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Presidential Faculty Awards

Our congratulations go to our colleagues who are the recipients of the 1996 Hunter College Presidential Awards for Excellence. They will receive their award recognition at the Annual Honors Convocation on May 15th:

- ◆ For Excellence in Teaching:
Murray Lichtenstein, Associate Professor
of Classical and Oriental Studies
(Hebrew)
- and -
Pamela Mills, Associate Professor of Chemistry
- ◆ For Excellence in Scholarship:
Timothy Bromage, Associate Professor of Anthropology
- ◆ For Excellence in Service:
Janet Poppendieck, Associate Professor of Sociology
- and -
Director, Center for Study of Family Policy

Let's all come to the Honors Convocation to give them a round of applause.

1996-1997 FDA and General Faculty Meetings

Delegates please note that we shall continue to hold our Faculty Delegate Assembly and General Faculty meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:15-3:00p.m, according to the following schedule; and unless otherwise notified, meetings will be held in Room 709 West:

Fall Semester

Wednesday, September 18--General Faculty

Wednesday, October 16-- FDA

Wednesday, November 20 --FDA

Wednesday, December 18 -- General Faculty

Spring Semester

Wednesday, February 19-- General Faculty

Wednesday, March 19 -- FDA

Wednesday, April 16 -- General Faculty

Wednesday, May 21 -- FDA

Spring Commencement and Honors Convocation

Mark your calendar for the always exciting graduation ceremonies scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th (Humanities & Arts, Sciences & Mathematics and Education) and Wednesday, June 5th (Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Social Work and Nursing), both in the Assembly Hall at 3:00 p.m.

In addition, please note that the Annual Hunter College Honors Convocation will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15th. These are good occasions to put on your gown and celebrate our colleagues and graduates.

Candidates for Chief Librarian

The four finalists for Chief Librarian of Hunter College were on campus during the weeks of April 15th and April 22nd to meet with faculty, students and staff, including representatives from the FDA, Senate, PSC and HEO Council.

They are, alphabetically:

G. Edward Evans, University Librarian at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He has a M.A. in Library Science from the University of Minnesota and a Ph. D. in Library Science from the University of Illinois.

Barbara M. Jones, Director of the Library at Union College of Union University in Schenectady, New York. She has an M.A.T. in English from Northwestern University; an M.A. in English Literature from the University of Cincinnati; an M.L.S. from Columbia University; an M.A. in History from New York University; and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Minnesota.

James L. Mullins, Director of Library Services and former Acting Director, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University at South Bend. He has a M.A. in Library Science from the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. in Library Administration from Indiana University.

Louise S. Sherby, Assistant Director for Public Services at the Nichols Library of the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She has a M.A. in Librarianship from the University of Denver and a D.L.S. from the Columbia University School of Library Service.

The Search Committee, chaired by Dean Evelyn Gioiella (Nursing), has made its recommendations to President Caputo who will make his selection from among the finalists put forward by the Committee.

Candidates for Vice-President

The six finalists for Vice-President for Administration were on campus during the period March 28th through April 12th to meet with faculty, students and staff, including representatives from the FDA, Senate, PSC and HEO Council.

They are, alphabetically:

Bruce Baron, Vice-President for Administrative Services at Nicholet Area Technical College in Wisconsin. He has a M.S. in Education Administration from City College, CUNY.

David Burdette, Vice-President for Administration at SUNY College at Fredonia, New York. He has a M.B.A. from SUNY at Buffalo.

Sylvia Fishman, Acting Vice-President for Administration at Hunter College, CUNY. She has an M.S. from Hunter College and an Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Donald Peters, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Associate Provost for Enrollment Services, Wright State University in Ohio. He has an M.A. in Public Administration from Northeastern University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts.

Stanley Kardonsky, Vice-President for Finance and Management at Buffalo State College in New York. He has a M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in Physical and Nuclear Chemistry from the City University of New York.

John Underwood, Executive Vice-President for Administration at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He has a M.S. in Counseling from Ohio University and an Ed.D. in Higher Education and Human Behavior from Indiana University.

The Search Committee, chaired by Dean Erwin Fleissner (Science and Mathematics) has made its recommendations to President Caputo who will now make his selection from among the finalists.

Workplace Safety and Health

Faculty have brought to the FDA's attention their increasing concern about environmental safety and health issues on the several campuses of the College. In response to faculty interest and anxiety we are pleased to provide further information on Hunter's activity in this arena.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) was established at Hunter College in 1989 under the Vice-President for Administration and is responsible for various issues that pertain to OSHA and environmental codes. Under the direction of Fran Erlitz, the office works closely with the Office of Facilities Management and those departments in which employees are exposed to various hazards. This involves the training of workers and monitoring their exposures to set limits that are mandated by OSHA. Quite often testing is done with recommendations

that involve the substitution of less hazardous products, removing the worker from the work area, introducing engineering controls to minimize exposure, and providing personal protective equipment. The office has actively established a College Asbestos Control Program to recognize, test and plan action in areas that contain asbestos containing material that has been disturbed. This most often involves Facilities' workers who are required to disturb the material in order to complete their repairs.

Laboratories in the sciences are monitored for the hazards they present to the workers, support staff and the surrounding College community. This involves training lab personnel in issues of safety and recommending to them the means to minimize their exposure. Laboratories are inspected for compliance with OSHA, the New York City Fire Department and other agencies that have jurisdiction over chemical storage and use. The radiation safety program operates also from this office and monitors those researchers who are active in the use of these materials. In addition, programs exist for the collection and disposal of chemical, biological and radioactive hazardous wastes.

The office also regularly addresses the issue of indoor air quality by responding to complaints individually, examining the problem and making necessary recommendations. Over the years several building surveys have been performed by outside companies, determining design flaws and how best to deal with them with localized testing to identify specific problems. Indoor air issues require the cooperation of the Office of Facilities Management and EHS working closely together not only to identify each situation but to make recommendations to diminish the discomfort, or, with financial assistance from Dormitory Authority, correct the problem.

Some issues that may get further attention fall into categories of office ergonomics or the physical design of office work space. This typically involves employees who spend a great deal of time in front of VDTs and attempts to address such issues as eye strain, back and neck stress, and repetitive motion, especially for the neck, wrists, and hands.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety relies on the patience and cooperation of faculty and staff at the College to assist in implementing suggested recommendations and our colleagues at EHS strive to establish workable solutions for everyone. Faculty and staff who have identified problems that they wish to bring to Ms. Erlitz's attention may contact her at x4462 (Room 1708-E).

Nota Bene

The announcement of the Hunter grantees of New Visions Grant awards (in the February issue of The Faculty Voice) omitted a faculty name. Please note that the New Visions human rights grant was given jointly to Professors Jack Hammond (Sociology) and Margaret Crahan (History). Again, our congratulations.

College Calendar for Fall

Senior Registrar Yechiel (Jerry) Rosenrauch has announced that the Hunter College academic calendar for the forthcoming Fall 1996 Semester has been approved, and the highlights are noted below so that faculty can begin to make plans for the term ahead.

August 15-26 = Fall term registration
(Except Fridays)

August 30 = First day of classes

September 2 = Labor Day, College Closed

September 13-14 = No Classes

September 17 = Classes follow Monday's
Schedule

September 23 = No Classes

October 9 = Classes follow Monday's
Schedule

October 14 = Columbus Day Observed,
College Closed

November 28-30 = Thanksgiving Recess,
College Closed

December 16-23 = Final Week for Fall, 1996

December 24-31 = Winter Recess, No Classes

Award for Adjuncts Approved

Presidential Awards for Excellence are given to full-time faculty each year (see "Presidential Faculty Awards," page 1) in recognition of excellence in service, scholarship and teaching. However, part-time faculty have never been eligible for these awards. Given the central role that adjunct faculty play in the classroom, and in the life of the College, the Faculty Delegate Assembly urged the Provost and President to approve a parallel Award for Excellence for which only part-time faculty would be eligible.

We are delighted to note that Provost Schor supported this suggestion in her recommendations to the President, and that President Caputo has approved the new award,

effective 1997. Given that the primary function of adjunct faculty at Hunter College is teaching, the new prize will be an additional Annual Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching for which adjunct faculty (with four or more semesters of service) may apply. Details will be forthcoming.

The FDA would like to thank the Provost and the President for their responsiveness as well as their continuing support and recognition of the pivotal role that adjunct faculty play at Hunter College.

Hunter's Retrenchment Committee

In accordance with the Guidelines of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, subsequent to their declaration once again on March 25, 1996 of "financial exigency" for the CUNY senior colleges, Hunter President David A. Caputo announced his appointment of an Ad Hoc College-Wide Retrenchment Committee. This Committee, which Dr. Caputo chairs, is responsible for developing a written College Retrenchment Plan to be distributed to the College community for comment through department chairpersons, and directors of non-academic College programs. The proposed plan will be reviewed by the College's Affirmative Action Officer who will prepare an affirmative action impact statement; and, when revisions deemed appropriate from all campus comments and reviews are completed, the final Hunter College report and recommendations will be forwarded to the Chancellor of the University for her consideration and, if necessary, Board action.

The following are the 24 members of the Hunter College community who have been appointed to the 1996 Retrenchment Committee:

- David A. Caputo, President (Chair)
- *Richard Churchill, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences and Statistics
- *Kevin Farley, Admin. Superintendent, Facilities Management & Planning
- *Sylvia Fishman, Acting Vice-President for Administration
- Michelle Gonzalez, Undergraduate Student Government President
- *Sherryl Graves, Assoc. Professor and Chair, Dept of Educational Foundations
- Barbara Hampton, Professor of Music and Chair, Hunter College Senate
- Julio Hernandez-Delgado, Assistant Professor, Hunter College Library
- *Carlos Hortas, Dean of Humanities & Arts
- *Frank Kirkland, Assoc. Professor of Philosophy
- Herbert Krauss, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Psychology
- *Paul Kurzman, Professor of Social Work and President, Hunter College Faculty
- Nondita Mason, Professor of English

Committee are Linda Chin, Legal Counsel and Labor Designee and Cin Heilberger, Executive Assistant to the President.

- *William Mendez, Jr., HEO and Affirmative Action Officer
- Anthony Mills, Graduate Student Government President
- Pamela Mills, Assoc. Professor of Chemistry
- *Anthony Miserandino, Director, Hunter College Campus Schools
- Gloria Ramos, HEO Associate, School of Nursing
- Diane Rendon, Assoc. Professor of Nursing
- *Laura S. Schor, Senior Vice-President and Provost
- *Hugh Scott, Dean of Programs in Education
- *Kenneth Sherrill, Professor of Political Science
- Madlyn Stokely, HEO Associate, Office of Student Services
- *Stephen Zoloth, Acting Dean, School of Health Sciences

* = Also served as well on the 1995 Retrenchment Committee

Starting on April 18th, the Retrenchment Committee has met regularly with a goal of having a preliminary plan ready for campus-wide discussion by mid-May. Serving ably as staff to the

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