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A MORE ENDURING SENSE OF "COMMUNITY" SOUGHT AT HUNTER

At campuses across the nation, the quest for "community" is one of the most challenging though elusive concerns facing American colleges and universities today. Like the nation itself, college campuses are becoming increasingly more diverse. With diversity comes the need for open dialogue, social and academic civility, and perhaps more important, the need to establish among the diverse groups that comprise the college community, a "climate" of trust and mutual respect.

This fall at Hunter, President Paul LeClerc named a special Commission on Campus Climate and Relations that he believes will help the college achieve three objectives:

- Help define—and possibly redefine—our shared values as a college community.

- Clarify the ways in which issues on campus can be resolved effectively and harmoniously.

- Encourage dialogue among the various groups that together make up the college.

The Presidential Commission consists of David Hodges (Education Foundations) chair; Shirley Hune (Provost's Office); Annette Ramirez de Arellano (Health Sciences); Kenneth Sherrill (Political Science); Madlyn Stokely (Student Services); Benjamin Ringer (Sociology); Tamara Green (Classics and Oriental Studies); Desmond Eaton (Campus and Security); and Sherril-Anne Lovell (Student).

Of the Commission and its work, Professor David Hodges, stated: "What is most unique and promising about the Hunter College effort on campus climate is that this Commission is being established to help us clarify not just ways to cope, but ways to improve. All too often, initiatives of this sort are launched in an atmosphere of crisis and confusion, outrage and despair. Thus, hardly ever can any really serious attention be given to proactive rather than merely reactive measures."

Professor Hodges continues: "It would be of particular interest to the faculty to point out that Hunter College faculty consists of an uncommon number of persons who are in considerable demand outside of their own college, as consultants and advisors in the public and private sectors on issues of diversity. Many of these faculty members have achieved national prominence assisting other organizations and agencies to develop programs and policies concerning these issues. I've often dreamed of what great good might be achieved if this enormous talent were put to the service of our own institution in constructive ways. The Commission and the activities it will develop will enable this to occur."

The Faculty Delegate Assembly wishes the Presidential Commission well in this important endeavor. We also look forward to further dialogue with Professor Hodges at the October 16, meeting of The General Faculty, which will be held in room 709W, 1:15 - 3:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all Hunter College Faculty.

HUNTER COLLEGE LIBRARY SYSTEM MODERNIZES

After six months of rather hectic activity, under the able leadership of Acting Chief Librarian Professor Thomas Atkins, the shape of the new modernized Hunter library begins to emerge. The first results can be seen in the increased and expanded services to the students and the support for faculty research which the library made its priorities.

The library has been seeded with computer work-stations tied to two Local Area Networks four new CD-ROM databases including MLA, Eric, PsycLit, and Medline, which have been set up on the 3rd and 4th floors. In addition, other free standing computer work-stations provide access to other CD-ROM databases, containing both abstracts of articles and full-text reference sources. Another CD-ROM computer area is being prepared for the 5th floor.

For faculty and graduate students, the library has re-activated On-line Retrieval Service by providing increased access to nearly 500 remote databases in the Dialog and BRS system, as well as free access to Lexis/Nexis and the Dow Jones New Retrieval Service. Also, the library has set up a new Document Delivery Service, which will provide faculty with tables of contents of selected journals and the abstracts or full text of articles requested by the faculty. The library has also critically evaluated its acquisition policies, and for the current academic year has doubled expenditure for monographs and raised the expenditure for multi-cultural materials by twenty-five percent. Also, for the first time the library has begun to enrich its collection by purchasing classical music CD-ROMs and PBS videotapes. In another innovation, to help our financially strapped students, the library has bought all textbooks priced above \$45.00 and put them on reserve. Furthermore, to stimulate reading, the library has initiated a "One Week Loan" service for current fiction and non-fiction books.

The library has also strengthened its instructional program by modernizing its classroom, and by offering lectures, workshops, and access guides to faculty and student users.

Professor Atkins emphasizes that all of this work, "could not be accomplished without the tremendous enthusiasm of the dedicated library staff who embraced the modernization program and made it their own, and the support and encouragement of President LeClerc and Provost Struminger who created this window of opportunity to bring new excellence to the Hunter library."

FACULTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Much of the work The General Faculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly is done through standing and ad hoc committees. Being a member of a faculty committee can provide one with an opportunity to share in important faculty business at Hunter College. Committee membership slates are now being readied. We are pleased to report that our colleagues have shown a lively and enthusiastic interest in committee participation. However, a few vacancies still exist on the following committees: Evening Studies; Social Activities; and Nominations. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please forward your name to the FDA, E1414, or call 772-4123.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

It is a pleasure to recognize our colleagues who were recommended for promotion, effective January 1, 1992.

TO FULL PROFESSOR

Caroline Adkins--Educ. Found.
Gary Anderson--Social Work
Joan Buxbaum--Educ. Found.
Keith Clarke--Geol. and Geog.
Elizabeth Dane--Social Work
Marten denBoer--Physics
Randall Filer--Economics
Marvin Friedman--Biology
Arnold Gibbons--Communications
Steven Greenbaum--Physics
Valerie Jaudon--Art
Brian Naughton--Health Sciences
Michelle Paludi--Psychology
James Pellicer--Romance Lang.
Richard Stapleford--Art
Ida Susser--Health Sciences
William Sweeney--Chemistry
John Mac Wells--Art
Ana Celia Zantella--BI. & PR Studies

TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Jan Edwards--Health Sciences
Teri Haas--Academic Skills
Kimberly Kinsler--Educ. Found.
Avi Liveson--Economics
Estella Majozo--English
Violet Malinski--Nursing
Paul Mueller--Music
Kathleen Nokes--Nursing
Jayne Silberman--Social Work
Alene Smith--Curr. and Teach.
Christina Taharally--Curr. & Teach.
Jewel Thompson--Music
Stewart Weiss--Computer Science

TO SENIOR COLLEGE LAB TECHNICIAN

Richard Belgrave--Chemistry
Maciej Kapczynski--Biology

HUNTER COLLEGE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATORS

The General Faculty Bylaws state that The Faculty Delegate Assembly shall "Act as a coordinating body between the faculty and the University Faculty Senate." Hence the FDA elects faculty senators to represent Hunter on the University Faculty Senate. We would like to let our Hunter community know who our currently elected University Faculty Senators are:

Bernice Baxter--Academic Skills
Cynthia Caroselli-Dervan--Nursing
Marlies Danziger--English
Susan Neville--Nursing
Kathleen Meier--Library
Ruth Rose--Academic Skills
Earl Shaffer--Library
Jane Matthews--Mathematics
Kenneth Sherrill--Political Science
Mary Sullivan--German
Sue Weinberg--Philosophy

We wish to commend each one of our senators for their work on our behalf.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

PROMOTIONS SCHEDULE--Faculty nominations for promotion and requests for individual consideration should be forwarded to the Departmental Personnel and Budget Committee beginning November 25, 1991, and no later than December 6, 1991. It is the individual faculty's responsibility to maintain his/her curriculum vitae and credentials file, with supporting documentation, up-to-date.

PSC-CUNY RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS--The application deadline for PSC-CUNY Research Awards is October 15. New Faculty may submit proposals for "Out-of-Cycle Awards" until December 1, for faculty appointed this Summer of Fall. Contact Mrs. Priscilla Price, at 772-4020, for additional information.

FACULTY EVENTS FUNDING--The Faculty Events Committee, chaired by Professor Carolyn Sommerville, is accepting proposals for limited funding. Guidelines for proposals will be distributed early November. Faculty are encouraged to develop proposals of an interdisciplinary nature which promote community building in a multicultural environment. Professor Sommerville may be reached at 772-5669.

"ONE UNIVERSITY FOR MANY CULTURES"--Sponsored by the CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Professor Marlies Danziger, one of our Hunter Faculty program participants, advises that the registration deadline is October 20. Call Crystal at the University Faculty Senate-794-5538 to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"CULTURE AND FOOD IN AMERICA"--An all day conference for educators and practitioners will be held at the CUNY Graduate Center on Friday, October 18. For more information, call Professor Gordon, Nutrition and Food Science on the Brookdale Campus, at 481-7563.

THE 1991 ALBERT H. BLUMENTHAL MEMORIAL LECTURE--Faculty are invited to attend the Albert H. Blumenthal Memorial Lecture which will be given by The Honorable David N. Dinkins on Monday October 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Hunter College Assembly Hall.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LUNCHTIME SEMINARS--Patricia McDonald announces three lunchtime seminars for October, which are open to faculty and other Hunter employees:

- Oct. 17--"Breast Cancer Awareness and Latest Treatment Modalities"
- October 24--"Parenting Issues for Single Parents"
- October 31--"Selection of Child Care Programs"

These seminars will be held in W 1337.

NEWLY APPOINTED TENURE-TRACK FACULTY--Especially those who missed the New Faculty Orientation on September 6, are reminded of Provost Struminger's "pledge to provide computers for incoming tenure-track faculty who need them for research and teaching."

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 1990--Professor Phyllis Rubinfeld, Department of Academic Skills, recently received an award from Congressman Major R. Owens, Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, in recognition of her "outstanding contributions to the enactment of the world's first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities." We congratulate Professor Rubinfeld on this special award.

CUNY-SUNY LAW SUIT--The CUNY Legal Action Committee of the CUNY Coalition of Concerned Faculty and Staff and the United Federation of Students are bringing an "equal protection" law suit against the State of New York and the Governor involving: (1) disparity in funding between the senior colleges of CUNY and SUNY; and (2) unequal treatment of Associate Degree programs at New York City Technical College and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. For more information contact Camille Rodriguez at 772-5695.

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