

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
29 March 1988

The 242nd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:10 PM in Room W714. 1  
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**Presiding:** Jo Kirsch, Chair 3

**Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I. 4  
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**Minutes:** The Minutes of February 8th were approved as distributed. 6

The Minutes of February 22nd were approved with the correction to list Prof. Gilpatrick with an excused absence. 7  
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Prof. Kirsch informed the Senate that the letter-writing campaign that was jointly sponsored by the Senate, FDA, Student Governments, NYPIRG, and the President's Office has been a huge success. As of last Friday 11,515 letters were mailed to the various Albany legislators. Professor Kirsch expressed her thanks to everyone involved, with special thanks to Pat Falk who helped coordinate the effort, to the Student Governments for helping to finance envelopes and stamps, to all the people who volunteered, and to Renate Murray who was instrumental in coordinating the campaign. 9  
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**Report by the President:** President LeClerc presented the following report. He said: 17

"I, too, would like to thank the members of the Senate Office and Renate Murray for the extraordinary response that Hunter made to the Governor's proposed budget. Between 70,000 and 80,000 letters went from the entire university community, and we produced in excess of 11,000 of the letters. I am told by the people at 80th Street that this has the other presidents green with envy and sort of turning inside out as to what they could do to match Hunter's record. So, as always, we are first and it matters. It matters a lot. Those letters have piled up. I am told that there are bags of mail in the corridors in Albany, and that it is nice to know that Hunter is recognized as the institution that cared the most about protesting the kinds of things that the Governor proposed to do in his budget for next year. Word came in just this afternoon from the CUNY lobbyists that it looks as though there will be no budget emerging from the State until five days after income taxes are due into the State. That is until after April 20th, until such time as legislators and the governor's staff have a clear sense of what revenues are going to be for this year. We will have to be more patient than we thought we had to be before we will get some final news as to what the dimensions of the budget are going to be, and what the extent of the restorations will be for us next year. 18  
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In terms of good news I am pleased to share with you that again this year two Hunter students have won very prestigious awards. These are Mellon graduate fellowships in humanities. One student was a major in the English Department, and the other a major in Classics and the Honors Program. These awards carry a total of about \$36,000 for doctoral level study. As always, we are in the best of company in terms of the institutions whose undergraduate students won such awards. So we have great praise for those students and for their faculty, and those who mentored them and taught them and counseled them through their undergraduate years at Hunter College. 37  
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As I think you know from an "Open Line", we have had a measles outbreak at the College with two cases reported. We have taken steps that were recommended by Stephen Joseph, Health Commissioner of the City of New York, in terms of attempting to contain that disease on campus. That is to say that we have asked the student who was reported to have 47  
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the most recent case to stay away from campus and from class for two weeks. We have not asked students in his class to do the same thing, as we were told that this would have been an overreaction to the situation. We did have people from the Health Department doing vaccinations on campus this past Monday. Should you have any questions regarding measles you should contact the Health Office of the College, or you might speak to Vice President Fishman as well."

President LeClerc concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.

**Report by the  
 Administrative  
 Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows:

- a. First Reading of the Proposed Amendments to the Charter  
 She presented the First Reading in accordance with the amendment procedure approved by the Board of Trustees (Calendar, April 23, 1979, No. 6B).

She informed the Senate that at the "First Reading" the floor would be open for discussion, but that no votes would be taken. The "Second Reading" will take place at the April 26th Senate meeting, where amendments to the proposal may be made and voted on. The "Third Reading" and adoption vote by written ballot will take place at the May 17th Senate meeting.

After discussion Prof. Kirsch asked senators to submit any proposals for amending the Amendments in writing to the Senate Office for inclusion in the report for the "Second Reading."

- b. Approved Curriculum Changes  
 The following changes, as listed in the two-part report dated 29 March 1989, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GR-288 (Curriculum & Teaching), GR-283 (Theatre & Film), US-717 (Music), GS-282 (History).

**Committee  
 Reports:**

Nominating Committee  
 Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 29 March 1989.

The floor was open for further nominations, but none were made.

A motion to approve the entire slate as a package was approved by voice vote, and the following were elected:

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee  
 Student: Marlene Brown - Day

Budget Committee  
 Student: Jacques Cadet (Poli.Sci.) Day

Departmental Governance Committee  
 Faculty from Education: Carmen Mercado (Curric. & Teaching)

Grade Appeals Committee  
 Student Alternate: James Goodman - Evening

Teacher Evaluations Committee  
 Student: Wendy Chin (Psych.) Day

Charter Review Committee  
 Faculty: Ken Sherrill (Poli. Sci.)  
 Student: James Goodman - Evening

Review Commission on Distribution requirements  
 Student Alternate: Marlene Brown - Day

<u>Calendar Committee</u>		100
Faculty from Sciences & Math.:	Christina Zamfirescu (Comp. Sci.)	101
<u>Master Plan Committee</u>		102
Student:	Wendy Chin (Psych.) Day	103
<u>Nominating Committee</u>		104
Faculty	Everett Aison ( Theater & Film)	105
Faculty Alternate:	Carol Silverman (Health Sciences)	106
<u>Graduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>		107
Prof. Kate Garnett, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 29 March 1989.		108 109
After discussion a motion was made to divide the question. There having been no objection it was so ordered.		110 111
The motion on the floor was approval of the following resolution:		112
BE IT RESOLVED, that effective for the Fall 1989 semester, the grade AB (Absent) be abolished at the graduate level.		113 114
The motion was approved by voice vote.		115
The motion on the floor was the motion to approve paragraphs, 2, 3, and 4 of the report.		116 117
After discussion, Prof. Gilpatrick moved to recommit the motion for further consideration.		118 119
After discussion, the motion to recommit carried by voice vote.		120
<u>Departmental Governance Committee</u>		121
Prof. Kathleen Meier presented the two-part report dated 29 March 1989 on behalf of the Committee.		122 123
The motion on the floor was approval of the revised By-laws of the Department of Educational Foundations and Counseling Programs.		124 125
After brief discussion the motion carried by voice vote.		126
The next item on the floor were the By-laws of the Women's Studies Program.		127
A motion to accept the By-laws of the Women's Studies Program was defeated by voice vote.		128 129
A question was raised because the proposed by-laws were not "departmental" by-laws.		130 131
During discussion the Senate expressed its appreciation for having received the By-laws of the Women's Studies Program. It was the consensus of the body that no action be taken at this time, and to return the By-laws of the Women's Studies Program to committee.		132 133 134 135
A motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.		136

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Mayer,  
Secretary

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## APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

## FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Teri Haas "E" Lucille Croom Athlyn Sawyer "E" Hector Martinez "E"	Social Work:	Yvonne Asamoah "E" Judith Rosenberger
Anthropology:	Sally McLendon	Sociology:	John Cuddihy Michael Wood "E" Mary Curry Charles Green
Art:	Anthony Panzera Richard Stapleford	Special Education:	Marsha Smith-Lewis "E"
Biology:	Ezra Shahn "E" Marvin Friedman	Theatre & Film:	Dick Tomkins Dan Koetting
Classics:	William Mayer "E"	Urban Affairs:	Stanley Moses William Milczarski
Communications:	Fulton Ross "E" Tami Gold-Ahern Robert Stanley	Dean Walter Weiss Dean Everlena Holmes V.P. Sylvia Fishman	
Curriculum & Teaching:	Carmen Mercado		
Economics:	Howard Chernick		
Educational Foundations:	Marvin Wayne		
English	John Stone John Holm Sybil Brinberg		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Lieblilng Christine Carlson		
Health Sciences:	Jack Caravanos Karen O'Brien "E"		
History:	James Harrison Naomi Miller Barbara Welter		
Library:	Harriet DeCeunynck "E"		
Mathematics:	Thomas Jambois Sandra Clarkson Barbara Barone "E"		
Music:	Jana Feinman Robert Montesi "E" Richard Burke		
Nursing:	Muriel Kneeshaw		
Philosophy:	Christine Sistare		
Physics & Astronomy:	Al Bennick "E"		
Political Science:	Joan Tronto "E" Carolyn Somerville Ken Sherrill "E" Robert Burrowes Kenneth Erickson "E" Rosalind Petchesky		
Psychology:	John Jacobs		
Romance Languages:	Julius Purczinsky Alex Szogyi Juan Gonzalez-Millan		

## STUDENTS:

Irene Hanna  
Veronica Odum  
Rudolph Guarnaccia  
Estelle Sauerstrom  
Dennis Bianco  
Marie Cyriaque  
Jacques Cadet  
Blaise Hancock  
Shannon Gibney  
John Nilsen  
Amy Kossoy "E"  
Keisha Gaither  
Sandra Maxwell  
Gus Karistinos  
Theresa Forte  
Mike Knights  
Peter Coates  
Michael Hewitt  
Rick Rozos  
Frances Quilang  
Suzanne Mullings  
Prem Isaac  
Valeda Dent  
Mark Windley  
Hilda Abadia  
Terence Maxwell  
Kim Ray "E"  
Allison Miller  
Norma Moy  
Guy Conti  
Gladys Sandoval