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Presidential Faculty Awards

Our congratulations go to our colleagues who are the recipients of the 1998 Hunter College Presidential Awards for Excellence. At the suggestion of the FDA, awards for Excellence in Teaching were given to meritorious adjunct (as well as full-time) faculty for the second time this year. Awardees received their recognition at the Annual Honors Convocation on April 1st:

* For Excellence in Teaching:

- Marcia Eckert, Adjunct Lecturer, Music
- Margaret Stanek-Fiore, Adjunct Lecturer, English
- Bonnie Seegmiller, Assoc. Professor, Psychology

* For Excellence in Scholarship:

- Laurel Eckhardt, Professor, Biology

* For Excellence in Service:

- Jewel Thompson, Professor, Music

Congratulations one and all!

College Calendar for Fall

Senior Registrar Yechiel (Jerry) Rosenrauch has announced that the Hunter College academic calendar for the forthcoming Fall 1998 Semester has been set, and the highlights are noted below so that faculty can begin to make plans for the term ahead:

Aug. 31 First Day of Classes, Fall '98

Sept. 7 Labor Day, College Closed
Sept. 21, 22 **No Classes**
Sept. 23 Classes follow Monday's Schedule
Sept. 29, 30 **No Classes**

Oct. 12 Columbus Day, College Closed

Nov. 26-29 Thanksgiving Recess, College Closed

Dec. 16 Last Day of Classes, Fall Semester
Dec. 17-23 Final Examinations
Dec. 24-31 Winter Recess, **No Classes**

Jan. 1 New Year's Day, College Closed
Jan. 4 Final Examinations (con't)
Jan. 18 M.L.King Jr. Day, College Closed
Jan. 26 Winter Commencement
Jan. 28 First Day of Classes, Spring '99

June Commencement

Faculty should mark their calendar for the exciting graduation ceremonies scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3rd** (Humanities & Arts, Sciences & Mathematics and Education) and **Thursday, June 4th** (Social Sciences, Health Professions and Social Work), in the Assembly Hall. The Commencement speakers will be Geraldine Ferraro (June 3rd) and Manning Marable (June 4th).

GERALDINE FERRARO served for three terms as a Queens Congress member in the U.S. House of Representatives, and in 1984 she was the first woman vice-presidential candidate on a national

party ticket. From 1994-1996 Ms. Ferraro served as U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, and she currently works as the co-host of Crossfire on CNN.

MANNING MARABLE is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University. Among his best known books are Black Liberation in Conservative America, Black American Politics, Beyond Black and White and Speaking Truth to Power. One of the most widely read black intellectuals in America, Dr. Marable is currently completing a political biography of Malcolm X.

Receiving honorary doctorates on June 3rd will be Clive Callender and Blanche Blank. Dr. CALLENDER is Leftall Professor (and Vice-Chair) of the Department of Surgery at Howard University Medical College where he directs the University Hospital Transplant Center. A 1959 graduate of Hunter College, in 1963 he graduated as the top ranking student at Meharry Medical School. Dr. BLANK is known to us all for her years of service (beginning in 1953) as a Professor of Political Science, Dean of Social Sciences and Acting President (1993-1995) of Hunter College--of which she is a proud graduate. An expert on urban politics, political clubs and federal grand juries, Dr. Blank is a distinguished member of the Hunter community.

Receiving honorary doctorates on June 4th will be Gordon Parks and Floria Lasky. Mr. PARKS is an acclaimed poet, film maker, novelist and composer who is perhaps best known as among the most esteemed photojournalists of our time. One of the early photographers for Life and Vogue, Mr. Parks is currently an octogenarian and a living legend. He is the director of six films, including Shaft, and the author of 15 books of fiction, notably The Learning Tree. Ms. LASKY is the chairperson of the Hunter College Foundation and a distinguished alumna (Phi Beta Kappa) of Hunter College. Graduating first in her class at NYU Law School, she rose to become a senior partner of a New York law firm and a lecturer on entertainment law at NYU and Rutgers University Schools of Law.

Put on your cap and gown. This is a graduation you won't want to miss!

Arts & Sciences Dean

After reviewing more than eighty applications, The Search Committee for a Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences invited five finalists to the campus for a tour, and for interviews with all constituencies of the College. After receiving comments and feedback, the Search Committee, under the leadership of Dean Evelyn Gioiella, will make its recommendations to President Caputo. On-campus meetings with the finalists--Drs. Gerald Benjamin, Timothy Carter, Ann Cohen, Richard Kamber and Gary Reichard -- are scheduled to be completed by May 12th.

New Staff Directors Appointed

Upon the conclusion of a search process [see Faculty Voice, 3/98, p.3.], directors have been selected for the new positions of Director of Continuing Education and Director of Distance Learning of Hunter College.

Current International English Language Institute (IELI) leader Deborah Leccese-Harris has been chosen as the College's first Continuing Education Director. Ms. Leccese Harris has been at Hunter since 1975, initially as Assistant to the Dean of the former School of General Studies and the Center for Lifelong Learning. In 1991 she became the overall director of the IELI. Ms. Leccese-Harris holds a masters degree in College Counseling from Hunter College.

As Director of Continuing Education, Ms Leccese-Harris will continue to have overall responsibility for the IELI, as well as for developing professional and certificate programs in continuing education. Her current Associate Director, Alison Rice, will take on the daily responsibility for IELI functions, ably assisted by Don Linder. Ms. Leccese-Harris welcomes feedback and proposals for future continuing education offerings and can be reached at x4301, or, dleccese@hejira.hunter.cuny.edu.

Interim Distance Learning Center Director Lisa M. Decker has been recommended for appointment as permanent Director. Under overall auspices of the College's OICIT, Dr. Decker will have

responsibility for Hunter's T-3 videoconferencing facility at 79th Street, and CUNY's T-1 based videoconferencing component at the 68th Street Campus. The uptown center has full motion capability, using broad-band fiber optic and ISDN outputs; the main campus facility is connected to a satellite dish and is linked through CUNY's Media Distribution System to other CUNY colleges and administrative offices.

Prior to coming to Hunter in 1996 as interim director, Dr. Decker served for three years as project manager of a federally funded distance learning center (The Interactive Teaching Network) at the University of Georgia. She holds a masters degree in rehabilitation counseling from Kent State and a Ph.D. in marketing from Virginia Commonwealth University. Colleagues interested in learning more about her plans for distance learning are invited to the May 20th meeting of the FDA when she will be doing an invitational presentation.

Search for Assistant Deans

A search has begun for the appointment of two Assistant Deans in Hunter's new School of Arts & Sciences. Candidates for these positions must be tenured Associate or Full Professors. A résumé and letter of interest should be sent to Provost Laura Schor (1701-E) by May 20th.

Responsibilities of the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Opportunities

will encompass the day-to-day operation of the academic area as well as the enhancement and support of undergraduate opportunities, including interdisciplinary programs. The Search Committee for this position is composed of Professors Isabel Pinedo (Film & Media), Cullen Schaffer (Computer Science) and Jason Young (Psychology); and, Barbara Barone (Mathematics) and a student.

Responsibilities of the Assistant Dean for Research Planning and Facilities

will include the administrative, budgetary and planning issues related to research and laboratory instruction. The Search Committee for this position

is composed of Professors Laurel Eckhardt (Biology) and Roseanne Flores (Psychology); and, Robert Buckley (Research Administration), Chief CLT Renato Tonelli (Film & Media) and a student.

Faculty-Staff Lounge

The Faculty-Staff Lounge (8-West) will be open for relaxation and refreshments (2-5 p.m.) through May 18th and then will close until Fall.

Strategic Planning Underway

President David A. Caputo has announced his appointment of a Strategic Plan Committee for the College, composed of representatives of the many constituencies of the Hunter community. The goal of the Committee is to produce -- with the broadest possible campus and public participation -- a strategic plan which he can consider for implementation. Toward this end, the Committee will establish strategic parameters for planning, develop a clear list of priorities with respect to current academic programs, and then recommend a matching of resources to priorities.

The following persons have been appointed to the Strategic Plan Committee:

- Audrey Berman, HEO Asst, Office of Admissions
- Eugenie Birch, Professor, City & Regional Planning, University of Penn.
- David A. Caputo (ex-officio), President, Hunter College
- Gabriele Evertz, Adjunct Asst. Prof., Art
- Sylvia Fishman, Vice-President, Student Affairs
- Evangelos Gizis, Vice-President, Administration
- Helene Goldfarb, President, Hunter Alumnae Association
- Barbara Hampton, Professor, Music, and Chair, Hunter College Senate
- Daniel Haywood, Undergraduate Student Association Representative
- Gary Krasilovsky, Assoc. Prof., Health Professions
- Paul Kurzman, Professor, Social Work, and President, Hunter College Faculty

- Veronica Lee, CUNY Admin. Asst., Div. of Social Sciences
- Louis Mangone, Hunter College Foundation Board Member
- Pamela Mills, Assoc. Prof., Chemistry
- Laura Schor, Provost and Committee Chairperson
- Elaine Walsh, Assoc. Prof., Urban Affairs
- Stuart Zimble, Univ. Student Senate Rep., Graduate Student Assn.

The Committee will be holding its first meeting on May 22nd. Its final work product -- The Strategic Plan for Hunter College -- will be submitted for review and ratification to both the Hunter College Senate and the Faculty Delegate Assembly this fall semester.

Tempora mutata sunt, et nos mutamur cum illis!

Arts & Sciences Recommendations

President Caputo has reviewed and approved recommendations forwarded to him by the Arts and Sciences Restructuring Committee [see Faculty Voice, 12/97, p. 3] chaired by Provost Schor. Here the FDA has summarized for the faculty the position descriptions and the main responsibilities for those who will serve in the four principal administrative positions in the new School of Arts & Sciences of Hunter College:

* **Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences**

The Dean is responsible for the execution of College policy and budgetary oversight in accord with CUNY policy. The Dean reports to the Provost and is a member of the Deans' Council and the President's Cabinet. The dean is expected to provide leadership in a wide variety of initiatives including regular review and oversight of Departments and Interdisciplinary Programs; developing a framework for outcomes assessment including an evaluation of College distribution requirements; and, engaging a broad constituency of faculty, staff and students in school-wide planning. Specific responsibilities of the position include:

- Chair (non-voting) three P & B Committees (one each from the former Divisions)
- Chair the School-wide Curriculum Committee
- Chair the Dean's Advisory Committee
- Chair the Graduate Study Committee of the

School of Social Work

- Provide advice and foster the development of effective department chairs
- Consult with chairs as necessary
- Recommend to Provost and President use of overhead funds as recommended by the Assistant Dean of Research and Facilities
- Review and sign appointments, reappointments, leave requests, and evaluations for full-time faculty and staff, including promotion and tenure actions
- Review and final approval of all grant proposals
- Review and sign Multiple Position and ISA Reports
- Review Graduate Admissions applications and Change of Grade forms upon recommendation of the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
- Review and approve program review(s)
- Review and approve line requests and allocations
- Consult, review and approve new faculty appointments
- Foster faculty teaching development, reviewing chairs' evaluations to ensure proper guidance is provided
- Represent the School in the President's Cabinet meetings, the Provost's Deans' Council meetings, FP&B, and appropriate Senate committees
- Work with Institutional Advancement to maintain the interest of alumni and donors, within CUNY and at national meetings
- Review and implement Affirmative Action policy in coordination with the Director of Affirmative Action

* **Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Opportunities**

The Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Opportunities shall be appointed by the Dean to a two-year renewable term and will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the academic area as well as enhancing undergraduate opportunities, working with Student Services and other offices, and chairing an Interdisciplinary Program Council. In addition:

- Chair the Interdisciplinary Council
- Support existing interdisciplinary programs (Religion, TH Honors, Asian-American, Environmental Energy Policy, Latin American/Caribbean, and Women's Studies) and foster discussion of the creation of new programs

- Develop model faculty advising programs
- Review and pursue outside funding opportunities for student enhancement
- Work with directors of MARC, MBRS, COR, and MELLON programs
- Work with Career Development and Urban Outreach offices to expand student opportunities for internships
- Increase visibility and student awareness of opportunities, honors and awards
- Review and develop student opportunities for study abroad
- Work with Chairs to implement adjunct allocations
- Review and manage school-wide enrollment and course offerings to ensure attention is paid to prerequisite needs of professional degree students
- Liaison with professional programs to ensure that needs for pre-professional courses and counseling are met
- Assist the Dean to develop the agenda for the Curriculum Committee
- Review and sign Graduate Admissions Applications after approval of appropriate department committee
- Review and sign Change of Grade forms after approval of instructor and department chair
- Work with departments and Office of Admissions to facilitate recruitment of new students

***Assistant Dean for Research Planning and Facilities**

The Assistant Dean for Research Planning and Facilities shall be appointed by the Dean to a two-year renewable term and will be responsible for administrative, budgetary, and planning related to research, as well as matters associated to laboratory instruction. In consultation with the Dean, and working with the Dean of Research, the Assistant Dean will facilitate and coordinate development of multi-investigator projects and programs, and manage existing programs as required. In addition:

- Review and recommend action to the Dean on all grant proposals
- Review monthly all requests for expenditures from indirect costs funds in proportion to the source of funding and recommend expenditure to the Dean
- Recommend action on grants which require matching funds

- Develop and review research and classroom laboratory renovations and improvements, in consultation with Facilities Management
- Plan, develop and track start-up funding for new faculty
- Advise on distribution of OTPS for the laboratory sciences
- Work with Research Administration and the Dean of Research, as needed

***Assistant to the Dean for Personnel and Budget**

- Review and sign all Adjunct appointments
- Review all appointment, reappointment, promotion and tenure files for completeness
- Review all materials for P&B Committee meetings
- Review all Multiple Position and ISA Reports
- Manage the distribution of OTPS, Adjunct and TS monies, and monitor expenditures on a monthly basis
- Maintain database on allocations, and on full-time personnel, with Office of Provost
- Work with Budget Office and Institutional Advancement to maintain records of gift accounts for the School
- Other duties as assigned by the Dean

Moreover, the following Committees and Council will be formed:

***Committees/Council**

- The School's Advisory Committee will be composed of departmental chairs and will meet monthly (or as needed) with the Dean to discuss important issues; and, to work on areas of pedagogy, space, research and other matters of common concern. Two members of the Interdisciplinary Council will be added to the School's Advisory Committee.
- The Curriculum Committee will include a faculty member from each department, as well as two faculty representatives from the interdisciplinary programs.
- The Interdisciplinary Council shall recommend two faculty members to the Dean to sit on the Curriculum Committee and the Advisory Committee for two year terms.
- The Interdisciplinary Council should consist of the directors of all the interdisciplinary programs (6),

plus four faculty with demonstrated interest in interdisciplinary studies, to be recommended by the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, and approved by the Dean.

1998-1999 FDA and General Faculty Meetings

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

Fall Semester

Wednesday, September 16--General Faculty

Wednesday, October 21-- FDA

Wednesday, November 18--FDA

Wednesday, December 16--General Faculty

Spring Semester

Wednesday, February 17--General Faculty

Wednesday, March 17--FDA

Wednesday, April 21--General Faculty

Wednesday, May 19--FDA

Advisory Group Appointed

President Caputo has established a Reorganization Advisory Group which will meet with him on a quarterly basis "to discuss issues of concern and related matters regarding the various campus reorganization efforts." Included in the advisory body's review and purview will be Hunter's new School of Arts and Sciences, Office of Instructional Computing and Information Technology (OICIT) and School of the Health Professions. Members of the Reorganization Advisory Group are: Professors Barbara Hampton (Music), Mary Ramshorn (Nursing), William Sweeney (Chemistry), Christina Taharally (Curr. & Teaching) and Barbara Welter (History); and, Martin Dornbaum (Health Professions), Martin Fine (Social Sciences), Yechiel

Rosenrauch (Registrar), Irene Schaefer (Social Work) and Julio Vasquez (Facilities Management).

Deputy Chief Appointed

With the retirement of Deputy Chief Librarian Tom Jennings, Chief Librarian Louise Sherby announced the following changes were implemented, effective February 1, 1998. Professor Pamela Wonsek has been named Deputy Chief Librarian, and Professor Danise Hoover the Associate Librarian for Public Services. Linda Dickinson has been appointed Head of Reference and Professor Jean-Jacques Strayer as Deputy Head of Reference. Congratulations. One can see that we are in good hands!

Endowed Chairs Filled

Two senior members of the Hunter College faculty have been appointed this semester to newly endowed chairs. Biology Professor Marie Filbin has been appointed to the Hesselbach Chair of Biological Sciences in recognition of her seminal research on the role of a myelin-associated glycoprotein as an inhibitor of the regeneration of nerve axons. Her studies may have direct relevance to reversing spinal cord injury.

In addition, Art Professor Vincent Longo has been selected as the first appointee to the Caroff Chair in the Fine Arts. Professor Longo, a prominent graphic artist and printmaker, established the graphic arts program at Hunter and has been a leader in the studio arts both at Hunter College and nationally.

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