hunter College Grade Appeals Procedures

The following resolution was on the floor:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the language in the current *Hunter College Grade Appeals Procedures* be changed to read as follows:

I. B. paragraph 5:

FROM:

...Within three weeks of its appointment, after considering all the evidence, the Department/School Grade Appeals Committee will render its decision and prepare a written report of its findings, and submit it to the Department Chair.

TO:

...Within three weeks of its appointment, after considering all the evidence, the Department/School Grade Appeals Committee will meet in closed session and render its decision and prepare a written report of its findings, and submit it to the Department Chair. All proceedings are confidential...

and,

II. D. paragraph 2:

FROM:

After considering all the evidence within the grading standards previously established for the class, the Committee will meet and reach a decision by majority vote...

TO:

After considering all the evidence within the grading standards previously established for the class, the Committee will meet in closed session and reach a decision by majority vote. All proceedings are confidential... AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the phrase "all proceedings are confidential" does not apply to information that is legally required or to information that is required to implement CUNY or Hunter policies.

After discussion, Professor Sherrill moved that the motion be amended by requesting the Administrative Committee to look at the wording vis-à-vis the AAUP Guidelines. The motion to amend carried by voice vote.

The resolution, as amended, was approved by voice vote.

**Committee
Reports:**

Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee Re: E-Permits

Professor Anne Ediger, Chair of the Committee, presented the following report for the Senate's information:

The Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee of the Hunter College Senate notes with some alarm, that based upon a recent Board of Trustees resolution, grades for courses taken on permit at another CUNY institution with Hunter College approval now appear on the student's academic record and therefore are included in the computation of the student's grade-point average (GPA). As a result, all items dependent upon a student's GPA – including graduation with general college honors, academic standing, and the Dean's List – are affected for those students who take courses on permit.

This suggests the beginning of a slippery slope towards the loss of the Hunter College identity. Departments should note this change in policy when reviewing their Departmental Honors criteria and when approving or denying permit requests. Departments may want to review their arrangements with the registrar on how E-Permits are presently approved. Also, all major and professional advisors should discuss the implications of this new policy with their advisees.

The UARC recognizes that the Senate had already taken this issue up previously, but now that its implications are clear, strongly recommends that the Senate Chair alert all departments and faculty to the implications of this policy change.

After discussion it was moved that the Senate refer to the UARC the matter of e-permits and determine whether a college-wide policy, including the possibility of limiting the number of permits, is necessary.

Professor Sherrill moved that with regard to the number of e-permits a student may take the motion be amended as follows: "Nothing in this resolution is meant to affect the ability of departments to make academic judgments about permit and transfer."

After discussion, Professor Sherrill's amendment was defeated by voice vote.

The motion to refer to committee was approved by voice vote.

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Select Committee on Academic Integrity

Dr. Linda Carlson, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 5/4/05 as distributed.

During discussion, and because of the late hour, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Picciano,
Secretary

APPENDIX II

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
2005-2006 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2005

August 2005:

M 29 First Day of Classes - Fall 2004 - Classes begin at 4 PM
(No Classes Scheduled before 4 PM)

September 2005:

M 5 LABOR DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED

October 2005:

M 3 Classes meet until 4 PM (No Classes scheduled after 4 PM)
Tu 4 - W 5 No classes scheduled
M 10 COLUMBUS DAY - COLLEGE IS CLOSED
Tu 11 Classes Follow a Monday Schedule
W 12 - TH 13 No classes scheduled

November 2005:

TH 24 - Su 27 THANKSGIVING RECESS -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED

December 2005:

TH 15 Last Day of Classes
F 16 - F 23 Final Week of Fall Semester 2005 (Final examinations or last instructional
period where no finals are given)
Sa 24 Winter Recess begins (College is closed Sa 24 - M 26, and F 30)

SPRING 2006

January 2006:

Su 1 COLLEGE IS CLOSED
M16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
TH 26 First Day of Classes -- Spring 2006

February 2006:

M 13 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
M 20 PRESIDENTS' DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED
Tu 21 Classes Follow a Monday Schedule

March 2006

April 2006

W 12 - Su 23 SPRING RECESS -- NO CLASSES

May 2006:

W 17 Last Day of Classes
TH 18 READING DAY -- NO CLASSES
F 19 - F 26 Final Week of Spring Semester 2006 (Final examinations or last instructional
period where no finals are given)
M29 MEMORIAL DAY -- COLLEGE IS CLOSED