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OFFICE OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
25 October 1989**

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|   | The 247th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 PM in Room W714.   | 1<br>2         |
| <b>Presiding:</b>   | Jo Kirsch, Chair   | 3              |
| <b>Attendance:</b>  | The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.  | 4<br>5         |
| <b>Minutes:</b>   | The Minutes of September 27th were approved as distributed.  | 6              |
| <b>Report by the President:</b>   | A summary statement of President LeClerc's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.  | 7<br>8         |
| <b>Report by the Administrative Committee:</b>  | Prof. Kirsch suggested that the agenda be changed so that the special election to fill vacant seats on the Senate be the first order of business. It was so moved, and the motion carried by voice vote. | 9<br>10<br>11  |
| <b>a. <u>Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate:</u></b>   |  | 13             |
|   | The following two students were nominated for membership on the Senate:  | 14             |
|   | Daniel Wright (Political Science)  | 15             |
|   | Desire Ma (Psychology/Communications)  | 16             |
|   | A motion to approve the nominations as presented carried by hand vote.   | 17             |
|   | Voting cards were distributed to the newly elected senators.   | 18             |
| <b>b. <u>Election of Chair-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences:</u></b>                              |  | 19             |
|   | Prof. Kirsch presented the following list of nominees for the Chair-Panel, as distributed, and reminded the Senate that in accordance with the procedures each voter must vote for exactly 3 candidates: | 20<br>21<br>22 |
|   | Prof. Elizabeth Beaujour (Classics)  | 23             |
|   | Prof. Marlies Danziger (English)   | 24             |
|   | Ms. Jo-Ann Morgan (Academic Skills)  | 25             |
|   | Prof. Louise Fox (Educational Foundations)   | 26             |
|   | Prof. Stuart Ewen (Communications)   | 27             |
|   | Ballots were distributed.  | 28             |
|   | While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.  | 29<br>30       |
| <b>c. <u>Election of Member-Panel of 8 faculty and 6 students for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences:</u></b> |  | 31<br>32       |
|   | Prof. Kirsch presented the list of nominees as distributed.  | 33             |
|   | A motion to approve the slate of 8 faculty and 5 students for the Member-Panel for the Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences carried by voice vote.   | 34<br>35<br>36 |
|   | The following were elected.  | 37             |
|   | <b><u>Faculty:</u></b> Prof. Louise Lenihan (Anthropology)   | 38             |
|   | Prof. Burt Pasternak (Anthropology)  | 39             |
|   | Prof. Cordelia Reimers (Economics)   | 40             |
|   | Prof. Andrew Polsky (Political Science)  | 41             |
|   | Prof. Joan Tronto (Political Science)  | 42             |
|   | Prof. Sam Korn (Psychology)  | 43             |
|   | Prof. Robert Carter (Sociology)  | 44             |
|   | Prof. Eugenie Birch (Urban Affairs)  | 45             |

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| <u>Students:</u> | Evan Lazarus (Political Science)  | 46                               |
|                  | Gus Karistinos (Political Science)  | 47                               |
|                  | Lorie Nicholas (Psychology)   | 48                               |
|                  | Susan Mello (Sociology)   | 49                               |
|                  | Susan Tucker (Urban Affairs)  | 50                               |
| <b>d.</b>        | <b><u>Election of Chair-Panel for Search Committee for Chief Librarian:</u></b>   | <b>51</b>                        |
|                  | Prof. Kirsch presented the following list of nominees as distributed:   | 52                               |
|                  | Prof. Jane Benardete (English)  | 53                               |
|                  | Prof. Francis Conant (Anthropology)   | 54                               |
|                  | Prof. Sam Korn (Psychology)   | 55                               |
|                  | Prof. George Yudice (Romance Languages)   | 56                               |
|                  | Prof. Arnold Gibbons (Communications)   | 57                               |
|                  | Ballots were distributed.   | 58                               |
|                  | While awaiting the result of voting by written ballot the Senate moved on to the next item of business:   | 59<br>60                         |
| <b>e.</b>        | <b><u>Election of Member-Panel of 8 faculty and 6 students for Search Committee for Chief Librarian:</u></b>  | <b>61</b>                        |
|                  | Prof. Kirsch presented the list of nominees as distributed. She reminded the Senate that that the procedures specify that the Senate elect a panel of 8 faculty (including two members of the Library staff) and 6 students, from which the President will choose a search committee of 4 faculty (including one member of the Library staff) and 3 students. | 62<br>63<br>64<br>65<br>66<br>67 |
|                  | She proposed that the following five student nominees be approved as a slate:   | 68<br>69                         |
|                  | Adeline Sicardo (Black & Puerto Rican Studies)  | 70                               |
|                  | Regine Elie (Psychology)  | 71                               |
|                  | Mita Vyas (Political Science)   | 72                               |
|                  | Sara Perkovic (Chemistry)   | 73                               |
|                  | Diane Smith (Honors Program)  | 74<br>75                         |
|                  | It was so moved and the motion carried.   | 76                               |
|                  | Ballots were then distributed for the election of 8 faculty for the Member-Panel.   | 77<br>78                         |
|                  | Prof. Kirsch reminded the Senate that in accordance with procedures a ballot containing more than 8 votes or fewer than 4 votes would be declared invalid.  | 79<br>80<br>81                   |
|                  | After discussion, Vice President Fishman moved that the floor be opened for an additional student nomination for the Member-Panel. The motion carried by voice vote.  | 82<br>83<br>84                   |
|                  | Ms. Kian Frederick (Evening Student Government) was nominated.  | 85                               |
|                  | The motion to add Ms. Frederick to the list of student nominees for the Member-Panel for the Search Committee for Chief Librarian carried by voice vote.  | 86<br>87<br>88                   |
|                  | While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot for the election of 8 faculty members the Senate moved on the the next item of business.   | 89<br>90                         |
| <b>f.</b>        | <b><u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u></b>   | <b>91</b>                        |
|                  | The following curriculum changes as listed in the report dated 25 October 1989 were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Item US-726 (Health & Physical Education).  | 92<br>93<br>94                   |
| <b>g.</b>        | <b><u>Resolution concerning Committee Membership Rotation</u></b>   | <b>95</b>                        |
|                  | Prof. Kirsch informed the Senate that several individuals had requested that the Senate set up procedures which would provide a greater opportunity for interested members of the Hunter community to serve on Senate committees.   | 96<br>97<br>98<br>99             |

The Administrative Committee is, therefore, proposing the following resolution: 100  
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the term for Senate committee membership shall be three years; and, 102  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Senate committee members who wish to continue to serve on their respective committees shall be eligible for re-election by the Senate in accordance with procedures specified in Article VIII, Section 1 A of the Hunter College Governance Charter. 104  
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Implementation of the resolution would begin for the Fall semester 1990 for committee members who have served on a committee for three or more consecutive years. 109  
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After discussion the motion carried by hand vote with 2 abstentions. 112

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee** 113  
 Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's slate to fill vacant seats on Senate committees. 114  
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A motion to approve the slate as distributed carried by voice vote, and the following were elected: 116  
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**Undergraduate Course of Study Committee** 118  
 Student: Lisa Conklin (Physics/Chinese) 119  
 Student Alternate: Theresa Forte (Political Science) 120

**Committee on the Calendar** 121  
 Faculty from Social Sciences: Sally McLendon (Anthropology) 122

**Grade Appeals Committee** 123  
 Student: Theresa Forte (Political Science) 124  
 Student Alternate: Lisa Conklin (Physics/Chinese) 125

**Master Plan Committee** 126  
 Faculty from Health Professions: Gary Krasilovsky (Health Sciences) 127

**Committee on Evaluation of Teaching** 128  
 Faculty Alternate: Sumit Ganguly (Political Science) 129

**Review Commission on Distribution Requirements** 130  
 Faculty: Fulton Ross (Communications) 131  
 Charles Heatwole (Geol. & Geog.) 132  
 Robert Ayers (Health Sciences) 133  
 Student: Theresa Forte (Political Science) 134

**Announcement of Election Results:** 135

**Chair-Panel for Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences** 136  
 A total number of 86 ballots were cast. Voting by written ballot for electing a Chair-Panel of three for the Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences produced the following results: 137  
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| Prof. Elizabeth Beaujour (Classics)  | 70 votes | 140 |
| Prof. Marlies Danziger (English)     | 50 votes | 141 |
| Ms. Jo-Ann Morgan (Academic Skills)  | 42 votes | 142 |
| Prof. Louise Fox (Educ. Foundations) | 38 votes | 143 |
| Prof. Stuart Ewen (Communications)   | 58 votes | 144 |

Professors Elizabeth Beaujour, Marlies Danziger, and Stuart Ewen were declared elected. 145  
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Chair-Panel for Search Committee for Chief Librarian 147  
A total number of 89 ballots were cast. Voting by written ballot for electing 148  
a Chair-Panel of three for the Search Committee for Chief Librarian produced 149  
the following results: 150

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| Prof. Jane Benardete (English)          | 61 votes | 151 |
| Prof. Francis Conant (Anthropology)     | 52 votes | 152 |
| Prof. Sam Korn (Psychology)             | 68 votes | 153 |
| Prof. George Yudice (Romance Languages) | 44 votes | 154 |
| Prof. Arnold Gibbons (Communications)   | 42 votes | 155 |

Professors Jane Benardete, Francis Conant, and Sam Korn were declared elected. 156

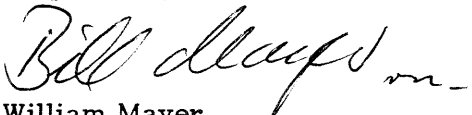
Member-Panel of 8 Faculty for Search Committee for Chief Librarian 157  
A total number of 87 ballots were cast. The results of voting in the order of 158  
category and the highest number of votes achieved produced the following re- 159  
sults: 160

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| Prof. Elliot Kaback (Library)                    | 35 votes | 161 |
| Prof. Milton Mittelman (Library)                 | 28 votes | 162 |
| Prof. Harry Rodriguez (Black & Puerto Rican St.) | 30 votes | 163 |
| Prof. Francis Conant (Anthropology)              | 45 votes | 164 |
| Prof. Jeffrey Osleeb (Geology & Geography)       | 21 votes | 165 |
| Prof. Athlyn Sawyer (Academic Skills)            | 31 votes | 166 |
| Prof. Marilyn Auerbach (Health Sciences)         | 30 votes | 167 |
| Prof. Stanley Moses (Urban Affairs)              | 36 votes | 168 |

**New Business:** Mr. James Goodman as a representative of the students in the Honors Program 169  
requested that the appropriate Senate committee consider a plus/minus grading 170  
system. 171

After brief discussion, a motion to adjourn was made. The motion carried, and 172  
the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM. 173

Respectfully submitted,



William Mayer,  
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

**FACULTY:**

Academic Skills: Hector Martinez "E"  
Milagros Garcia  
Robin Soto

Anthropology: John Oates  
Josh DeWind

Art: Wayne Dynes  
Richard Stapleford

Biology: Ezra Shahn "E"  
Marcia Brody

Classics: Elizabeth Beaujour

Computer Science: Stewart Weiss  
Eric Schweitzer

Curriculum & Teaching: Richard Smolens

Economics: Howard Chernick

Educational Foundations: Sheryl Graves

English: Sybil Brinberg

Geology & Geography: Richard Liebling

Health Sciences: Deborah Blocker "E"  
Jan Edwards

History: James Harrison

Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson  
Barbara Barone

Philosophy: Gerald Press "E"

Political Science: Michael Jaworskyj  
Carolyn Somerville  
Vincent Tirelli

Psychology: Sam Korn

Romance Languages: Alex Szogyi

Social Work: Judith Rosenberger  
Roberta Graziano

Special Education: Marsha Lupi "E"  
Marsha Smith-Lewis

Student Services: Reva Cohen

Theatre & Film: Ellen Sumter  
Dan Koetting  
Stan Davis "E"

Urban Affairs: Stanley Moses  
William Milzarsky

Dean Carlos Hortas

**STUDENTS:**

Blaise Hancock  
John Nilsen  
Ellen Parker "E"  
Joseph Weiss  
Karen Morita  
Dennis Bianco  
Andrew Dell'Olio  
Shannon Gibney  
Sandra Maxwell  
Simon Campbell  
Michael Lazzarotti  
Beatrice Vides  
Wendy Chin "E"  
Rick Rozos  
Francis Quilang  
Prem Isaac  
Christopher Burns  
Wayne Hodge  
Constance Simmons  
Raymond Dash  
Sabina Alteras  
Sandy Lee  
Joan Winkfield  
Woei-Ming New  
Estelle Sauerstrom "E"  
Kim Ray  
Adria Quinones  
Mark Windley  
Edgar Paez  
Guy Conti  
Norma Moy  
Lisa Brody  
Rudolph Gianaccia  
Teresa Forte  
Evelyn Li  
Dragan Milanovic  
Olga Pajovic  
Barbara Murray

APPENDIX II

The following is a summary statement of President LeClerc's report to the Senate:

He said: "At the last meeting I told you about Eugene Lang's generosity to the College. I am pleased to announce formally this afternoon that he has made another gift to us since then. Mr. Lang will underwrite the cost of joint student and faculty research projects that look as if they will result in publication. Students will receive credit along with the faculty person with whom they worked for the publication. We will start small with \$4000 this year. We estimate that \$2000 per team would be sufficient funding for the first phase of this project. Over the course of the next several weeks the Provost's office will be putting together a series of protocols which will govern the way in which students and faculty are chosen to be the first teams. This is a nice new initiative for us at the College.

Our plans for the North Building and the renovation projects will soon begin. As you know, we were able to shift the funding for a series of improvements from the capital budget to the Dormitory Authority. The actual transfer of title of the North Building to the Dormitory Authority is expected to take place before the beginning of the new year. We are talking about \$20.1M to be expended on construction work on floors four, five, and nine of the North Building. It will take about 2½ years before the three floors will be completely rehabed. We expect to know the details of the construction schedule sometime next month. As soon as we know, we will meet with the affected departments on those three floors and will walk through the construction schedule very carefully with them so that everybody knows exactly what's going to be happening and when it is scheduled to happen. A number of classrooms are going to be displaced as a result of this work, and we are now in the process of looking elsewhere on campus for room for about 20 temporary classrooms for the next 2½ years. We expect the actual work to begin sometime around March 1990. The first phase of construction will be asbestos removal, containment, or abatement as appropriate to specific sites. Once that work is done, the real construction work will take place. Once it is all finished, we will have three spanking new floors, and the long-range plan for the North Building as it presently exists will have been completed. We have to start a new Master Plan for the remaining floors of the North Building that have not yet been touched. We hope to be meeting with representatives of the City University construction group over the course of the next several weeks to begin the pre-planning process for this new Master Plan.

In the 1990-1991 budget request we have included the sum of \$3.8M to automate, modernize, and renovate all of the existing elevators in the North Building. This request is very high on our priority list. I cannot guarantee what the State will do with the request, but we are going to try by hook and by crook to get the necessary money.

In response to a question from the floor concerning the report by the Task Force on Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics, President LeClerc said: "We have requested more copies of the report from 80th Street. My copy and the Provost's copy both went to the Division of Sciences & Mathematics for circulation among the various departments. This is a very troublesome document from at least two points of view. It is troublesome by virtue of its content, and it is troublesome by virtue of the way in which the Committee was put together. I would add thirdly, that it is troublesome from the point of view that it got into the New York Times. You may have read that story which characterized science at CUNY as being at the brink of disaster. The colleges were not consulted at all about the composition of the committee. This is a committee that was charged with looking at the quality of science, technology, mathematics, and engineering at the University, making recommendations for the improvement of those disciplines. So Hunter, which is very important in science in general and certainly important in the City University system, had but one representative on the committee, whereas City College had four representatives. I think the document is exceedingly naive from a political point of view. It disparages in

totally unfair ways the accomplishments of Hunter scientists by coming up with a sort of blanket condemnation for the quality of science that is done on most of the campuses of the university. It calls for things that are hard to conceive ever happening at this college or at this university system. For instance, it calls for reduced teaching loads for science faculty whereby young scientists would teach two courses a year, senior faculty in the sciences would teach three courses a year; a separate salary schedule; the budgets for sciences would be taken away from the campuses and be given to a deputy vice chancellor for science, engineering, mathematics, and technology at 80th Street, who would thereby sort of run sciences at CUNY. It calls for establishing centers, which means that there would be a diminution as a consequence of the level of investment in all the sciences at campuses such as this. Ph.D. programs in the sciences would be taken away from the graduate school, sending them on to specific campuses. I find it to be a not impressive document. I am told that implementation of the recommendations of that Task Force would cost a quarter billion dollars. How realistic is that? And how realistic is it to take programs away from campuses that are doing very good work, or to spread the word that what seems to be taking place at some campuses is not of high quality. That is a disservice to us, and I think that is the impression that the Task Force report yields for Hunter."