

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
14 March 1984

The ¹⁸⁰467th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:40 p.m. 1
in Room W714. 2

Presiding: Richard Stapleford, Chairperson 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in 4
Appendix I. 5

Announcement: Prof. Stapleford presented a bouquet of flowers to Judy Cohen with the 6
Senate's congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of her recent 7
marriage. 8

Report by the President: The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report to 9
the Senate: 10

Re: Search Committees: The President reported that the search for 11
Provost had been completed, and thanked Al Bennick and his committee for 12
the outstanding job they did for all of us. President Shalala will 13
make a formal announcement on Tuesday. 14

The President then announced that Dean Ruth Leventhal of the School of 15
Health Sciences had resigned to accept a position as Provost and Dean 16
of the Capital Campus of Penn State University. President Shalala said 17
that she was pleased for Dean Leventhal, but that Hunter would miss her. 18
She asked the Senate to set up another search committee, and commented 19
that perhaps a permanent committee on searches is needed. 20

The President said that the Humanities Search Committee has been appointed 21
and that the Committee will be meeting with her next week. 22

Re: Budget: The situation seems to be in some confusion. Legislators in 23
Albany keep assuring us that we have a good chance of getting the 350 24
lines for CUNY restored--for Hunter this would mean a restoration of 25
44 lines. We have submitted paperwork to CUNY, which they will send to 26
the State, and we have made the best case possible. President Shalala 27
said that Hunter is probably better organized than most CUNY institutions, 28
and that she was very pleased with the postcard campaign protesting the 29
tuition increase and computer fee which had been started. 30

There may be small increases in the equipment budget. We received two- 31
thirds of the construction planning money we had asked for. This will 32
allow us to start the renovation of Hunter North. The President said 33
that it is necessary to again mount a major campaign on the budget. 34

President Shalala informed the Senate that she is planning to open up the 35
budget process at Hunter for next year, and that she will be talking to 36
the Chairperson of the Senate Budget Committee about that process. She 37
would like to become more informed through the budget process by listening 38
to departments, deans, and to hear what their program plans and their 39
wish lists are. She will be open to ideas and recommendations to see 40
whether there is any reformulation that can be done, or a new strategy 41
that would be more successful than the one the University is using. We 42
have to think of ways in which we can generate some public and private 43
money to get some of the renovations done. 44

Part of the money that is needed for the restoration of the Playhouse 45
will come in tonight at the Martina Arroya Benefit Concert. We expect to 46
clear between \$15,000 and \$20,000 because we were able to keep the cost 47
down and because a lot of things were donated. We should be clearing 48
\$100 out of the \$125 ticket for the sit-down, black-tie dinner dance. 49

The President's plans for the next two months are to stay in the country 50
and to lobby on the budget, and then to start the budget process for next 51
year. 52

In response to a question from the floor on tuition increases, President Shalala said that, when asked, the leaders in Albany reply that the tuition increase is dead. It is too quiet and she said that she feels uncomfortable about it. She feels the issue is not dead as long as the State Senate is talking about a tax cut. We should not take any chances. We drove the legislators crazy last year with mailings, and this may just be a way of putting us off for a while.

Regarding a question on the telephone situation, President Shalala said we took the most drastic step possible towards improving the situation, by firing the original contractor and bringing in a new one. This may tie us up in court for years, but it was the administration's judgment that this was the only way to improve telephone services.

Report by the Ombudsman: There was no report. 65

Report by the Administrative Committee: Prof. Stapleford presented the report as follows: 66

1. Approved Curriculum Changes 67
The following changes as listed in the report dated March 14th, were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-546 (Urban Affairs), US-545 (Anthropology), US-547 (Biology), GS-209 (Nursing), GS-212 (Curriculum & Teaching). 68 70 71

2. Sub-Committee on Legislative Action 72
Ms. Pat Falk, Director of Community Relations and a member of the committee, reported that the legislators in Albany seemed firm in restoring the 350 positions for CUNY. However, their attitude regarding tuition increases is less clear. She informed the Senate that the student governments, NYPIRG, and the Hunter College Senate Office are mounting a postcard campaign against tuition increase and computer fee. The cards are pre-printed with space for a brief message. Tables are being set up at key points in the College. 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

Prof. Stapleford informed the Senate that the Senate Office will send out an all faculty mailing, encouraging faculty to pick up cards for distribution in their classes, and to return the cards to the Senate Office for counting. 81 82 83 84

3. Prof. Stapleford congratulated the School of Nursing on the successful completion of the accreditation procedure. 85 86

4. He reported that the Administration--Vice President Tesoriero, Provost LeMelle, and other parties have had negotiations with the union for some time now about establishing a 4-day class week at Hunter in the summer, so that the College can be closed on Fridays. About February 23rd, Provost LeMelle had informed him that the Senate Calendar Committee would be considering a proposal which would change the summer session schedule to a 4-day week. The Senate Calendar Committee received this information on March 1st, and Prof. Barickman scheduled an emergency meeting of the Calendar committee on short notice for last Wednesday. The Committee was under time pressure since Departments were already in the process of scheduling classes for the summer based on a 4-day schedule. Essentially, the Calendar Committee was told, here is the 4-day schedule, and they felt that it was mandatory. Prof. Barickman informed the Administrative Committee of this. Since then, we have determined, through various meetings and phone calls, that Vice-President Tesoriero had mentioned the 4-day schedule to the FP&B last Fall. The FP&B Bell Schedule Committee was told about this, but did not realize that they should have contacted the Senate Calendar Committee. The FP&B was then officially informed of the 4-day summer schedule at their first meeting in March and it was their impression that it was a fait accompli. A compromise may be worked out given time. Vice President Tesoriero had told Prof. Stapleford that at this point the 4-day schedule is simply a proposal and that it is not mandated by the Board of Trustees. 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111

Prof. Stapleford then presented the following resolution which was distributed before the meeting: 112 113

BE IT RESOLVED, that no changes in the summer session class schedule or support services be instituted until the proper Senate Committees have had time to examine the impact of such changes on academic priorities and bring forward to the Senate appropriate recommendations.	114 115 116 117 118
During discussion Vice President Tesoriero pointed out that all CUNY Colleges already have a 4-day summer schedule, and that it was DC37 who have requested that the CUNY colleges be closed on Fridays.	119 120 121
It was suggested that a trade-off with Fall holidays be negotiated with the union.	122 123
Prof. Stapleford informed the Senate that Associate Provost Wilke is collecting recommendations for negotiations with the unions, and that the Senate should add its voice to it.	124 125 126
After discussion the question was called.	127
The motion to call the question was defeated.	128
After further discussion, Prof. Korn moved that the motion be amended by substituting the following: "The Senate urges the Administration to make no changes in support services for the Summer 1984, until any calendar revisions are approved by the Senate."	129 130 131 132
After discussion the motion to substitute was defeated by hand vote.	133
A motion to amend the resolution to read as follows, was accepted by the mover, and became the main motion on the floor:	134 135
RESOLVED, that no changes in the summer session schedule or support services be implemented until the Senate takes appropriate action.	136 137 138
The motion was approved by hand vote.	139
Committee Reports:	
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	140
Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the two reports as distributed and opened the floor for further nominations. There were no further nominations.	141 142 143
A motion to cast a single ballot in favor of each nominee was approved by hand vote, and the following were elected:	144 145
<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	146
Faculty from Academic Skills: Marcia Lipson	147
<u>Master Plan Committee</u>	148
Faculty from Education: Ruth Rose (Academic Skills)	149
<u>Graduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	150
Faculty from Social Work: Gary Anderson	151
<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	152
Student: Penny Brandt (Day)	153
<u>Calendar Committee</u>	154
Student: Susan Conrad (Sociology-Day)	155
<u>Advisory Committee on the Library</u>	156
Faculty: Rodney Varley (Physics)	157
Student: Austin McBean (Political Science Major)	158
<u>Budget Committee</u>	159
Student: Ronald Vargo (Economics/Poli.Sci.)	160
<u>Review Commission on Distribution Requirement</u>	161
Student: Austin McBean (Political Science Major)	162

<u>Charter Review Committee</u>	163
Student: Ronald Vargo (Poli.Sci./Economics)	164
<u>Teacher Evaluations Committee</u>	165
Student: Roger Pudlin (Evening)	166
<u>Calendar Committee</u>	167
Prof. Richard Barickman, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the report as distributed.	168 169
After discussion the question was called.	170
The motion to call the question was defeated, and due to the late hour, further discussion was postponed to the next meeting.	171 172
The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.	173

Respectfully submitted,



Al Bennick,
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Teri Haas
Linda Morris "E"
George Manley
Maude Robinson

Anthropology: Edward Bendix
Carol Cambas

Art: Alice Aycock
Lisa Vergara
Anthony Panzera "E"

Biology: David Lush
Richard Piccioni

Chemistry: William Sweeney
Maria Tomasz

Communications: Thomas Mader
Serafina Bathrick

Curriculum & Teaching: Maureen Herman "E"
Mae Gamble
Elaine Block "E"

English: Jane Benardete "E"
Louise DeSalvo

Geology & Geography: Alan Strahler

German: Mary Sullivan
E.F. Hoffman "E"

Health & Physical Educ.: Thomas Burke
William Taussig

History: Robert Seltzer "E"
Edith Link "E"

Health Sciences: Olga Benitez "E"

Mathematics: Miriam Hecht

Music: William Siegenfeld
Russell Oberlin "E"

Nursing: Carol Gilbert "E"
Marjorie Duncan

Philosophy: Charles Sherover

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz
Toby Klass

Romance Languages: Julius Purczinsky
Julia Przybos "E"

Social Work: Elizabeth Dane
David Feldstein

Sociology: Charles Green
Ruth Sidel "E"
Yaffa Schlesinger

Special Education: Ellis Barowsky

Student Services: Sandra LaPorta "E"

Theatre & Film: Harry Lines
Mira Felner

STUDENTS:

Kathleen Douris
Lori Sbordone
Kenneth Walker
Jim Zipp
Alcaly Diouf
Obed Cintron
Cecile Manners
Sol Novick "E"
Claude Moorehead
Daniela Montana
Carla Cordova
Mary Beth Slevin
Beth Weiselberg
Kirk Callender "E"
Natalie Gomez
Rosa Amatulli
Barbara Reisman "E"
Cathy Lesko
Krista Jo Merget
David Reed
David Newstein
Roger Brewster
Ana Gomez
Roland St ione
Michael Alix
Stefanie Simon
Elizabeth Price
Tanya Parker
Ruth Michael
Victor Batista
Antionette Foster
Helene Reisman "E"
Zipporah Portis
Garth Roberts
Renee Jones
Joseph Adamson
Karen Johnson
Laurie Ann Lashley
Mary Young
Gerry Savage
Maria Medved
Dolores Sanchez

Dean James Settle
Prov. Tilden LeMelle
Dean Walter Weiss "E"
Dean Richard Mawe