

# THE FACULTY VOICE

## Newsletter for Hunter College

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### Faculty Orientation Program

The Faculty Delegate Assembly will sponsor its regular orientation program for faculty on Friday, September 7, 1990 in Room 217 W.

At 9:30 coffee and danish will be served in Room 217 West. Presentations will begin at ten o'clock. **President LeClerc**, **Provost Struminger**, **Vice President** and **Dean of Students Sylvia Fishman**, and **Professor Josephine Kirsch**, Chair of the Hunter College Senate, will speak in that first segment. At 10:45 the Deans of Academic Divisions and schools will speak, after which Interdisciplinary Programs will be represented, and at 11:30 Faculty Services, Benefits and Resources will be described.

At 12:30 the new faculty will be guests of the college for luncheon with the chairs of their departments, the Divisional Deans, Program Heads, and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate Assembly.

In the afternoon from 2:15—4:00p.m. in Room 217 West, **Professor Joan Tronto**, Winner of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, will lead a teaching workshop/demonstration. All faculty are invited to all presentations.

### New CUNY Faculty Senators

The following Hunter faculty members were elected to the University Faculty Senate: **Professors Jose Hernandez** (Black and Puerto Rican Studies), **Tom McIntyre** (Special Education), **Kathleen Meier** (Library), **Ruth Rose** (Academic Skills). **Professor Sue Weinberg** (Philosophy) Representative of Part-Time Faculty.

### Executive Committee of FDA

According to the Faculty Delegate Assembly Bylaws the Secretary, Treasurer, and Evening Session representatives are elected in alternate years with the President, Vice-President, Day-Session Representative, and Part-time faculty Representative. The new Secretary of the FDA is **Marnia Lazreg** (Women's Studies). **Milagros Garcia** (Academic Skills) is the new Treasurer. **Jane Matthews** was elected as Evening Representative, but withdrew on account of new responsibilities as Head of the Evening Council.

**Jean Jacques Strayer** (Library), her opposite number in the election, will serve as Evening Representative upon the approval of the Faculty Delegate Assembly in its first meeting of the fall, Wednesday Sept. 19.

### New Names and Titles

**Linda T. Chin**—President LeClerc's Legal Counsel  
**Professor Marc Eichen**—Director of Academic Computing Services  
**Professor Judith Friedlander**—Dean of the Division of Social Sciences  
**Professor Arthur Gunn**—Chief Librarian  
**Dr. Aruna Venkataraman**—Head of Institutional Research

### Price Increase Expected in Faculty Dining Room

**Vice-President of Administration Barry Kaufman** has informed the Faculty Delegate Assembly that college subsidy of the Faculty-Staff Dining Room facilities must be cut back. A ten to fifteen percent price increase is expected to result. A general discussion of the Faculty Club and its membership discounts will need to take place at our FDA Meeting in September.

### Congress of Cybernetics & Systems

The Eighth International Congress of Cybernetics and Systems was held at Hunter College during June 11-14. Three years in the planning it brought speakers and participants from thirty countries, including twenty-one speakers from Russia, who came with souvenirs, chocolates and postcards to share with their hosts and other participants and helpers. This was the first time in the history of the congress that participants came from the Eastern Block Countries: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. The sessions were held mainly in small groups although some workshops were repeated four times in one day to accommodate the numbers. Outstanding scholars, major names in the fields of Philosophy, Mathematics, Biology, Physics and allied sciences spoke on Thursday at the Plenary session; the youngest of this remarkable group of plenary speakers was 70 years old.



## Sexual Harassment Panel Activities Part II

Presentations on Sexual Harassment were made in a number of Hunter courses; panel members engaged in ongoing training sessions for new members; and information on Hunter's Sexual Harassment policies and procedures was prepared for the new editions of Hunter's Faculty Handbook, Student Handbook, and College Catalogue.

There were about 60 informal discussions on sexual harassment held during 1989-90 with students, faculty, and staff who contacted panel members. One informal complaint was made by two students against a faculty member for alleged sexual bias in the conduct of a class. Two formal complaints were investigated by the panel, one brought by a student against a maintenance worker and the other brought by a student against another student. As a result of the panel's investigations and recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs, the maintenance worker had a letter of reprimand placed in his file and was transferred to an assignment where he would not have regular contact with students. The student charged with sexual harassment was suspended from the college after a student disciplinary hearing.

In the fall 1990 the Panel will conduct workshops with the administrative officers of the college and with Department Chairs. A Sexual Harassment Awareness Week will be held early in the fall to continue the education of the Hunter Community in the nature, seriousness, and extent of Sexual Harassment. (Surveys of college campuses have found regularly that 40-70% of women students, undergraduate and graduate, experience some form of Sexual Harassment during their academic careers.)

### Faculty Handbook Report

The Faculty Handbook is virtually complete, undergoing some final checking by authoritative readers. The cover, illustrations, and graphics have been determined and are in the final design phase. It is not expected to be published for the fall 1990 orientation of new faculty.

### International Congress of Women

The Fourth International Congress of Women took place June 3-7 at Hunter College. On Sunday, June 3, Professor Johnetta Cole, President of Spelman College, gave the keynote address at the opening plenary. About two thousand participants attended many workshops. They covered every aspect of Women's Studies, from "Female Work, Industrialization and Technology in the Developing World," chaired by Mariam Chamberlain, featuring six papers by representatives from Brazil, Morocco, Argentina and the USA to "Strategies for Change: Cross-Cultural Viewpoints" chaired by Diane Rothbard Margolis

presenting six papers from India, Egypt, the Philippines, and the USA. "Women's Issues in Japan: Realities and Choices" was chaired by Kazuko Watanabe. Blanche Wiesen Cook facilitated "Women, Peace, and Social Justice." Michele Paludi, Richard Barickman, and Bernice Sandler facilitated a Sexual Harassment roundtable. Rena Subotnik chaired a session on "Mathematics and Computer Education." Dorothy O. Helly chaired a session on "Women in History." The topics included medical health practices, religion, barriers to women's entry into science based professions, public policy, stories, rituals, music and art. Many outstanding women scholars and activists took part in a conference of immense variety.

### Dean of Social Work Search

The Search for a Dean of Social Work has been reopened. The following faculty and students have agreed to serve on the Search Committee:

Faculty—Professor Ruth Sidel (Sociology) Chair  
Professor Carmen Ortiz Hendricks (Social Work)  
Professor Angela Shen Ryan (Social Work)  
Professor Michael Smith (Social Work)  
Professor Joel Walker (Social Work)

Students— Ms. Bella August (one-year residency)

Ms Marly Jeudy (Two-year program)  
Ms. Zola Sizgoric (Two-year program)

### September Calendar

According to the fifteen week schedule for classes, the first day of classes will be August 29th, a Wednesday on which classes will begin at 4 pm and follow a Friday schedule. College is closed on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 3. September 19, a Wednesday, follows a Friday schedule, with no classes scheduled after 4 pm. That day the FDA General Faculty Meeting will be held. Thursday, Sept. 20th and Friday Sept. 21, no classes are scheduled. Friday Sept. 28th no classes are scheduled after 4 pm. Saturday, Sept. 29th, no classes are scheduled. To plan classes and study assignments, we have to keep an eye on this schedule.

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