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Best Wishes
To Our Colleagues
And Friends
For A Happy
And Healthy
Holiday Season

From The Executive Committee
Of The Faculty Delegate Assembly:

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CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT ON CUNY

ACADEMIC PROGRAM PLANNING

The eagerly awaited "Goldstein Report" on academic planning was released to the President of each CUNY College on Monday, December 7. In transmitting the report to the Presidents, Chancellor Reynolds asked that "they initiate full processes for deliberation at their campuses, in accordance with established governance procedures and in a manner that is consistent with the Committee's recommendation that College faculty and governance bodies have a full opportunity to review the report."

By Tuesday morning, an unabridged copy of the report was in the hands of the various Hunter program and organization heads, including the President of The Faculty Delegate Assembly. Although the distribution was exceptionally timely, it was difficult to do a critical reading of this 160-page document prior to the Plenary session of the University Faculty Senate meeting, which was held on Tuesday evening Dec. 8, at which the Chancellor addressed the report and responded to audience questions for an extended period of time. Most of the faculty attending that meeting had not had an opportunity to see or review the full report. Hence, many of the concerns expressed were related to articles which had appeared in the daily newspapers. Chancellor Reynolds reiterated that the Report "now goes to campuses for a very wide review, under the charge of Presidents," and emphasized the "need for rational review of the entire document," and the establishment of "campus-wide consultative processes." She stated that she is "inviting responses to the Report from each campus by the end of March" 1993.

In his transmittal letter to the Hunter Community, President LeClerc proposed a timetable for responses to the Report, which included a March 10, 1993 response from The Faculty Delegate Assembly. In order to begin the process of faculty consideration, the Executive Committee of the FDA has made available copies of the Report for review in the FDA office, Room 1414E. Efforts are being made to extend the times which the office will be open for this purpose. A major item on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the General Faculty, which will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 1:15 - 3:00 p.m., in Room 217W, is designed to get an initial faculty response to the Report, and to secure faculty input on how to proceed with future deliberations. Professor Sandra Clarkson, Chair of the FDA Academic Policy Committee will facilitate the discussion.

This is a very important time for all of us at Hunter College and as members of the academic community of CUNY. Our voices need to be heard. Each one of us should seek out and grasp opportunities for "rational input" into Hunter's response. We are one of the very few units of the system, whose faculty have access to the full report, at this time. Let us take our responsibility seriously.

FACULTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FUNDING FOR FACULTY-SPONSORED EVENTS

Since 1985, the Office of the Provost has provided funds, through the Faculty Events Committee of The Faculty Delegate Assembly, for the purpose of supporting faculty-sponsored events which will stimulate the intellectual environment of the College community. Such funding can be used for partial support of talks and conferences involving one or more outside speakers, workshops, and similar events, to cover the costs of honoraria, travel for speakers, and publicity. At this time, faculty are invited to apply for limited support by writing a letter to the Faculty Events Committee describing the proposed event. The request should include a description of the nature and date of the event, a detailed budget (including other funding sources if applicable), a description of the expected audience, and a description of the event's expected contribution to the College community.

The Committee welcomes proposals that have an interdisciplinary and College-wide appeal and/or meet the faculty's commitment to pluralism and diversity, excellence in teaching, and the application of scholarship in the classroom. Because of limited funds, grants are not expected to exceed \$400.00 this year.

The Committee expects to meet once during the Fall semester and once or twice during the Spring semester. Proposals may be submitted at any time. However, no proposals will be accepted for funding consideration after March 15, 1993.

Submit proposals directly to:

PROFESSOR CHRISTINA TAHARALLY
FACULTY EVENTS COMMITTEE OF THE FDA
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Happy New Year To All

PLURALISM AND DIVERSITY FUNDS

TARGETED GRANTS--The Provost has announced the allocation of \$10,000.00 for Targeted Grants addressing the Hunter College new pluralism and diversity requirement. These funds are especially earmarked for projects that serve several disciplines/programs or the College as a whole. Deadline for submission of proposals to the Provost's Office is January 20, 1993.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS--The Provost has also announced the allocation of \$40,000 for competitive grants to support projects or activities to enhance cultural pluralism and foster an awareness and understanding of the cultural and attitudinal sources from which prejudice, stereotyping, bigotry, and discrimination derive. Proposals designed to increase an appreciation of the cultural identities, backgrounds, and points of view found among the various groups represented within the Hunter College community and the surrounding areas are encouraged. Deadline for submission of proposals to the Provost's Office is January 29, 1993.

Guidelines for submission of applications for both grants may be secured from the Provost's Office, and questions may be directed to Professor Sheryl Graves, Dept. of Educational Foundations, EXT 4710.

IN MEMORY OF AUDRE LORDE

The faculty of Hunter College were saddened by the death of Professor Audre Lorde on November 17, after a fifteen-year struggle with cancer. In February 1984, when her doctor told her that the cancer had metastasized, she wrote in her diary, "The struggle with cancer now informs all of my days, but it is only another face of that continuing battle for self-determination and survival that Black women fight daily, often in triumph." Later on she writes, "I want to write down everything I know about being afraid, but I'd probably never have enough time to write anything else. Afraid is a country where they issue us passports at birth and hope we never seek citizenship in any other country. The face of afraid keeps changing constantly, and I can count on that change. I need to travel light and fast, and there's a lot of baggage I'm going to have to leave behind me." In 1985, when "it felt like the axe was falling," Audre wrote, as she continued her valiant struggle, "I want to live the rest of my life, however long or short, with as much sweetness as I can decently manage, loving all the people I love, and doing as much as I can of the work I still have to do." Our colleague has passed on leaving behind a legacy for all of us to cherish.

FACULTY NOTICES

WINTER COMMENCEMENT--Graduation ceremonies for students completing their degrees this semester will be held at Hunter College on Thursday, January 28, 3:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend the ceremony, especially if your students are participating.

INTERCESSION--Classes for the Spring semester are scheduled to begin on Friday, January 29. For full-time faculty, the period between Fall and Spring semester is not considered a vacation period. Hence faculty should be available, as needed, for departmental and college-wide activities, as well as spending time on course preparation, curriculum development, research, and other scholarly concerns.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PANEL--Professor Susan Lees, Department of Anthropology, has been named Chair of Hunter's Sexual Harassment Panel. In brief introductory remarks to the faculty at the November Faculty Delegate Assembly meeting, Professor Lees spoke of the need to re-examine existing practices relating to the handling of alleged sexual harassment incidents and to establish and disseminate guidelines, within the Hunter Community, which will help in the prevention of incident occurrences.

LET'S COMMUNICATE--In cooperation with the Communications Committee of The Faculty Delegate Assembly, Professor Magnus, President of the FDA, would like to begin a system of E-Mail communications within the faculty. However, it has been found that individual CUNYVM "userid" may not be released without the permission of the user. Therefore, we are requesting that those faculty who would like to be part of a communication system, please forward your "userid" to Professor Magnus at MAMHC@CUNYVM.CUNY.EDU. You may also forward your address to her at X4124 or in writing to the FDA Office, Room 1414E. As a point of information, faculty may obtain an application to establish a mainframe account and secure a "userid" by contacting HC Academic Computing Services, EXT 5525