

HUNTER COLLEGE  
City University of New York  
OFFICE OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES

**Special Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
3 March 1993**

	A Special Meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:30 PM in Room W714.	1 2
<b>Presiding:</b>	Kenneth S. Sherrill, Chair	3
<b>Attendance:</b>	The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
<b>Report by the President:</b>	A summary statement of President LeClerc's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	6 7
	President LeClerc concluded the report by answering questions from the floor.	8
<b>Report by the Administrative Committee:</b>	Professor Sherrill presented the report as follows:	9
	<b><u>Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences</u></b>	10
	He informed the Senate that the election results for faculty candidates for the Member-Panel are as follows:	11 12
	A total number of 62 ballots were cast at the February 24th Senate meeting. The ballots were counted in the Senate Office under the supervision of the Ombuds Officer, Professor Di Scipio. Voting by written ballot for the 8 faculty member-panel produced the following results:	13 14 15 16
	Burton Pasternak (Anthropology) 26 votes	17
	Howard Chernick (Economics) 31 votes	18
	Dolores Greenberg (History) 40 votes	19
	Carolyn Somerville (Political Science) 50 votes	20
	Vita Rabinowitz (Psychology) 19 votes	21
	Janet Poppendieck (Sociology) 51 votes	22
	Hans Spiegel (Urban Affairs) 31 votes	23
	Joan Tronto (Political Science) 37 votes	24
	Prof. Sherrill informed the Senate that the names of the eight faculty candidates for the member-panel had been submitted to the President, together with the five student candidates for the member-panel, and a panel of three for Chair (see Minutes of 2/24/93). President LeClerc will choose a search committee of four faculty, three student, and a chair from these panels.	26 27 28 29 30
	<b><u>Re: Report by Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning.</u></b>	31
	Professor Sherrill informed the Senate that the Standing Committees are in the process of finalizing individual responses to the Goldstein Report for tomorrow's Steering Committee meeting. The reports that were available in time for copying were distributed at the door for the Senate's information, and would be discussed later on in the meeting, together with some oral reports. He further informed the Senate that the statement and resolution adopted at the last Senate meeting, had been released to the press, and had been mailed to the Governor, the Mayor, and New York State Senators and Assemblymembers representing all the boroughs of New York City.	32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
	At 4:45 PM it was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a Committee-of-the-Whole. There having been no objection, it was so ordered.	41 42
	The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:50 PM.	43
	A motion to adjourn was made and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.	44

Respectfully submitted,

*Khursheed Navder*  
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Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

**FACULTY:**

Academic Skills:	Mary Yopez Phyllis Rubinfeld "E" Willie Wimberly	Special Education:	Marsha Lupi Marsha Smith-Lewis
Anthropology:	Thomas McGovern John Oates Gerald Creed	Urban Affairs:	Stanley Moses
Art:	Joel Carrera Ulka Bates Andrea Blum	Dean Carlos Hortas Provost Laura Struminger Vice Pres. Barry Kaufman	
Black & P.R. Studies:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno "E"	<b>STUDENTS:</b>	
Chemistry:	Lou Massa Pamela Mills	David Asencio Efua Morgan Rita Sabini Ari Spett John Pastor Antonio Lopez Michael Joseph Jeanette Surita Todd Smith Zoisa Simmons Rafael Hernandez Josiah Klebaner Frances Goulart Lynette Renee Carpenter Robin Hardy Armin Patel Victoria Kern "E" Timothy Lee "E" Melissa Uber Gina Jones Debra Robertson Richard Baldwin Simon Kamara Lewanda Hernandez Jose Ramos Damaris Nunez Dierdre Foudy Edilberto Soriano Kyle Williams Amy Fatutta George Tong Moriah Eskow Robert Elia John Geida "E" Kim Ray Helen Pouliasis Tara Moloney Dyannah Barthold Erica Petersen "E" Arlene King Brian Ibbotson Alicen Willis Amy Kossoy Ida Borday Sean Sukaal "E"	
Classics:	Tamara Green		
Communications:	Tami Gold Jay Roman Serafina Bathrick		
Computer Science:	Virginia Teller		
Curriculum & Teaching:	Tony Picciano Alene Smith		
Economics:	Howard Chernick Avi Liveson "E"		
Educational Foundations:	Mario Kelly Simi Linton		
English:	Eve Leoff Sybil Brinberg Karen Greenberg "E"		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Liebling Sara McLafferty		
German:	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius Annette Kym "E" Heidi Singer "E"		
History:	Marta Petruszewicz		
Library:	Steve Kowalik		
Music:	Jana Feinman Paul Mueller "E" Susan Kagan "E"		
Nursing:	Donna Nickitas		
Physics & Astronomy:	Al Bennick "E"		
Political Science:	Rosalind Petchesky Thomas Flanegin "E"		
Social Work:	Joann Ivry Jayne Silberman "E" Malka Sternberg		

Please append to the Minutes of March 3rd, which were previously submitted.

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**APPENDIX II  
Report by the President**

He said: "I have a few announcements, and then I'll be happy to take questions on whatever happens to be on the minds of the senators. As I think you know, Hunter has been victorious in CUNY basketball this year for the first time in many, many years. Both the women's basket ball team and the men's basketball team won the CUNY championships here at Hunter last week. And that is cause for a celebration. It was great basketball and we're very proud of the athletes, of the coaches, of the cheer leaders, of everybody who participated in this tournament.

I think you all know that we lost a very, very special member of our community, Jennifer Maloney, through an accident that was tragic in its consequences. I mentioned this to you in the past and I represented the college as did others at Jennifer Maloney's funeral. She was a person with disabilities who was wheelchair bound and was sort of a fixture at Hunter. She was really one of the most remarkable students, and certainly the most courageous student, I have ever known. I bring this up again because we had at the college about a week ago a memorial service in Jennifer Maloney's honor. It was organized by her fellow students and by the staff of the learning center that the students with disabilities have in Thomas Hunter Hall. At that time I announced that I would be creating a new prize at Hunter which will be called the Jennifer Maloney prize. It will carry a stipend of \$500.00, and it will be awarded to a student with disabilities who represents in her or in his life at college the drive, the talent, the heroism, that Jennifer Maloney embodied in her own life with us as a student. I simply thought you at the Senate might like to know that that's been done and that I hope that we award the first prize this year.

I'd like you also to know that I have asked all of the major constituent bodies and groups of the college to respond to a recommendation that I have received from the environmental safety committee to the effect that all smoking be prohibited in our buildings at Hunter College. The environmental safety committee made this recommendation upon consideration of the latest findings having to do with the dangers of passive smoking. And the recommendation is that this college become a smoke-free environment, so that non-smokers as well as smokers not be exposed to smoke in a passive kind of way. So, I have written to Prof. Sherrill as Chair of the Senate, as well as to Prof. Magnus as President of the FDA, to the department chairperson, the school's deans, the program heads, the student governments, and all of the unions—the PSC, as well as those representing blue-collar and clerical staff at Hunter—to assess the responses of everyone to this suggestion. I look forward to receiving the response of the Senate. Obviously there are a number of senators who do seem to favor this, and once I get all the responses in later this spring we can come to a conclusion and a decision and implement that.

Finally, in the aftermath of the awful incident that took place at the World Trade Center on Friday some members of our community have called me, asking if I thought it was appropriate for us to reconsider security at Hunter. This is a very open and porous campus and all of us are bound to think about security in sealed buildings. We did go through, as you recall, an evacuation of these buildings because of a bomb scare in the fall. Supposedly, there was a bomb placed in a car that was parked outside the East Building on Lexington Avenue. I, and I imagine most of you, participated in that evacuation. It went off without a hitch, but we did learn from it, and many of us proceeded through this building in sort of a labyrinth downstairs out onto 67th Street, through corridors where there were at moments no light bulbs present. The thought of evacuating Hunter in the course of an emergency is one that we all have to bear in mind, as is the question of access to the campus. And at some point in the near future I'd appreciate having a chance to hear the Senate's views on security at Hunter in terms of access to the campus, as well as egress and fire drills, and so on, and so forth. We need to do more practicing to be sure, so that we feel secure in our ability to evacuate these buildings in a safe and timely kind of fashion.

I am pleased that some of the important standing committees of the Senate are looking closely at the implications of the report on academic program planning, and those responses will form an important part of the College's response to this document by March 31st. That being said, I am happy to take any questions that might be on the mind's of individual senators this afternoon.