

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
19 November 1986**

	The 114th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 p.m. 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:	The Minutes of October 8th and October 22nd were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report:	7
	Announcements: President Shalala urged Senators to read Prof. Ruth Sidel's article in the <u>Hunter Magazine</u> , if they had not done so already. She congratulated Professor Sidel on both the quality of the article and more importantly on her commitment to family policies.	8 9 10 11
	The President informed the Senate that Vice President Fishman, who was selected by the YWCA as one of the outstanding women in New York, was honored at a very expensive luncheon today, and that her picture made the <u>New York Times</u> .	12 13 14 15
	President Shalala informed the Senate that Prof. George Kupchik, Chair of the Environmental Health Committee, has recently undergone surgery. The operation was very successful and he is now recuperating.	16 17 18
	Re: Evening Students: President Shalala reported that she had held two hearings for evening students, who do not at the moment have official student representation. The turnout at those hearings was excellent, and she had an opportunity to talk to over 100 students each night about their concerns. The students made it clear that the Administration and faculty need to pay attention to the distribution of courses given in the evening to make it possible for evening students to finish degrees in a reasonable period of time. President Shalala said that the Administration will continue to work on this issue. The President stated that Library hours will be extended, and starting with the Spring term the Library will be open Monday through Thursday until 10 pm.. The President reiterated that included in the new budget request is a provision for a large increase in funds for the Library for both the purchase of books, and for personnel that would enable us to expand the hours.	19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
	Re: Budget: President Shalala reported that the budget situation in Albany is confused, and that there is an indication that for the first time spending caps on the budget may be recommended which would make the budget very tight. The message from Albany is not clear and arguments are still going on. President Shalala and Vice President Picciano recently went to Albany to argue about whether the School of Social Work should be allowed to get an additional three floor rather than two floors. Albany argued that we should not look into the future, but tell them precisely what was needed today. We argued that we should plan for the new century since this would be our last chance to extend that building. Albany seems to have accepted our financing proposal and we hope to win that argument.	33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
	President Shalala concluded her report by answering questions from the floor.	45 46
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Ruth Sidel, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following report:	47
	a. <u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	48
	The following changes as listed in the report dated November 19th were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-627 (Black & Puerto Rican Studies), GR-251 (Communications).	49 50 51 52

b.	<u>Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate</u>	53
	Prof. Sidel presented the nomination of Ms. Aleza Ross (Political Science Major) Day, and moved for Senate approval.	54 55
	The motion carried by voice vote, and Ms. Aleza Ross was elected to membership on the Senate.	56 57

Committee Reports:

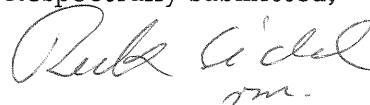
	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	58
	Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's slate for filling vacant seats on Senate Committees.	59 60
	A motion to approve the slate as presented carried by voice vote, and the following were elected:	61 62
	<u>Graduate Course of Study Committee</u>	63
	Graduate Student: Orly Shalmon (Nursing)	64
	<u>Student Standing Committee</u>	65
	Faculty Alternate: Barbara Falsey (Sociology)	66
	<u>Budget Committee</u>	67
	Faculty from Sciences&Math.: Saul Cohen (Geology & Geography)	68
	<u>Departmental Governance Committee</u>	69
	Student: Don Weiner (Political Science)	70
	<u>Calendar Committee</u>	71
	Faculty from School of Health Sci.: Penny Kroll	72
	<u>Advisory Committee on the Library</u>	73
	Faculty Alternate: Marcia Lipson (Academic Skills)	74
	Student: Aleza Ross (Political Science) Day	75
	<u>Review Commission on Distribution Requirements</u>	76
	Faculty Alternate: Talbot Katz (Computer Science)	77
	Student: Sonia S. Tirado - Day	78
	Student Alternate: Aleza Ross - Day	79

Items Carried Over:

	<u>Continuation of Discussion Concerning the Committee on Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights:</u>	80
	Prof. Korn proposed the following resolution:	81 82
	Inssofar as the Committee on Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights, organized under the auspices of the Hunter College Chapter of the Professional Staff Congress, is designed to provide information to the HC community on the principles of academic freedom and how these apply to specific practices, and,	83 84 85 86 87
	Inssofar as this Committee does not establish any official college-wide practices and does not assume a judicial or legally-binding role,	88 89
	BE IT RESOLVED, that the HC Senate applauds those who helped establish the Committee, and endorses the proposed goals and activities of the Committee.	90 91 92
	After discussion the question was called and carried.	93
	The resolution was approved by hand vote with 41 in favor, 33 opposed, and 9 abstentions.	94 95
	<u>Senate-Sponsored Open Hearings</u>	96
	Prof. Fulton Ross, Chair of the Senate, presented the following statement:	97
	"Last term, the Administrative Committee held a number of discussions on the need for a forum at Hunter in which to hold discussions on academic issues of concern to the Hunter community; a forum which includes anyone in the community interested in participating and listening.	98 99 100 101
	The need perceived by the Administrative Committee is one where, on an interdisciplinary level, faculty, students, and administrators could	102 103

meet together and under a particular format, in a free and open manner,	104
air thoughts on major academic issues which concern all of us. We see	105
a forum which does not have the constraints of the legislative body where	106
time and need for specific actions on specified issues are dominant: where	107
a free flow of information could take place and where there would be	108
fewer time demands. There could conceivably arise out of these Senate-	109
sponsored hearings, ideas for legislation which might be taken up by one	110
or more of the Senate committees and ultimately to the floor of the Se-	111
nate for action; there might be ideas emerging for which the Administra-	112
tion sees need for immediate action; and there would definitely be the	113
opportunity to generate ideas in an exchange among and between discip-	114
lines which we do not see happening frequently enough at the present	115
time.	116
One possible format for such hearings would be to have a moderator pro-	117
vide the historical setting of the problem, briefly, and then to have a	118
proponent for an action on the problem speak, followed by an opponent	119
speaking. There could then ensue an open exchange for 60 minutes or	120
however long the participants desired.	121
There is also the possibility of the Senate and the FDA, or the Senate	122
and the student government cosponsoring such hearings. I have spoken	123
to both Robert Stephenson, President of the Student Government, and	124
David Hodges, President of the Faculty Delegate Assembly, and they	125
are both enthusiastic about the idea. The Executive Committee of the	126
FDA has expressed a desire to meet with the Administrative Committee	127
of the Senate to further explore the concept and to come up with a pos-	128
sible format for presentation to our respective bodies.	129
We bring this idea to you for discussion and informational exchange and	130
hope, at the conclusion of discussion, you will, through a motion or sense	131
of the body, give us direction to continue to pursue the idea, stop in place,	132
abandon the whole notion, or such other direction as you may deem advi-	133
sable.	134
I would like at this time to open the floor for responses to the material	135
which I have just presented."	136
After discussion Prof. Polsky moved that the Administrative Committee be	137
directed to move forward with organizing the first Open Hearing.	138
The motion was approved by voice vote.	139
<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee: Course Repeat Rule</u>	140
Prof. Andrew Polsky, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated No-	141
vember 19th as distributed.	142
After discussion Prof. Matthews moved that the motion be amended by deleting	143
the words "or at the same time as" from the last sentence of paragraph #1,	144
which would then read:	145
"If a student elects to repeat a course in which a grade of "D" has been	146
received, and this course is part of a sequence, the student should repeat	147
the course before the next course in the series is taken."	148
Prof. Bennick moved that the amendment be amended by substituting the words	149
"may only" for the word "should".	150
The motion on the floor was Prof. Bennick's amendment to the amendment.	151
A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.	152

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Sidel,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as being absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Alula Hidaru
Hector Martinez "E"
Maria Rodriguez "E"
Milagros Garcia "E"

Anthropology: Louise Lennihan "E"
Susan Les

Art: Jane Roos "E"

Biology: Ezra Shahn "E"

Black & Puerto Rican Studies : Jaffer Kassamali
Joanne Edey-Rhodes

Classics: Emil Draitser "E"

Computer Science: Constantin Negoita

Curriculum & Teaching: Andre Thibodeau

Economics: Lawrence Arnsten

Educational Foundations: Marvin Wayne

German: Minna Altmann "E"

Health & Physical Education: Ron Brown "E"

History: Edith Link

Health Sciences: Russell Sergeant
Jack Caravanos "E"
Karen O'Brien "E"

Library: J. Thomas Jennings "E"

Mathematics: Edward Binkowski
Barbara Barone "E"

Music: Jana Feinman "E"
Clayton Westermann
Marcia Eckert "E"

Philosophy: Virginia Held

Physics & Astronomy: Sook Lee

Political Science: Michael Jaworskyj
Benedetto Fontana

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz "E"

Social Work: Gary Anderson "E"
Rose Starr

Sociology: Vladimir Nahirny

Special Education: Katherine Garnett "E"

Theatre & Film: Joel Zucker
Sara Beilis Uttley

Administration: Dean Evelyn Gioiella "E"
Dean Richard Mawe
Dean Walter Weiss "E"
Dean Hugh Scott

Students:

Roger Kennedy
Mikell Knights "E"
Tamara Barinski
Floralba Arbelo
Felicia Banks
David Eskovits "E"
David Eskin
Rosa Heredia "E"
Kirk Callendar "E"
Colleen Kojima
Leonor Alvarez
Chris Kikis
Sheila Dowling
Maryana Buneta
Anthony Mancini
Susan Conrad "E"
Amy Pearsall
John D. Young
Cathleen Goodman "E"
Martha Sheparc "E"
Debra Schmitt
Beth Warshofsky
Helene Reisman
Salvatore Capalbo
Laurie Sherman "E"
Julie Harrison
Donald Morgan
George Apostolakis "E"
Lindsay Hamilton
Renee Williams
Margit Genter
Austin McBean
Linda Flannelly
Mary Prime "E"
Anahit Djirdjirian
Barbara Hughes
Hyacinth Wright
Karin Koehn
Karen Jacoby
Rosa Nunez
Michael C. Richman