

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
8 October 1997

The 352nd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Barbara L. Hampton, Chair

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted with the deletion of item 3.

Minutes: The Minutes of the September 10 meeting were approved as distributed.

Report by the President: A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.

Report by the Administrative Committee: Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:

Special Election—Fall 1997

The following nominations were presented in accordance with Article IV, 2H, i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*:

Student Nominees: Johane Romage (Psychology)
 Jose Manuel Soto (Statistics)
 Jessica Medina
 Heather Molinari
 Amy Klein (Psychology)
 Marc Gross
 Gennis Lescaille (Educatio/Mathematics)
 Isabel Sandra Moya (Political Science)
 Raymond Loverso (Pre-Med)
 Danielle Drew (Film & Media)
 James Dennison

Faculty Nominees: Eleanor Gilpatrick (School of Health Sciences)
 Charles Green (Sociology)
 Nashwa George (Economics)
 Linda Morris (English)

It was moved that nominations be approved as a slate. The motion carried by voice vote.

Voting cards were distributed to the newly elected senators.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the report dated 8 October 1997, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1012 (Computer Science), US-1014 and US-1015 (Geography).

Items Carried Over: **Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement**

Professor Andrew Polsky, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 10 September 1997 as distributed. He presented the following items for Senate approval:

1. Because the Senate charter vests authority for curriculum review with the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, we propose that the Senate create a subcommittee under Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, with partial overlap of membership but including other members. The workload of UCSC is already enormous and it is unreasonable to ask it to take on the task of systematically reviewing the distribution requirement, too. The subcommittee would consist of two faculty members from each division (not more than one per department), constituted so that every category of the distribution requirement due for review in a given year would be

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represented on the subcommittee, plus such additional members representing the professional schools as the Senate deems necessary. The chair of the subcommittee would be elected annually by the Senate itself and would not be a member of UCSC. The UCSC Chair would sit on the subcommittee. In addition, the provost would be an *ex-officio* member of the subcommittee. The subcommittee would have the authority to review all aspects of the distribution requirement, including the number of credits required, the definition of categories, and administrative practices that affect how the requirement operates. Decisions about the inclusion of specific courses in the requirement, however, would remain the province of UCSC. The subcommittee would report to UCSC before making recommendations to the Senate, but would have the authority to bring its own recommendations to the Senate if the members chose to do so.

2. The subcommittee should take up as its first order of business the problems faced by transfer students in completing the distribution requirement, and should be directed by the Senate to make recommendations by the middle of the 1997-1998 academic year.
3. To promote the better coordination of the distribution requirement and the pluralism and diversity requirement, the subcommittee should also review the latter. The subcommittee would have the authority to recommend changes in the pluralism and diversity requirement itself, but determinations about the inclusion of specific courses in the requirement would remain the sole province of UCSC.
4. The subcommittee would have the right to request such data as it deems necessary from the college administration.

After extensive discussion Professor Sherrill moved that paragraph 4 be amended by adding the following: *"including a report from the Office of Student Services indicating which kinds of requests for substitutions are granted, or not granted, and the reasons."*

After further discussion it was moved that the question be divided. The motion carried.

Item 1 was on the floor.

After discussion the question was called and carried.

Item 1 was defeated by hand vote. Items 2, 3, and 4, if approved, will be referred to the Select Committee.

Item 2 was on the floor.

It was moved that items 2, 3, and 4 be amended by substituting the words *"Select Committee"* for *"subcommittee"*.

The question on the amendment was called and carried. The amendment was approved by hand vote.

Item 2, as amended, was approved by hand vote.

Item 3 was on the floor.

The question was called and carried. Item 3, as amended, was approved by hand vote.

The motion on the floor was Prof. Sherrill's amendment to item 4 (lines 84 to 86 above).

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

The question was called and carried. Item 4, as amended, was approved by hand vote.

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UCSC Report re: Waiver from Pluralism & Diversity Requirement

Professor Hampton presented the UCSC Report dated 16 April 1997. She reminded the Senate that resolution 2 was defeated at the May 7 Senate meeting, and resolutions 1 and 3 carried over:

1. That students admitted to the Physical Therapy program in Fall 1997 and thereafter should be exempted from three credits of the Pluralism & Diversity Requirement; thus they would only have to satisfy the requirement in three of its four categories.

3. That all students admitted to the program in the future should receive information about the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement at the earliest opportunity.

Resolution 1 was on the floor.

After discussion, Professor Sherrill moved that resolution 1 be amended to read as follows:
"...be exempted from Group 4 of the Pluralism & Diversity Requirement; thus..."

After discussion the question on the amendment was called and carried. The amendment was defeated by hand vote.

The question was called and carried. Resolution 1 was defeated by hand vote.

Resolution 3 was on the floor.

After discussion the question was called and carried. Resolution 3 was approved by hand vote.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Mills
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Anthropology	Josh DeWind	SEEK	
Art	Emily Braun Lisa Vergara Peter Dudek	Social Work	Terry Mizrahi Harriet Goodman Malka Sternberg
Biological Sciences		Sociology	Isabel Geiler
Black & P. R. Studies	Gabriel Pearse	Special Education	
Chemistry	Dixie Goss	Student Services	
Classical & Oriental Studies	Bill Mayer	Theatre	Johathan Kalb "E" Alkis Papoutsis
Computer Science			
Curriculum and Teaching	Arlene Seguine "E" Rosa Boone	Urban Affairs	Sigmund Shipp Ralph Seligman
Economics	Howard Chernick Temisan Agbeyegbe	Administration	Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Erwin Fleissner Dean Bogart Leashore
Educational Foundations			
English	Trudy Smoke Marcia Lipson		
Film & Media	Tammy Gold		
Geography	Peter Combs		
German	Khard Kuhn Osius		
Health Sciences	Alison Behrman Kathryn Rollands Jack Caravanos		
History	Marta Petruszewicz Bernadette McCauley		
Library			
Mathematics & Statistics			
Music			
Nursing	Gloria Essoka		
Philosophy	Frank Kirkland		
Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chin Chen		
Political Science			
Psychology	Gordon Barr Robert Fried		
Romance Languages	Paolo Fasoli "E"		

Students

Luke Dougherty
 Andres Demegret
 Richard Brown
 Noelle Jobson
 Marco Tomaschett "E"
 Kim Conroy
 Liangela Cabrera
 Corey E.Green "E"
 Lisette Ruiz
 Fatimah Yudeh
 Olga Sabino
 Leah Simon
 Jane Rosario
 Cindy Scher
 Angelique Lauren
 Rachel Laforest
 Bian Langlands
 Asad Rahman

APPENDIX II Report by the President

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate. He said:

"I have not heard any hard news about the search for an interim chancellor. There is another forthcoming resignation from 80th Street. Vice Chancellor Mucciolo will be leaving to take the position as Vice President for Administration and Finance at Northeastern University.

Also, I want to apologize to everyone who came hoping to see President Swygert, or to see a video tape of President Swygert. He had to leave early, which we knew. We thought we were all set with the videotaping of the 12:30 meeting, but we were not able to do so, because Middle States specifically prohibits videotaping of the oral summary. It is unfortunate, and it is especially unfortunate for those of you who didn't have the chance to hear him. His comments and the ringing encouragement would have buoyed you. We were able to get into the Assembly Hall in the hopes that we would have a large number of people. However, we had fewer than are in this room. Nonetheless, he was impressed that we had that number.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way in the Middle States review. Thank you for a job not just well done, but superbly done. The next step in the process is for the College to receive and respond to the committee's report. They will send a draft of their report on accreditation, again without recommendations. I will then have about 10 days to respond in terms of any factual errors. After that is completed, the report including the recommendation regarding accreditation goes to the full Middle States Commission for discussion and action. The committee files its report, and then the Commission acts upon the recommendation. We anticipate that all of this will be done by March of next year.

Very enthusiastic congratulations to everyone at Hunter. If you were able to be at the presentation of President Swygert, you heard him indicate that not only has Hunter done an outstanding job in fostering our mission of access and excellence, we also have the capacity and the will to do so in the future. So, I congratulate each and every member of the Hunter community for believing in that mission and for assisting Hunter College in that mission's goal. We all know that the road behind us was not easy, and we know that the road ahead will be uphill. But we also know that our collective strength will assure our success. So, I salute each and every member of the community, and I ask you to join me in a round of applause to Hunter College and to all that it stands for.

We must continue our efforts to maintain Hunter's quality and to continue to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students. We want to insure that our next accreditation visit in 2007 will be as successful as this one. So, please join me as we enter the future strengthened by our prior accomplishments. Thank you very much."