

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
7 October 1987**

	The 226th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	F. Fulton Ross, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	Approval of the Minutes of September 16th was postponed to the next meeting.	6
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report to the Senate:	7 8
	President Shalala informed the Senate that the Chancellor had indicated in June that he intends to appoint Tilden LeMelle as Acting President. The President said that she does not expect to leave until after the first stage of the budget process is completed in early December. She is planning to stay on the Hunter College payroll until about December 20th when her vacation time runs out, so that she would be able to do some last minute lobbying on behalf of Hunter should that be necessary.	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
	The President said that even though she is leaving like a whirlwind, business at the College will be as usual with the Provost and the Deans making a lot of decisions. She expects everyone to be appropriately ornery in making the usual demands on the administration and in insisting that they stick to the high standards. There should be no vacuum or slowing down the process. President Shalala said that she has been telling everyone all along that the Senate runs the College and that the place could really run without her. She encouraged the Senate to prove that by continuing to make certain that the College bounces along with its current momentum, and not to wait around to see what the new leader will be like. We should be all geared up so that we can break in that person in much the same way that she was. To do that, the College should continue to move along and make decisions and not slow down in any way.	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
	Concerning the budget, the President informed the Senate that she had a very good meeting with the State budget people. They were very cordial and she reminded them that she expected some going away presents for the College in her memory. It was a lively and interesting session with the sense that the budget situation next year is going to be about the same as this year, but with an expectation of getting a few additional things.	30 31 32 33 34 35 36
	President Shalala concluded her report by informing the Senate that the Board of Education had appointed her to the panel chaired by former CUNY Chancellor Al Bowker, to search for a new schools chancellor. She said that she is unfortunately the only one on the panel with experience in elementary and secondary education, who knows school superintendents in other parts of the country, but that it is a fair panel. Before actively seeking candidates, the panel decided to ask the Board of Education to decide what characteristics they want of the candidate. Without that decision it would be very difficult to do a proper search. The difficulty is not in finding the candidates, but in explaining to them what the strategy of the Board is. Some want a chief executive officer from a corporation who does not necessarily have to know anything about education, and others insist that the person have good qualifications as an educator. Some have suggested that the person to run the New York City schools ought to be an implementor and not a policy maker, and some of them have suggested that the Board should make a total policy and hire someone to run with that policy. Needless to	37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

say, the quality of the candidate will depend a great deal on what the definition is. President Shalala believes that there is a candidate out there. She has some ideas about very talented people who have already run big urban school systems who would want to come to New York under the proper set of circumstances. The key is the proper set of circumstances, and the emphasis is on the Board of Education to get their act together.

The Senate thanked President Shalala for her report with applause.

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

Prof. Bill Mayer, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following report:

Special Senate Election—Fall 1987

In accordance with Article IV, Section 1. H. i. & ii. of the Hunter College Governance Charter, Prof. Mayer presented the slate of nominees for the special Fall 1987 election to fill vacant seats on the Senate, as distributed.

A motion to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of each nominee carried by hand vote and the following were elected:

Students: Thomas Fabregas (Computer Sciences) Evening
Linda Flannelly (English) Day
Simon Campbell (Honors) Day
Amy Kossoy (Sociology/Philosophy) Day
John Orlando (Honors/Poli.Sci./History) Day
Maureen Walls (History) Day
Allison Miller (History) Day
Andrew Dell'Olio (Political Science) Day

Faculty: Kenneth Sherrill (Political Science)
Namby Krishnamachari (Academic Skills)

Voting cards were distributed to the new senators.

Prof. Mayer next opened the floor for nominations for **Chair of the Master Plan Committee.**

Prof. Rena Gropper (Anthropology) was nominated.

A motion to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of Prof. Gropper carried by voice vote.

Prof. Rena Gropper was re-elected Chair of the Master Plan Committee.

The floor was open for nominations for **Chair of the Nominating Committee.**

Dr. Marilyn Rothschild (Physics & Astronomy) was nominated.

A motion to close nominations and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of Dr. Rothschild carried by voice vote.

Dr. Marilyn Rothschild was re-elected Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The floor was open for **Chair of the Budget Committee.**

Prof. Josephine Kirsch (School of Nursing) was nominated.

A motion to close nominations and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of Prof. Kirsch carried by voice vote.


Prof. Josephine Kirsch was elected Chair of the Budget Committee.

Prof. Mayer next yielded the floor to Prof. Jack Caravanos.

<u>Asbestos Watch</u>	98
Prof. Caravanos presented the following report as distributed, and answered questions from the floor:	99 100
<u>Training:</u>	101
As of June 1987, 4 Hunter College maintenance personnel have successfully completed the 4-day asbestos abatement training program. This curriculum has been approved by New York City's Department of Environmental Protection and was sponsored by the School of Health Sciences. The requirements to become a certified asbestos handler include completing a 4-day course, a comprehensive medical exam, and passing a written examination administered by the city.	102 103 104 105 106 107 108
Prior to this, the College has trained approximately 10 maintenance workers from the 68th street and Brookdale campuses. However, these workers have completed only the 2-day operations and maintenance program and therefore are not part of the in-house asbestos management team. Another 2-3 workers will be trained at the next course on November 9-13.	109 110 111 112 113
Andre Hurnie, the College Architect, has completed the requirements for certification as NYC Asbestos Investigator. Mr. Hurnie now conducts the necessary surveys for renovation projects involving asbestos containing materials.	114 115 116 117
<u>Asbestos Abatement Activities:</u>	118
The Hunter asbestos team has completed approximately 10 small asbestos abatement projects (i.e., repair of damaged insulation and clean-ups). The work is being done under the direction of Russ Marino, the College's asbestos control officer.	119 120 121 122
The 11th floor (north building) asbestos abatement project, which was done by BC&J Company, has been completed. Final clearance for the area has been achieved and additional renovation work has begun. The same asbestos contractors have completed additional, originally unscheduled, work in the north building.	123 124 125 126 127
The next major asbestos abatement project will be on Level C in the North Building (sub-basement) where the chiller and other equipment and pipes will be stripped of asbestos containing insulation.	128 129 130
<u>Incident:</u>	131
On September 10th, at approximately 2 PM, a hazardous condition in a former classroom (room 628-9) that is being renovated to a laboratory was reported to the facilities office. Upon inspection by the asbestos investigator for Hunter College, a badly damaged heating line with asbestos containing insulation was found. However, an earlier inspection of that room done by facilities personnel at 11 AM did not reveal a damaged pipe. It is unclear how and when this pipe insulation was damaged. The Hunter Asbestos team cleaned this area about 7 PM. The classroom is scheduled for renovation to a laboratory.	132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140
Prof. Ross informed the Senate that the Administrative Committee, in accordance with the Senate recommendation of 10 December 1986, has formed a sub-committee to address the problem of an academically sound College Calendar in terms of contractual holidays, science labs, and the issue of the 13--week vs. the 14-week calendar. The members are:	141 142 143 144 145
<u>Sub-Committee of the Administrative Committee to Review the College Calendar:</u>	146
Prof. Tamara Green (Classical & Oriental Studies), Chair	147
Prof. Charles Green (Sociology)	148
Prof. Shirley Raps (Biological Sciences)	149
Prof. Linda Scheffler (Educational Foundations)	150
Prof. Jack Caravanos (School of Health Sciences)	151
Prof. Elizabeth Landing (School of Social Work)	152
Ms. Nina Pike (Film Major) Day	153
Mr. Ernesto Rosado (Communications Major) Evening	154
Ex-Officio: Prof. Tom Mader, Chair, Calendar Committee	155

	Prof. Ross informed the Senate that the committee has already met, and that it planning to present its report to the Senate in the near future.	157 158
Announcement:	Prof. Al Bennick, Chair of the Charter Review Committee informed the Senate that the committee will be meeting soon, and that any suggestions for Charter revision should be forwarded to the Senate Office.	159 160 161
Committee Reports:	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	162
	Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the two-part report dated 7 October 1987. The floor was open for further nominations.	163 164
	A motion to close nominations, and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of each nominee, carried by voice vote. The following were elected:	165 166 167
	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	168
	Faculty from Sciences & Math.: Bill Williams (Math. Sci.)	169
	Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Dorothy James (German)	170
	Student: Emily Cohen (Chemistry Major)	171
	<u>Graduate Course of Study Committee</u>	172
	Faculty from Social Sciences: Michael Wood (Sociology)	173
	Faculty Alternate: Pat Sternberg (Theatre&Film)	174
	<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	175
	Faculty from Health Professions: Susan Neville (School of Nursing)	176
	Student Alternate: David Eskin (Jr./English)	177
	<u>Budget Committee</u>	178
	Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Peter Basquin (Music)	179
	<u>Calendar Committee</u>	180
	Faculty from Social Sciences: James Harrison (History)	181
	Faculty from Sciences & Math.: Robert Grant (Biological Sci.)	182
	Faculty Alternate: Linda Scheffler (Educ.Found.)	183
	<u>Review Commission on Distribution Requirements</u>	184
	Student Alternate: Thomas Fabregas (Comp.Sci.)	185
New Business:	In response to a question from the floor concerning registration procedures, it was agreed that the Administrative Committee would request that the Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services present a report to the Senate at the next meeting.	186 187 188 189
	A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.	190

Respectfully submitted,


William Mayer,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Marilyn Daley-Weston
Anthropology: Sally McLendon
 John Oates
Art: Susan Peterson "E"
Biology: Robert Grant
Black & P.R. Studies: Joanne Edey-Rhodes
 Jose Morales
Chemistry: Klaus Grohmann
Computer Science: Talbot Katz
Educational Foundations: Joan Buxbaum
 Sherryl B. Graves
English: Allan Brick
German: Eckhard Kuhn-Osius
Health & Physical Ed.: Tom Burke
 Ron Brown
History: Dolores Greenberg
 James P. Harrison
Health Sciences: Karen O'Brien
Library: Pamela Salazar "E"
Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson
 Thomas Jambois "E"
 Barbara Barone
Nursing: Eileen Lahey
Philosophy: Christine Sistare "E"
 Frank Kirkland
Political Science: Andrew Polsky "E"
 Priscilla Handelman
Romance Languages: Alex Szogyi
Social Work: Yvonne Asamoah "E"
 Gary Anderson "E"
Student Services: Madelyn Stokely "E"
Theatre and Film: Patricia Sternberg
 Dick Tomkins
Urban Affairs: William Milczarski
Administration: Dean Evelyn Gioiella "E"
 Dean Erwin Fleissner
 Dean Walter Weiss "E"
 Dean Everlena Holmes

STUDENTS:

Don Weiner
Annette Daniec
Elizabeth Petry
Chris Kikis
Karen Jacoby
Aleza Ross
Lucrecia Accardo
Felicia Banks
David Eskin
Rose Heredia
Sheri Love
James McKeever "E"
Renuka Uma-Shanker
Jorge Ortiz-Aleman
Marcette Alcena
Francis Torres
Stella Greco
Daniel Quinn
Bernie Jones "E"
Amanda Matthews
Marsha Frankel
Rhonda Fountain
Francesca Amendolia
Lois Goldberg
Mike Knights
Nel Apostolakis
Sonia Tirado
Mary Prime
Kimberly Slade
Patrick Jeremiah
Amy Pearsall
Frederick Fu
Rosa Nunez
Susan Conrad
Norma Moy "E"
Chris Littleton "E"
Marc Mizrahi
Peter Gallert "E"
Jennifer Williams
Karl Rutter