

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate**  
**16 April 1997**

The 345th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in Room W714.

**Presiding:** Barbara L. Hampton, Chair

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of March 5 and March 19 were approved as distributed.

**Report by the President:** A summary statement of President Caputo's report is attached as Appendix II.

**Report by the Administrative Committee:** The Chair presented the following report:

She informed the Senate that the Calendar Committee had met on April 14 to discuss the university-wide college calendars for 1998-2001. Having taken into consideration concerns expressed by the Senate, the Committee recommended that variances be requested for Hunter College for the academic years 1998-99 and 1999-2000. The chair submitted the request to Vice Chancellor Brenda Malone.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 16 April 1997, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-998 (Sociology), GR-425 (Health Sciences/Communication Sciences), GS-411, GS-420, and GS-421 (Music), GS-419 (Music/Curriculum & Teaching/Educational Foundations), GS-422 (Art), GS-424 (Curriculum & Teaching), US-981 and US-983 (Philosophy), US-984 (Communications), US-986 (Health Sciences/Nutrition), US-996 (Education/Health Sciences).

**Items Carried Over:**

Report by Vice President Gizis on Food Services

Vice President Gizis informed the Senate that *Aramark* had served notice that after June 7 they will no longer provide food services for Hunter because, as they claim, they are operating at a significant loss. He presented a brief up date and informed the Senate that a memorandum outlining the details would be distributed. (The memorandum is attached as Appendix III.)

Status Report by the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement.

Professor Andrew Polsky, Chair of the Committee, presented the following report:

He said: "On behalf of the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement I want to give you a very brief oral report today. We expect to have a written report available for the meeting of the Senate within the next two to three weeks at the outside. It should be circulated to you right after the spring break, and at that point we will be on the agenda for a full discussion at a future Senate meeting.

I want to very briefly preview what we will be talking about in the report. The report is divided into several sections. In the report we will be talking primarily about alternatives for future action that our committee or a successor committee should begin to put before the Senate as early as next year, dealing with such matters as the problems that transfer students coming in with a lot of credits have with the Distribution Requirement, as well as some possibilities for dealing with what we regard as a tendency to overload students with introductory courses at the expense of more advanced courses that would encourage serious writing which is a concern of the committee. There will also be some specific procedural recommendations for how the work begun by the committee might be continued next year.

I want to close by saying, since some of the committee members are here, that I want to thank now the members of the committee who have worked this year very effectively as a group -- Professors Kimberly Kinsler and Dorothy James who are here, and in addition some other members who are not here, Professor Kate Parry, Jason Young, and Pamela Mills who have also been very active. We have had occasional participation from some

other members. We have received great cooperation from other members of the College community, particularly the Office of Student Services, in sharing information with us, and I want to thank everyone in advance for what they have contributed to the process."

**Reorganization of the Schools of Nursing and Health Sciences**

The chair introduced the revised resolution for the May 27, 1997 University Report as distributed (see Appendix IV).

It was moved that the Senate dissolve into a quasi-committee of the whole for the purpose of informal discussion. The motion carried at 4:50 PM.

The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:00 PM.

Professor Sherrill noted that this item was for informational purposes and comments, and moved that the Senate go on to the next item on the agenda. The motion was approved by hand vote.

**Committee**            **Undergraduate Course of Study Committee**

**Reports:** Professor Turner moved that the report be postponed to the next meeting at the request of the Committee Chair. The motion carried.

**Old Business:**      **The CUNY Card**


There was brief discussion.

**New Business:**    **Announcement**

Professor Wallach brought to the Senate's attention the Lecture on Multiculturalism and Commonality sponsored by the Offices of the President and Provost as well as various departments, which will take place on April 30, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, in W714. Discussants are Professors Frank Kirkland of the Philosophy Department and Marnia Lazreg of the Sociology Department and Women's Studies Program.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Sherrill,  
Secretary

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## APPENDIX I

*The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:*

**FACULTY**

Anthropology:	William Parry Ida Susser Marc Edelman Nancy Flores
Art:	Jeffrey Mongrain Emily Braun William Agee
Biological Sciences:	
Black & P.R. Studies:	
Chemistry:	Charles Michael Drain Lynn Francesconi Richard Franck
Classical & Oriental Studies:	Alex Alexander "E"
Communications:	James Roman Peter Parisi Stuart Ewen
Computer Science:	Marilyn Rothschild "E"
Curriculum & Teaching:	Dolores Fernandez Anthony Picciano Rosa Boone
Economics:	Avi Liveson Howard Chernick Temisan Agbeyegbe Nashwa George
Educational Foundations:	Simi Linton
English:	
Geography:	Jeffrey Osleeb Peter Combs "E"
German:	
Health Sciences:	Deborah Blocker Nora Baker "E"
History:	Bernadette McCauley "E"
Library:	
Mathematics & Statistics:	Ada Peluso "E" Sandra Clarkson Jane Matthews
Music:	Susan Gonzalez Richard Stieffel
Nursing:	Maura Ryan
Philosophy:	Gerlad Press
Physics & Astronomy:	Robert Marino Martin DenBoer
Political Science:	
Psychology:	
Romance Languages:	Paolo Fasoli "E" Julius Purczinsky
SEEK:	William Wimberly "E"
Social Work:	Eleanor Bromberg Malka Sternberg
Sociology:	Isabel Geiler
Special Education:	
Student Services:	Howard Tarragon Madlyn Stokely
Theatre & Film:	Dan Koetting "E" Joel Zuker
Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp Stanley Moses

Administration:

Dean Carlos Hortas  
Chief Librarian Louise Sherby

**STUDENTS**

Hannah Craven  
Asad Rahman  
Kim Conroy  
Liangela Cabrera  
Michael Hernandez  
Karen Waithe  
Lisette Ruiz  
Rachel Laforest  
Gur Altberg  
E. Tony Berkel  
Shannon Richards  
Marie Benoit  
David Siroonian

## APPENDIX II Report by the President

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate. He said:

"I am pleased to be with you this afternoon. I want to mention several Hunter College activities that took place last week. I picked those at random. We had a Hunter Symphony performance with guest artist Eugenia Zuckerman. We had a RCMI Conference last Friday with an outstanding group of presenters and students participating. The Hunter College Dance Group had its recital. The Women's Studies' Bella Abzug Lecture was also held last week. I mention these four because they represent a wide range of activities at the College, from the artistic to the political to the scientific. They are examples of the tremendous vitality here, and I applaud the faculty, staff, and students who are responsible for these and the many other wonderful events that are coming up in the weeks ahead.

Most of you were probably not aware of this, but I just want to give a summation of things that occurred during the week of April 2 involving our colleagues and students in the news. First, there is a commencement picture from January in the *Caribe News*. A freelance reporter from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* interviewed one of the professors in the Art Department. One of our professors in Political Science was interviewed and photographed for an article which is now out in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Someone from Computer Science was interviewed by *CNN*. A *Daily News* reporter covered a lecture on campus. Another faculty member was quoted in a *New York Times* story on child abuse. And we had a faculty member who appeared on the "Montel Williams Show." And then, finally, another faculty member was interviewed twice by *CNN* involving research concerning the India/Pakistan crisis. I mention this only because many of you have commented to me that you wish the college would try to get our word out and I want to reassure you. I think this is a good example that the College does everything that it possibly can, and Maria Terrone deserves credit for all the work she has done in getting us before the public. The reason she is successful is because you are successful. I want to mention that and congratulate everyone. She works very hard. It is certainly not an easy matter. While we are in the media capital of the world here, it is also a center where there is vast competition for that attention. So, I think everyone is to be congratulated. I mentioned that as part of a commitment of institutional advancement in terms of working with the faculty.

Now let me mention several important developments. First, I am pleased to tell you that Jorge Fuentes has accepted our offer to be the permanent leader of the SEEK Program. I am delighted with his acceptance, and I have met with the departmental faculty to encourage them to work closely with Dr. Fuentes for the goal of a strong and vibrant SEEK Program. The college remains committed to SEEK, and now we need everyone involved to work cooperatively towards making the program a national model.

Second, the Committee that is working on the search for Director of the Office of Instructional Computing and Information Technology has indicated that it hopes to have the names of a group of finalists to me by the first of next week. Four people have been interviewed and, hopefully, the committee will reach some closure before the break. We hope to have an announcement about that appointment by the end of the month,

Third, I am looking forward to receiving the various committee reports. I am sure you all remember the October 23 discussion about reorganization. I am awaiting, as I am sure you all are, a variety of reports, from the First Year Committee to the Faculty Replenishment Committee to the Reorganization Committee for Arts and Sciences. Those reports are all recently due, or are coming due at the end of the month. So, we will have a very busy time in May as we begin to discuss those.

I don't know if Middle States is on your agenda for an update this afternoon. Just let me mention that we have been informed that President Swygert of Howard University will be the team leader for the visit. I have had a preliminary discussion with him, and I am very pleased that he is going to be able to do that. We hope to have the preliminary visit, which is to take place at least three months before the full visit, with him this spring semester if it can be arranged before the beginning of finals. Otherwise we need to wait until everyone is back in the fall to do so. He has agreed to that.

I want to ask you to mark the dates of October 15 to October 18 for the Second Annual Fall Celebration. Of special interest for some of you will be Saturday morning the 18th. I have invited all the living former presidents of Hunter College to return for a morning breakfast and discussion about the college, their reflections on Hunter, and what it has meant over the years. So far we have heard from three former presidents, and I will begin tracking down the others in the very near future.

### Re: Budget

Let me bring you up to date on the budget. I was in Albany last week and met with half a dozen members of the legislature and talked to several other people who were part of the budget process. We also hosted a legislative breakfast here last Friday morning. Five members of the Legislature or their representatives attended. The bottom line is that everything is looking as good as one could expect at this point in time, except that we are starting with an Executive Budget that would impose draconian reductions on us. Full restoration is just going to bring us up to the level of where we were this past fall. The allocation of some additional money for cost of living increases, OTPS, and others things, would be of some help. We also need to make sure that TAP is not tinkered with, and that we get full restoration there. What we have heard is that things are on track for full restoration. The Assembly's budget does have full restorations. However, it does not have funds for new faculty positions which the Governor has proposed. So, it is by no means a done deal and, in fact, when you think about the two extremes of the Assembly legislation and the Governor's proposals, I am concerned that there might be the normal tendency to argue for a compromise somewhere in between. It should be very clear that our position is that there cannot be a compromise, and

that we need both the Assembly's full restoration plus money for new faculty. Whatever you do, do not give up on your visits, on talking with individuals and making sure people realize just how significant these budget cuts are. Yet the picture is much brighter this year at this point in time than it was last year at this point in time, and certainly brighter than two years ago at this point in time. However, until it is actually done it is not over with, and I would like to remind you that there are other items this year -- rent control, welfare reform, health legislation -- which are going to take higher profiles than higher education this time. I am concerned that everyone will lose sight of the importance of this. Needless to say, the presidents across CUNY and the Chancellor are doing everything they can in terms of regular visits to Albany and keeping in touch with the delegation and the legislators.

Re: Heating and Cooling

As important as the budget is, let me mention something else that may be of even greater significance for many of you, and that is where we stand on heating and cooling. As you know, last year we lost the two chillers in the East Building, which cooled the East and West towers. We had to go to temporary service. That took over a month to get in place. Vice President Fishman did yeoman's work in getting that in place as quickly as possible. It worked but it was late in coming. Massive repairs were done on the two chillers in the East Building. Vice President Gizis is working with the repair group to make sure that we have adequate time to test those chillers for coolness. That means that we have to shut the steam service down in order to test the chillers. Once the heat is off, it cannot be turned back on. It is planned to turn the heat off next Monday. We hope to be able to make accommodations in areas that need critical heating by other ways, but we have no choice if we are going to have cooling during the summer. That is our part. Now, let me mention the second part which we have just learned about. Vice President Gizis has been working on this for the better part of six months or so. The good news is that we have received approval from CUNY, DASNY, and the New York Power Authority for a plan that is going to replace our present heating and cooling system in the East and West Building with one that will go into the basement of the North Building. It is an upgrade of over \$12M. It will result in three new electric chillers with enough capacity to chill the East and West Building, plus all the unairconditioned areas in the North Building and the area of Thomas Hunter Hall. So, we are very pleased with this. It really will make a significant difference. It will also give us a boiler capacity and free us from Con Edison and the need to use their steam. It will take about two years to do this, but we will not be without heat or cooling for the next two years. The funding is coming from an energy savings project from the New York Power Authority Energy Savings Fund. So, we are pleased with this, and thanks to Julio Vasquez in Facilities and also Vice President Gizis for their work on this. We hope that work will begin some time in the next few months. In the meantime we have every reason to believe that the cooling that will be in place for the East and West Buildings will be adequate.

Re: Repairs at Brookdale

Regarding the Brookdale facilities I am pleased to announce that some time in the middle part of the summer work will begin on a project of over \$3M to repair "the envelope", which means that there will be window replacements and other patch work done to improve the facility. Work will also be done on the building that is slowly shifting towards the East River. Once that is done, we will be able repair the courtyard which had originally been slated for this spring.

Re: Dean of Research

I have sent a draft of the Dean of Research position to a variety of groups, the FP&B, various governance groups, the Deans, and others, and have asked for a full discussion and suggestions for changes or concerns that might be raised by this draft position. I have asked that it be returned to me by the end of April with due comments. I will then ask the Senate for assistance in working out the details of the search and also for names of individuals to serve on the search committee. That position would begin July 1, 1998.

Next to last, I would like to wish everyone well on their week off. Come back rested and, most of all, ready to work. Believe me, May is going to be a very busy month with everything that is going on, and also with the usual rush towards the end of the semester.

We have several important things that are under discussion, and several more that will be considered for next year's discussion. I just want to set the stage a bit for next year, and I will come back and talk about this perhaps at one of the meetings in May. One item for discussion is the need for some sort of comprehensive evaluation system involving regular feedback on both quality improvement and efforts and also some attempt to work at a systematic evaluation on the administrative front, which would include both Vice Presidents and also the President. We will have more to say on this by early in the Fall, and you should look for a major announcement at the beginning of the fall semester.

I would be glad to answer any questions that anyone would like to raise at this point."

APPENDIX III

April 14, 1997

TO: The Hunter Community

FROM: Evangelos John Gizis



On March 7, 1997, we received a notice from ARAMARK, our food service contractor, that they will discontinue service after ninety days. ARAMARK claims that they are operating at a significant loss and it is for this reason that they wish to discontinue service. The Auxiliary Enterprise Board is currently in the process of selecting a new food service contractor for the 68th Street and Brookdale campuses. A Request for Proposal is being sent to interested vendors with the goal of having the new food service in place as our current vendor leaves on June 30, 1997. In an effort to ease the transition to a new food service and in order for ARAMARK to agree to continue service until June 30th, we have negotiated the following terms:

1. The 2nd Floor West Building Cafeteria has closed. The seating area will remain open and available for your use.
2. The last day of service for the 8th Floor West Building Faculty/Staff Cafeteria will be May 16, 1997.
3. The 3rd Floor West Building Cafeteria will remain open Monday to Thursday from 7:30 AM until 7:00 PM and on Friday from 7:30 AM until 2:30 PM until May 30, 1997 except during Spring Recess (April 21 - 25) when it will be closed.
4. The 1st Floor West Building Cart will remain open Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM from now until May 30, 1997 except during Spring Recess. During Spring Recess (April 21 - 25) and from June 2nd to June 30th Monday to Friday, the cart will be open from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
5. Vending and Catering service will continue as usual until June 30, 1997. Non-college catering payments will be requested to be made in advance.
6. The Brookdale Courtyard Cafe will be open Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM and on Friday from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM until May 30, 1997 except during Spring Recess (April 21 - 25). During Spring Recess and from June 2nd to June 30th, the cafe will be open Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

I will keep you advised as to our progress in selecting a new vendor through periodic reports.

EJG/TGT/tt

cc: President David A. Caputo

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**APPENDIX IV**

**UNIVERSITY REPORT  
(Special Action)  
May 27, 1997**

**Hunter College -** Governance of the Division of the Schools of the Health Professions -

Establishment of the Dean of the Division of the Schools of the Health Professions

**Resolved,** That the Board of Trustees approve the abolition of the positions of the Dean of the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing and the Dean of the School of Health Sciences previously established and the establishment of the Dean of the Division of the Schools of the Health Professions; who shall oversee both Schools, effective July 1, 1997; and be it further resolved:

(a) That each of the Schools in the aforesaid Division have an elected Director of the School who shall function and have all the rights and responsibilities as those of a department chairperson. Each School shall also have a Personnel & Budget Committee (P & B) which shall be equivalent to a Departmental P & B Committee.

(b) That the Directors of the two Schools and two members of each of the School's P & B Committees who have been elected by members of the School having faculty rank shall serve on the Divisional P & B Committee.

(c) That the Directors of the two Schools and one tenured faculty member from each of the two Schools who has been elected to the Divisional P & B Committee, and has been elected by the members of each of the Schools having faculty rank, shall sit on the Hunter College P & B Committee with full voice and vote.

(d) That the Dean of the Schools of the Health Professions shall preside with voice but without vote over the Divisional P & B Committee for the Division of the Schools of the Health Professions. The Dean shall sit at the Hunter College Faculty P & B Committee with voice but without vote; and be it further.

**Resolved,** That any inconsistent provisions of Article 8 and 9 of the Board Bylaws be waived and that the resolutions entitled "Committees on Personnel and Budget, Schools of the Health Professions - Hunter College" (December 18, 1978, Cal. No.5) and "Establishment of the Schools of the Health Professions-Hunter College" (June 17, 1974, Cal. No.5) are superseded.

**Explanation:** This resolution pertains to the two Schools of Hunter College which educate students for professional careers in the health professions. At present, both Schools are in the Division of the Schools of the Health Professions, and has its own Dean.

The major change proposed in this resolution is that instead of the two Schools each having its own Dean, there is established a single Dean of the Division of the Schools of the Health Professions. Instead of each School having an appointed Dean, each School will now have an elected Director with rights and responsibilities equivalent to a department chair.

Each School will continue to have its own equivalent of a Departmental P & B Committee, with an elected Director, rather than an appointed Dean, serving as chair of the Committee. The Director of each School will now be a voting member of the School's P & B Committee, whereas before the Dean served without vote.

The Divisional P & B Committee will now have seven members, including the Dean as a non-voting member (chair), and the two Directors with votes, whereas before the Divisional P & B consisted of five members with the two Deans alternating as a non-voting chair.

Also, the Directors of both Schools will now serve as voting members of the College-wide P & B Committee, whereas before the two Deans served as non-voting members of the College P & B Committee. The College P & B Committee shall, however, continue to have two voting members from each School since before there were two voting faculty members from each School and now there will be one in addition to the Director.

After considerable discussion and consultation with faculty in the present two Schools, there was unanimous support for this change. It has been decided that greater communication, faculty interaction, and the academic goals of improved research, service and teaching would be facilitated if only one Dean was to oversee and administer the two Schools. This will also reduce administrative costs to the College. The Dean will report to the Provost.

The members of the School having faculty rank shall continue to elect two of the tenured members of the P & B Committee and its Director to serve as members of the Divisional P & B Committee. One of the two elected persons for the Divisional P & B Committee and each of the School's Directors will also serve on the College's Faculty P and B Committee.

Board Bylaw Section 8.9 providing for a College-wide P & B Committee is waived in so far as it provides only for the Department chairs to be on the College-wide P & B Committee and this resolution provides for the Director (Chair) and one other faculty member from each school to be voting members of the College's Faculty P & B Committee. Article 8.9 also continues to be waived for the Divisional P & B structure for Hunter College which is referred to in the College's Governance Plan.