

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
13 February 2002

- 1 The 410th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 PM in Room W714.
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3 **Presiding:** Alan Hausman, Chair
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5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.
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7 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.
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9 **Minutes:** The Minutes of December 5th, 12th, and 19th were approved as distributed.
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11 **Report by the** A summary statement of President Raab's report is attached as Appendix II.
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14 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
15 **Administrative**
16 **Committee:** Special Election to fill vacant Senate seats
17 He presented the nomination of May Lee (undeclared) for one of the vacant seats on the Senate
18 reserved for students.
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20 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
21 The motion carried and Ms. Lee was elected to the Senate.
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23 Approved Curriculum Changes
24 The following curriculum changes as listed in the reports dated December 19th and February
25 13th were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information:
26 Items US-1223 (Black & Puerto Rican Studies), US-1224 and US-1225 (Romance
27 Languages), US-1226 (Sociology), and UR-1231 (English/Women's Studies).
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29 Resolution Changing Committee Name
30 The following resolution was on the floor:
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32 WHEREAS, the new General Education Requirement has been in effect since Fall 2001,
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35 WHEREAS, the Pluralism & Diversity Requirement is part of the General Education
36 Requirement; therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED, that the name of the *Review Commission on the Distribution and*
39 *Pluralism & Diversity Requirements* be changed to *Review Commission on the General*
40 *Education Requirement*.
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42 After discussion it was moved that the resolution be recommitted. The motion carried.
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48 Resolution Reaffirming Academic Freedom

49 The following resolution was on the floor:

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51 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate strongly endorses the 1981 Board of
52 Trustees statement that "the University pledges diligently to safeguard the constitutional
53 rights of freedom and expression, freedom of association, and open intellectual inquiry of
54 the faculty, staff, and the students of the University," and we call upon the Chancellor and
55 the Board of Trustees of CUNY to reaffirm it.

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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in this time of national distress when threats to
58 academic freedom are becoming more prevalent, the Hunter College Senate, along with the
59 University Faculty Senate and the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders, affirms the full
60 AAUP Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

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62 After discussion Professor Wallach moved that the motion be amended by changing the second
63 paragraph to read as follows: "...full AAUP Statement of Principle on Academic Freedom and
64 Tenure, Section on Academic Freedom."

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66 After discussion the question on the motion to amend was called and carried. The motion to
67 amend was approved by hand vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.

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69 It was moved that the question be divided. The motion was defeated.

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71 After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by deleting the following words:
72 "along with the University Faculty Senate and the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders."

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74 After further discussion it was moved that the motion be tabled. The motion was defeated.

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76 After discussion the question on the motion to amend was called and carried. The motion to
77 amend was approved and became part of the main motion on the floor.

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79 The main motion as amended was approved by hand vote.


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81 It was moved that the meeting time be extended by five minutes for New Business. The motion
82 carried by hand vote.

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84 After discussion it was moved that the Administrative Committee be requested to draft a
85 resolution for consideration at the next Senate meeting that opposes the Board of Trustees'
86 proposal to institute a technology fee for students as well as their proposal to eliminate the
87 tuition-free last semester.

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89 After discussion the motion was defeated.

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91 Because of the late hour it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and
92 the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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94 Respectfully submitted,

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96 Pam Mills,
97 Secretary
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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

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| Anthropology | William Parry Jonathan Shannon "E" | Social Work | Paul Kurzman Elizabeth Danto Glynn Rudich |
| Art | Gabriele Evertz "E" Katy Siegel Nari Ward | Special Education | Thomas McIntyre |
| Black & P. R. Studies | Juan Flores | Theatre | Barbara Bosch |
| Chemistry | Pamela Mills William Sweeney | Urban Affairs | Jill Gross |
| Classical & Oriental Studies | Rivka Friedman | Administration | Dean Robert Marino Dean Bogart Leashore |
| Economics | Howard Chernick Michael Schleifer Avi Liveson Mark Weinstock | Students | |
| Educational Foundations | Gess LeBlanc Jeanne Weiler | Anna Hristova Imran Chowdhury Charmaine Francis Cowan Cheron Bevin Bulloche Maya Cohen Tov Lutzker Yevgeniy Tereshchenko Ann McGowan Matthew Gardiner Kelly Whitehead Mohammed Kraish Deborah Kaufman Di Luong Anthony Read Oscar Whelan Yves Andre Vital Daniel Jones Daniel Sebbag Adrienne Nyamsi Josh Gilchrist Shane McEvoy Tamiaka Byer Astra Williams Danelco Moxey Han Lo Roger Waiters John Enderi Lauren Mahoney Rumako Taylor Lee Peruzzelli "E" Joshua Caulkins Laura Landor Claudia Terry Rosa LoGiudice | |
| English | Trudy Smoke Cristina Alfar Sylvia Roshkow Richard Barickman | | |
| Film & Media | Tami Gold Joel Zuker Greg Morris Michael Gittlin | | |
| History | Bernadette McCauley | | |
| Library | Anita Ondrosek Andrea Copeland | | |
| Music | Brad Stoller | | |
| Nursing | Pamela Dole | | |
| Philosophy | Frank Kirkland Omar Dahbour Alan Hausman Sue Weinberg | | |
| Physics & Astronomy | Leon Cohen Ying Chen | | |
| Psychology | Sara Durand Vanya Quinones Cheryl Haring "E" | | |

APPENDIX II Report by the President

The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate 2/13/02. She said:

"Good afternoon and welcome back to school. I know many of you get Hunter-L and therefore know about many of the changes that are going on. I want to introduce some people today who are here in new capacities. I am very optimistic about our future, the direction we are moving in, and how we are going to take this place forward and make it an even more wonderful and well-supported institution. I also know that a lot of changes are sometimes hard to absorb in an institution, and I very much want to thank people for their support and their encouragement.

As everyone knows, we have a very active Provost search underway. Some of you have heard that the acting Provost has withdrawn her name from consideration. I know all of you join me in thanking Ann Cohen for the great service and work she has done in so many roles in this institution. The search committee, chaired by Laurie Sherwen, is working very diligently. To support them we have brought in the national search firm Isaacson and Miller, which has extensive experience in academic affairs and is working with institutions in the New York area. Informal feedback from the search committee was that they see these consultants as a great resource that will help the committee to move forward. Laurie has asked me to say that they are still accepting resumes for the moment, and if anyone has any ideas or thoughts to please communicate them to her.

I want to introduce Laura Schachter, our new Dean for Diversity and Special Assistant for Campus Relations. As you know, I felt it was very important to elevate the position of affirmative action officer to Dean's level to ensure that we not only celebrate the great diversity of this institution, but also ensure that we keep our student body diverse and that we continue to diversify our faculty. Laura is an attorney with extensive experience at Wall Street firms. She has taught at NYU Law School and was most recently Director of Global Diversity at Credit Suisse First Boston. We are very lucky to have her.

I am very happy also to introduce Terri Rosen Deutsch who is our new Director of External Affairs. Terri has extensive experience in New York and inter-governmental and neighborhood relations. Most recently she worked with me in external affairs and as my chief of staff in the city government. I feel proud that together we were able to develop a strategy that took our commission to the next level in terms of visibility and reputation within the city. We are planning the same strategy here. Terri takes over from Angela Jenkins. Our goal is to give new meaning to an inter-governmental neighborhood relations strategy and to bring in the resources, partnerships, and support from city and state government as well as institutions in this city. I am very happy to introduce Terri Rosen Deutsch.

Just working on a consulting basis, we are very lucky to have Paulette Rodriguez who was Director of inter-governmental affairs at the Bronx Zoo. She has done amazing work with Albany in getting resources for the zoo. She will help us devise a strategy to do the same thing for Hunter College.

As many of you know, it was quite a surprise in December to hear that our acting Dean of Arts and Sciences, Bob Marino, had been recruited away to an amazing opportunity as Provost at the University of Rome. We have been lucky enough to convince him to stay until mid March. We will miss him. His service to the community was really outstanding, and we will have an opportunity to say thanks to him in another formal setting. Acting Dean will be Judith Friedlander who many of you know as former Dean of the Division of Social Sciences at Hunter. She has also been Dean at the New School and at SUNY New Paltz. You will have an opportunity to meet her soon.

I also would like to introduce Len Zinnanti, our new acting Vice President for Administration. One of the reasons why we have not yet done a full search for a Vice President for Administration is that we are taking a very careful look at how we organize our administrative services. I should take this opportunity now to thank Tom Tyburczy who has done an amazing job trying to keep together the really extensive portfolio. As many of you know, reporting to the VP of Administration are not only the budget division, the personnel division, and all five of our facilities, but also the enrollment management functions of admissions, financial aid, the registrar, and the bursar. It is a very complex and diversified portfolio and we are taking a very close look now at how to best organize this unit, whether there are certain functions within this unit that are more appropriately assigned to other vice presidential areas, and whether there are other functions within other vice presidential areas that should be consolidated. We will be coming back to the Senate for an official search once we really know what the job is and how to define it. In the meantime I feel very fortunate that Len has joined us. He comes with 28 years of experience in public budgeting from the City's Office of Management and Budget. He has lived through all of the crises in the city. My highest priority is to organize and capture our resources in a very clear way and then do much better strategic planning and budgeting, so that we make the best use of what we all acknowledge to be resources that are too limited. We need to know that we have a systematic way of looking at priorities, that we have pure control over our financial systems and over our resources. I have every bit of confidence that Len is the person who will be able to move us in that direction.

As many of you saw in the newspapers, the resolutions of creating a technology fee and also of eliminating the last tuition-free semester for students at all CUNY schools will be presented to the CUNY Board of Trustees in the next month or so. There clearly will be public hearings where people will be free to express their views on them. I regret that we did not have a chance to discuss and talk about them before they were publicly announced. But I think it is important for us as an institution to begin to start planning for this, as there is the probability that they will be adopted. The most important thing that I wanted to say is that we are taking very clear and important steps to ensure that no student suffers any hardship by these changes in policy. I have written to the S & W Board to ask them to create an emergency technology fund that will be able to help students if any hardship is created by the \$75 semester fee for full-time students and \$35 for part-time students. To the extent that there are students who may suffer a hardship because of the elimination of the last semester tuition-free policy which is being proposed as a phase in, we will also approach S&W to ensure that no student suffers any hardship from this policy.

On a more positive note though, I am very happy that we have moved in the direction to talk about targeted resources for technology. One of the most encouraging things about this proposal is the fact that it will allow the colleges to collect the fee, keep the fee and spend the fee. None of this money is being kept by 80th Street. This creates a great opportunity for us, but also a great responsibility in starting to plan together as a community for a significant increase in technology resources. I know the Senate has a technology committee and I have asked the Senate Administrative Committee to think about whether that committee should have additional participants to ensure representation from all the campuses and all the schools or whether we should have a new committee that is focused on resource allocation. We expect to have \$2.3M starting next year, and I ask all of you as a body to consider what type of process should be used to start to plan for the expenditure of those resources. We need to have a public process where people can bring ideas to the table and we can talk about the best way to allocate this money. At the end of the day I say with confidence that no student will be penalized for not being able to have the money for this fee. One of the most important things we owe our students in this day and age is to make sure they are technologically proficient and ready to go out in the world and compete with those students who are in institutions that have a higher level of technology. This is a very important opportunity for us to make sure that our students have the same benefits, and it is incumbent upon us to make sure that we use this money in the most productive and efficient way possible.

Finally, I thank you again for having the security forum a couple of months ago. The consultants have completed a draft report and I will ask Alan and Maria to sponsor another meeting where the consultants

could present to the community their ideas and findings on security issues. Hopefully, this can be done in early March. In the meantime I have asked Jim Nomikos to make a short report on some of the changes that we have made to improve security in this interim period. Before coming to Hunter Jim's official title was Director of Operations and Facilities at Carnegie Hall. When we made the major shift in the Kaye Playhouse we needed to have someone come in quickly to manage it. Jim came into that position in an acting capacity. Given his vast experience in running major facilities, he has been working on various special projects with me, and he is now working with Lou Mader, Tom, and Julio to begin to study security. It is an informal extension of his responsibilities and we informally elected Jim to be the coordinator of the executive response on how we are going to improve security. These administrators are working on trying to make security better. Lou Mader, as Director of Security is doing the implementation. The report, sponsored by the CUNY Central Office, focused on the 68th Street campus. I have gone back to them to appeal for a similar report for Brookdale. The community at MFA, which is a smaller building, is very cohesive about what it wants. They are very clear that they want ID checks, and Lou is working towards putting a card system there. Social Work already has a check in there and we are also working with the campus schools. As a first step we have made sure that Lou had the resources to staff up his public safety officers and to enforce the policy that was on the books where we require sign ins from 11 pm to 7 am.

I want to go on to the subject of the capital budget because many of you have seen that the campuses have been asked to present a capital budget to 80th Street. In my mind we have two components of a planning process on going. As all of you know, Hunter will be considered in the next five-year plan for CUNY that begins in 18 months. We are starting to take a look at the existing master plan and to see how and if it needs to be adjusted from the prior consultative process. We have talked here about how that master plan was based on a very extraordinary growth trajectory that I do not support. I think that there probably is a consensus in this room that this very extreme growth is not where we want to go. We need to take a look at that master plan and make a different set of presentations to the CUNY administration and to talk about what is the sensible growth projection of this community and, more importantly, what are the needs that we have to address to keep this school as vital as it is and to let it continue to flourish into the future. Regarding next year's smaller capital budget projects for the campus I would ask anyone with ideas about academically oriented capital projects to feed those requests to Len and Tom and we will try to put these wish lists into a process. As far as I can see we have not had open and really consistent capital budget discussions on the campus. We are trying to catch up and allow community input even though we have a deadline of somewhere in the next few months to make a presentation. By next year at this time the hope is that we will have much more of an open and clear process of what kind of capital requests we have made in both of those plans. This year we are at a catch up point but I ask people to provide us with their ideas.

Finally, I invite all of you to come to the Kaye Playhouse at 6:00 tonight. The Comptroller of the City of New York will be speaking in honor of Black History Month. He is the highest-ranking elected African-American official in the city and we are expecting him to comment on the budget that was released by the city today. Everyone is invited to the reception afterwards in the faculty dining room. Thank you."