

# THE FACULTY VOICE

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### BRIEFING ON 1992-93 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

On Tuesday, February 11, Vice-President for Administration, Barry Kaufman held a briefing on the proposed Governors 1992-92 Executive Budget for CUNY. Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate Assembly, the Executive Committee of the Hunter College Senate, PSC Grievance Counselor Al Kabot, the Co-Chairs of the FDA Budget Committee, Naomi Miller and Al Bennick, and the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, Randy Filer. President Paul LeClerc joined the group later for a lively exchange.

In a nutshell, the Executive Budget, "reduces State aid for senior colleges by \$74.2 million; cuts community college base aid and programs by \$4.5 million, and recommends a \$500 tuition increase for senior colleges, while reducing State financial aid support for incoming students." A reduction in the CUNY operating budget of \$38.5 million is proposed, with Hunter's share being estimated at approximately \$4 million. The budget does not fund salary increment costs for 1992-93. President LeClerc stated that the college will make every effort to avoid layoffs. However the stringency of the budget might necessitate a reduction of 750 positions within CUNY, 90 of which may be at Hunter. All 1991-92 Legislative Initiatives were eliminated, with the exception of an allocation of \$200,000 for the Governor's AIDS Health Care Workers Project, which is housed at Hunter under the Directorship of Professor Nick Freudenberg, School of Health Sciences.

There is very little good news to relate about this year's proposed budget for CUNY. These are hard times for faculty, students, and administrators alike. These are times when we must work together to discover cost-saving measures and generate creative approaches to the budget dilemma. Quality education must not be sacrificed, despite the magnitude of the cuts, or the apparent disregard for the viability of public higher education exhibited by our elected public officials in the State of New York.

The Executive Committee of The Faculty will continue to work, on a variety of fronts, on behalf of Hunter College during this critical time in the budgetary process.

### COLLEGE PREPARATORY INITIATIVE (CPI)

A Campus forum on the College Preparatory Initiative (CPI), sponsored by The Faculty Delegate Assembly and the Hunter College Senate, will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 4:20 p.m. in Room 714W.

According to the Chancellor's Committee on School Collaboration, the "preeminent goal of the College Preparatory Initiative is to improve the preparation of students entering the University, thereby enabling them to undertake college level work upon admission and to achieve their educational goals in a timely manner." The initiative aims to intensify "ongoing partnership with the Board of Education and to work collaboratively on curriculum and faculty development programs, as well as issues related to improved teacher education programs."

During this open forum, representatives from the Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education will be on campus to present an overview of the CPI proposal, to address issues relating to the initiative, and to answer questions from the floor. This is a marvelous opportunity for faculty to hear firsthand what the CPI is about, to ask questions of individuals who know what the initiative entails, and to make your views known in a timely manner. Be there and hear for yourself.

### LIBRARY TOURS AND CD-ROM WORKSHOPS

During the Spring semester, walk-in library tours and CD-ROM instructional workshops will be offered at Hunter's Main Library. The tours and workshops are open to all Hunter College library users--faculty, students, and staff.

Guided tours will begin at 5:10 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 2:10 p.m. on Wednesdays from the circulation desk. Each session will last approximately 50 minutes and will feature an introduction to the library's CUNY+ on-line catalog and a visit to the 3rd and 4th floor reference centers.

CD-ROM workshops will provide an introduction to the library's newest computer technologies which offer subject access to newspaper, journal, and magazine indexes on Compact-Disc-Read-Only-Memory. CD-ROM workshops will be conducted on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:10 a.m., Tuesdays at 5:10 p.m., and Wednesdays at 2:10 p.m. Sign-up for the workshops at the reference desk on the 3rd floor.

For more information, contact Professor Jean-Jacques Strayer, Coordinator of Library Instruction Program, at 772-4137.



## WORLDS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Last year a group of faculty members decided to organize a series of courses and events to consider the impact of 1492.

The project was called "1492: The Worlds of Our Ancestors." Dean Judith Friedlander, who chaired the committee, wrote that "we hoped to coordinate efforts across Hunter College, in the classroom and beyond, that would reflect the intellectual, political and cultural concerns of our diverse community." Events thus far remain focused on Europe and the Americas. The committee is seeking more participation on behalf of those specializing in other parts of the world.

Toward that end, Dean Friedlander would like to hear from faculty who already include or plan to include in their courses an historical unit dealing with the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Faculty interested in participating in the project, please forward to the Dean Friedlander by February 26, the name of the course you will be teaching in the fall and a sentence or two about the historic unit you plan to include. Let's help good ideas flourish in a climate of collegiality and cooperation.

## LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WAGNER IN ISRAEL AND BAYREUTH** by Gottfried H. Wagner. The Graduate Center, Tuesday, February 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Room 1800.

**GENDER AND HISTORY IN CARIBBEAN FICTION**, by Barbara Webb, Department of English, Hunter College. Thursday, February 27, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Room 1732West (Nondita Mason, Commentator)

**THE IMPACT OF RESEARCH ON RACE AND ETHNICITY ON WOMEN'S STUDIES** by Paula Rothenberg, William Patterson College of New Jersey. The Graduate Center, Monday, March 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Room 1700C. (Dorothy O. Helly, Chair)

**UNDERSTANDING THE SELF** by K.D. Irani, City College. The Graduate Center, Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Room 1700C.

## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought for the following positions on the Executive Committee of The General Faculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly: Treasurer, Evening Session Faculty Representative, and Secretary. The term of office is two years. Seats are also available on the Hunter delegation to the University Faculty Senate.

Faculty interested in seeking any of these positions, or in nominating a colleague, must submit a nomination's petition by March 15, with at least 25 faculty signatures, to Professor Mary Lefkarites, Chair of the Nominations Committee, Rm. 1414E. To obtain a nominating petition contact Prof. Lefkarites or call the FDA at 772-4123.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**PROMOTION SCHEDULE**--Supporting materials should be filed in appropriate Divisional Office no later than March 27. Divisional Personnel and Budget Committee ratings forwarded to the President also by March 27.

**TENURE**--Names of faculty awarded Tenure and CCE during the 1991-92 cycle will be ready for release in March.

**FACULTY EVENTS COMMITTEE**--Carolyn Somerville, Chair of the Faculty Events Committee of The Faculty Delegate Assembly, invites faculty to submit proposals for limited support of faculty-sponsored events for the Spring semester. Proposals should be forwarded to Professor Somerville, Political Science, Room 1719W, as soon as possible.

**FDA SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**--The Executive Committee of the FDA would be delighted to hear from faculty members interested in membership on the Social Activities Committee. We would like to begin planning for at least one faculty gathering before the end of the Spring semester. Let us hear from you at 772-4123.

**COMPUTERS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**--Make plans now to attend a "Conference on Technology in the Freshman Year" to be held May 29 - 31, at the New York Marriott Financial Center Hotel. This conference is co-sponsored by CUNY, The Research Foundation, the National Project on Computers and College Writing, and the National Testing Network. For further information call Max Kirsch at 541-0324.

**HOSPITALIZED**--Catherine Wondolowski, Nursing, remains hospitalized at New York Hospital, following an early January accident. We wish Cathy a speedy recovery.

**RECENTLY APPOINTED**--Marsha Martin, Social Work, is the new Director of the Mayor's Office of Homelessness and Single Room Housing. We wish Marsha well in her new position.

**ON TV**--Phyllis Rubinfeld, Academic Skills, appeared on the talk show "A Closer Look" on February 12. Phyllis spoke on the topic of "Telethons and their Impact on Society."

**FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT**--Margaret Magnus, President of FDA, was asked to participate in a "focus group" that will evaluate the work done so far on Hunter's Administrative Cost Containment project. Meetings are expected to begin soon.

**THE FACULTY VOICE** is produced by the Office of the General Faculty and the Faculty Delegate Assembly. We would like to encourage a more active exchange of ideas, news, views, and opinions among our faculty. Write us letters, and send us information and articles which you would like to have included in forthcoming issues. Let us hear from you!