

APPENDIX II

Report by the President

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's Report to the Senate. He said:

Updates

"First, let me bring you up to date on the search for an interim Chancellor. Interviews are taking place this week with a yet unnamed group of finalists. The Board has indicated that they would like to have a person in place at the next Board meeting, or shortly thereafter. The search for the permanent Chancellor has not yet begun, but the Chair of the Board has indicated that it will begin soon.

The reorganization plan has been endorsed by one of the Board committees and is under consideration by another. The Board has scheduled a public hearing on matters coming to it at its November meeting, and it is my assumption and hope that the reorganization plan will be included in that public hearing. The November hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 17. If you would like to speak, and normally you are asked to limit your comments to three minutes, you need to contact the Office of the Board Secretary before 3:00 P.M. on November 14. The number to call is 794-5377.

I have asked the Provost to form the committee which will make the final administrative recommendations concerning the School of Arts and Sciences. She has requested nominees from the Senate, the FDA, and other groups on campus. We will provide you with a list of committee members in a few days. When I met with the Senate Administrative Committee today, I indicated that they would be receiving a request to come forward with nominees for the Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Jill Bargonetti was honored in Washington D.C. on Monday. I had hoped to be able to show you a film clip of that. Hopefully, we will have that at one of the meetings in the future. Again, our congratulations to her and her colleagues, and everyone in her lab.

I want to bring your attention to the ad we ran in *The New York Times* last Sunday. The ad appeared on the back of Education Life, and I will ask Cindy to distribute copies of it. We are very pleased with this first ad, and we will be doing others throughout the year. I will have more to say about the advertising campaign later.

We have not yet received the draft of the Middle States Report, but have been told that we will receive it any day now. The process at this stage is a week for comments on technical errors that might be in the draft. It is then sent back within a few days. They then issue a final report, and as soon as that report gets here it will be widely distributed. This final report will not indicate their recommendations. It is simply the summary report. We still hope that the Middle States Association will reach its recommendations and conclusions by next March.

The Master Plan presentation that you will see in a few minutes is very important. There will be a variety of important issues and interesting points will be raised. Please let us have a focused discussion about it during the next few weeks. It is a very important set of concerns for the College with implications for all of us.

We recently had a reception in honor of Professor George Getzel of the School of Social Work, because he endowed a scholarship fund to support graduate students working in the HIV/AIDS area. My congratulations to him. We are all enhanced with a gift of this type.

At the next meeting I would like to focus my comments on several major political and economic developments and a series of Board initiatives which could have a substantial impact on Hunter College and on how we may, or may not, do business in the future.

Student Accomplishments

I know the tremendous strength we all gather from our students and the feeling of pride we all have when they succeed both here and later in life. We also know that our students have exceptional talents, as well as exceptional circumstances that often make an academic experience difficult. I would like to ask you to listen to just a few of the many accomplishments they have obtained in the past few months. I cannot begin to summarize all the accomplishments, so this is only a representative subset. I am confident that you will be very impressed.

Minutes of 5 November 1997 – Appendix II (continued):

Please join me in congratulating the four winners of the 1997-1998 Presidential Scholarship for Students in the Thomas Hunter Honors Program: Ms. Faith Bitar, Mr. Gregory Farnham, Ms. Bonnie MacSaveny, and Mr. Andres Matias-Ortiz. Mr. Marco Tomaschett was The Celebrating Community Logo Competition Award Winner, whose design you saw throughout the Fall celebration. You can see his design on banners flying over 69th Street and Park Avenue, at the Fine Arts Building, Brookdale, and at the School of Social Work. In addition, Marco was a winner of a 1996 Presidential Scholarship Fellowship. Ms. Vanessa Ruta, an MBRS Student, received a paid internship at Woods Hole, MA. Our two recent Fulbright Scholars, Ms. Dawn Bauer and Mr. Tom Kamersevic, are now teaching in Germany. The Class of 1944 Winners were Ms. Ashley Woo who received an award for the best paper written for an Honors Colloquium, and Ms. Lia Paradis who received an award for graduate school preparation. Ms. Paradis also received a five year graduate scholarship from Rutgers including two years in England. The John Potter Memorial Winner was Ms. Jean Murley who is now at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Let me turn for a few minutes to our athletes. In addition to being an academic power house, Hunter College has the distinction of being an athletic power house. Here are a few highlights from Intercollegiate Athletics. At the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Nigel Franklyn captured the national championship in the triple jump with a leap of 49' 3 ¾ ". Teammate Keyrn Gordon finished 4th in the long jump. Donna Sambone, the CUNYAC Softball Player of the Year, was named to the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association All-Star team after batting .546 and driving in 48 runs. Hunter once again led all CUNY schools with 6 conference titles in 1996-97. Led by our two star performers Rosalie Garziano and Jason Cerge, the Hunter College women's and men's cross country teams captured CUNYAC Cross Country Championships. The women's volleyball team, after a perfect regular season in conference play, won its 11th CUNYAC Championship in 13 years. Krishna Dass was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament for a second consecutive season. The men's soccer team won the CUNYAC regular season championship, is the #1 seed in the conference tournament and is hopeful of an ECAC postseason bid. Women's tennis players Victoria Mericle and Zoya Koroleva earned individual singles titles at the conference championship meet.

Several other students received major honors. English major Emer Martin's first novel *Breakfast in Babylon* received the National Literary Award from the Irish Times. The novel was published by St. Martin's Press this year. Another English major, Mary Lou Penaz, received the Academy of American Poets College Prize this year. Three English majors -- Claudia Dixon, Victoria Eng, Christina Lem -- received English Department awards for creative writing and were given awards by the National Arts Club in a ceremony that included a reading by Frank McCourt. Greg Farnham received the Golden Incentive Playwrighting Award from the Theatre Department and the Andrew and Eleanor McGlinchee Prize for a play from the English Department. Alicia Siebenaler, a senior and Hunter student senator, is currently serving as Director of Student Volunteers for the Guiliani mayoral campaign. Alicia is a double major in political science and philosophy. She interned at City Hall this past summer.

Let's give a round of applause to each of these students. These accomplishments are only a few of the many that our students have achieved in the last few months, but they are indicative of the strength we have at this college. Clearly our challenge as faculty, as advisors, and as leaders in this institution is our responsibility to make sure that Hunter continues to provide the nurturing and challenging environment for individual and group success."

President Caputo concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.