

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
25 March 1987**

	The 219th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 PM in Room W714.	1 2
<b>Presiding:</b>	F. Fulton Ross, Chair	3
<b>Attendance:</b>	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
<b>Minutes:</b>	The Minutes of February 11th were approved as distributed.	6
<b>Report by the President:</b>	The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report to the Senate:	7 8
	The President informed the Senate that the production of "Gypsy", co-sponsored by the Departments of Theatre & Film, Music, and the Dance Program will be shown in the Playhouse at 8 PM Wednesday through Saturday. She said that it is a wonderful production, with a very large number of Hunter students. The production staff is huge because of the number of scene changes and the music and dance that is involved. It is probably the largest production Hunter has done in 20 years. She strongly recommended that everyone go and see it.	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
	President Shalala said that she had received a package today with a note from Herman Wouk, with autographed copies of "Marjorie Morningstar." Herman Wouk's sister and Marjorie Morningstar in the book went to Hunter, and today his books arrived with autographed copies for the Library.	17 18 19 20
	<b>Search for Dean of Sciences &amp; Mathematics:</b> President Shalala informed the Senate that the position had been offered to Dr. Erwin Fleissner and that he has accepted. Dr. Fleissner is a world-class scientist. His research is in the field of mechanisms of cancer with particular emphasis on mouse tumor viruses and leukemia. He received his BA, magna cum laude, in Physics and Philosophy from Yale, he was a Rhodes scholar with a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from Oxford, and earned his PhD in Biochemistry at Columbia. As an adjunct member of the faculty he taught philosophy here at Hunter in 1982. He is currently Chair of the Molecular Biology Program at Sloan-Kettering, and Professor of Molecular Biology and Virology at Cornell University's Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Dr. Fleissner is giving up a major research laboratory and is coming to Hunter because of his deep commitment to undergraduate education and science education in particular. He will be a wonderful addition to our faculty and will be joining us some time this summer.	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
	The Search Committee did a terrific job. Department Chairs are very enthusiastic and told the President that she couldn't make a mistake with any of the top 3 or 4 candidates. Everybody had preferences, but Dr. Fleissner was by far the consensus candidate and the most outstanding of the group at this point in time. The candidates were extraordinary.	36 37 38 39 40
	<b>Budget:</b> President Shalala said that because of a tax windfall the budget is tied up in Albany on the debate between the Governor and both houses over the tax cut. It has totally delayed any focus on specific programs, i.e. child-care, freshmen basis skills, asbestos removal, and graduate initiatives, which are university priorities.	41 42 43 44 45
	The President thanked everyone who wrote to Albany in support of CU-NY's budget request, and urged that more letters be sent. She said that there is money in Albany, but also a lot of determination on the part of both legislative houses and the Governor to cut taxes instead of using some of the available money for social policy items.	46 47 48 49 50
	<b>Middle States Evaluation:</b> President Shalala informed the Senate that the Middle States Evaluation Team visit went very smoothly. She was told that it was the best organized and smoothest experience they ever had.	51 52 53

**APPENDIX I**

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

**FACULTY:**

Academic Skills:	Phyllis Rubenfeld Milagros Garcia "E"	Special Education:	Katherine Garnett "E"
Anthropology:	Susan Lees	Student Services:	Reva Cohen "E"
Art:	Richard Stapleford "E" Anthony Panzera "E"	Theatre & Film:	Richard Tomkins Patricia Sternberg "E"
Biology:	Robert Grant	Urban Affairs:	Stanley Moses
Black & P.R. Studies:	Jaffer Kassamali	Dean Evelyn Gioielli "E"	
Chemistry:	Richard Franck "E"	Dean Carlos Hortas	
		Dean Richard Mawe	
		Dean Everlena Holmes	
Classics:	Emil Draitser	<b>STUDENTS:</b>	Roger Kennedy
Communications:	Serafina Bathrick "E"		Mikell Knights
Curric. & Teaching:	Mae Gamble		Eulela Swinton
Economics:	Lawrence Arnsten		R.V. Phoewhawn "E"
Educ. Foundations:	Joan Buxbaum "E" Sherryl Graves "E"		David Eiskovits
English:	Allan Brick Louise DeSalvo		David Eskin
Geology & Geography:	Charles Heatwole "E" Richard Liebling		Rosa Heredia
German:	Minna Altmann "E"		Chris Kikis
Health & Phys. Educ.:	Ron Brown "E" Tom Burke		Christopher Seeger
History:	Dolores Greenberg Edith Link		Herbert Weiss
Health Sciences:	Russell Sergeant "E" Karen O'Brien "E"		Dennis Bianco
Library:	Earl Shaffer "E"		Cesar Hernandez
Mathematics:	Edward Binkowski Sandra Clarkson Barbara Barone		Amy Pearsall
Music:	Jana Feinman		John Young "E"
Nursing:	Diane Rendon "E" Joan Sayre "E"		Gennady Khareyn
Physics & Astronomy:	Rodney Varley		Marc Mizrahi "E"
Political Science:	Andrew Polsky "E" Priscilla Handelman		Kimberley Slade "E"
Psychology:	Gerald Turkewitz		Allison Miller
Romance Languages:	Francesca Sautman		Cathleen Goodman
Social Work:	Gary Anderson		Martha Sheparce
Sociology:	John Cuddihy Carmen Hendricks		Michael Kraljev

"E" = Excused