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**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
28 February 1996**

	The 328th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:10 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Professor Barbara L. Hampton, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Hunter College Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Announcement:	Professor Hampton informed the Senate that the letter-writing campaign to Albany legislators concerning the Governor's proposed budget cuts was well under way. She urged senators to volunteer for staffing the letter-writing table on the third floor of the West Building, to write to and visit their representatives, and to make packets of informational material available to students in classes.	6 7 8 9 10
Agenda:	The agenda was adopted as presented.	11
Report by the President:	President Caputo said:	12
	"I have two brief announcements before continuing the discussion.	13
	First, I am indebted to Professor Stanley Moses for giving me a copy of the executive summary of "The Region at Risk Report", the third regional plan from the Regional Planning Association. In the section on economy it says:	14 15 16
	...Between 1989 and 1992 this region fell under a steep and frightening recession that claimed 770,000 jobs, the largest job loss in any metropolitan area since WWII, eliminating virtually all our growth for the 1980's. Unlike previous recessions, however, all parts of the region suffered losses of similar magnitude. Immediate growth prospects for many key industries remain weak and uncertain, and recovery has been much slower than in other parts of the nation...This recession and slow recovery must be considered in the context of a wrenching global transformation. New technologies have radically changed how goods and services are produced, marketed, and distributed, and a fiercely competitive global economy can quickly turn the fortunes of a business or community. Low-skilled workers are particularly vulnerable to this transformation. Rising skill requirements and corporate downsizing have depressed wages and job opportunities...	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
	It goes on to talk about a variety of things. I am hopeful that as this gets more discussion in general, it will help to further educate the public about the need for increased investment in public education.	31 32 33
	The second thing I would like to do is to reinforce what the Chair has indicated to you in terms of the importance that you participate in the letter-writing campaign. If it is at all possible and you could volunteer some time to be at the table, it would be very much appreciated. Whatever you can do to be of assistance will be appreciated."	34 35 36 37 38
	President Caputo then responded to questions from the floor concerning the proposals and initiatives that he presented at the February 14th Senate meeting.	39 40
	He concluded the report with the following remarks:	41
	"I want to tell you how much I have appreciated the chance to talk with you. I am sure there will be other opportunities, and I would encourage you to be thinking about these things. We are going to have a very exciting spring ahead of us as these issues get discussed. This is not the only opportunity for discussion. Not having been in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room recently, I am hopeful that at times people are talking about this and that there is some real discussion. I can tell you that during the last few sessions that I have had, I have been very impressed with the points people are raising and the discussion that is taking place.	42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

The amendment was accepted by the mover and became part of the main motion 102
on the floor. 103

After discussion, a quorum count was requested. 104

The required number of senators not having been present, the meeting adjourned 105
at 5:35 PM. 106

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary