

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
21 May 1997

The 349th 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.

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 report as follows:

Election of Senate Officers

Professor Hampton yielded the floor to Vice Chair Michael Nunziata.

Mr. Nunziata opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Senate.

Professor Barbara L. Hampton was nominated.

It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.

The motion carried and Professor Hampton was re-elected Chair.

Mr. Nunziata yielded the floor to the Chair.

The floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair of the Senate. The following were nominated:

Michael Nunziata (Political Science Major)

Tim Schiavone (Dance Major)

It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

Written ballots were distributed.

While awaiting the result of voting by written ballot the Senate moved on to the next item of business.

The floor was open for nominations for Secretary of the Senate.

Professor Pamela Mills (Chemistry) was nominated.

It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried and Professor Mills was elected Secretary of the Senate.

Senate Meeting Schedule

The Senate meeting schedule for the following Wednesdays from 4:10 to 5:40 PM was approved by voice vote:

Fall 1997

September 10 and 24

October 8 and 22

November 5 and 19

December 3 and 10

Spring 1998

February 11 and 25

March 4 and 18

April 1 and 22

May 6, 13, and 20

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List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degree

Professor Hampton moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees to be awarded in June 1997.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes, as listed in Parts I and II of the report dated 21 May 1997, was approved as per Senate resolution and was submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-988 (Biological Sciences), US-989/GS-433 (Interdisciplinary sciences & Mathematics), US-990 (Physics & Astronomy), US-993, US-994, and US-995 (Mathematics & Statistics), US-999A (Sociology), US-1000 (Economics), US-1002 (Psychology), US-1003 (School of Health Sciences), US-1004 (Philosophy), US-1005 (Romance Languages), US-1006 (Classics/Russian), US-1007 (Political Science), US-1008 (Sociology), US-1017 (Provost Office), GS-434, 435, 436, and 437 (Geography).

Amendments to the College-wide Search Procedures

The motion on the floor was approval of the addition of the following titles to section 1.B.:

7. Dean of Research
8. Associate Provost

The question was divided and the addition of the title "Associate Provost" was on the floor.

After discussion the question was called and carried.

The motion to approve the addition of the title "Associate Provost" to section 1.B. of the *College-wide Search Procedures* did not receive the required number of minimum votes.

A recount was requested. The required number of minimum votes not having been achieved, the motion carried over to the next meeting.

The motion on the floor was the addition of the title "Dean of Research" to section 1.B. of the *College-wide Search Procedures*.

The question was called and carried. The motion was approved by hand vote.

The motion on the floor was the addition of the following paragraph to section 3.a. of the *College-wide Search Procedures*, as amended by the Administrative Committee:

In the case of a search for **Dean of Research**, the Hunter College Senate shall elect a panel of 6 students and 8 faculty members from the pool of nominees in such a manner as to achieve the widest possible distribution among the divisions, and 2 members of the staff whose duties relate directly to research. Nominations of members of the staff shall be made by petition to the Senate Office of at least 25 signatures. From this panel, the President shall choose a search committee consisting of 4 faculty members, 3 students, and 1 member of the staff whose duties relate directly to research.

The question was called and carried. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The "Recommended Procedure for Electing the Search Committee for Dean of Research" was approved as distributed.

Election of Search Committee for Dean of Research

Professor Hampton presented the following list of nominees as distributed:

NOMINEES FOR CHAIR-PANEL

- Prof. William Sweeney (Chemistry)
- Prof. Jeffrey Osleeb (Geography)
- Prof. Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching)
- Prof. Robert Marino (Physics & Astronomy)

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NOMINEES FOR MEMBER-PANEL

Faculty:

Students:

Division of Humanities & Arts:

Pedro Lopez-Adorno (Black & Puerto Rican Studies)	Casper Terrell (B&PR Studies)
Charles Landesman (Philosophy)	
Richard Stieffel (Music)	
Francesca Sautman (Romance Languages)	
Robert Stanley (Communications)	

Division of Social Sciences:

Nancy Siraisi (History)
Sumit Ganguly (Political Science)
Manfred Kuechler (Sociology)
Thomas McGovern (Anthropology)

Division of Sciences & Mathematics:

Lou Massa (Chemistry)	
Jeffrey Osleeb (Geography)	Svilen Kostov (Physics-Graduate)
Virginia Teller (Computer Science)	Ping Chang Wu (Comp.Sci. Major)
David Foster (Biological Sciences)	
Robert Marino (Physics & Astronomy)	

Division of Programs in Education:

Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching)
Linda Perkins (Educational Foundations)
Katherine Garnett (Special Education)

Schools of Health Professions / School of Social Work / Library:

Elliott Kaback (Library)
Carole Birdsall (School of Nursing)
Carol Silverman (School of Health Sciences)
Irwin Epstein (School of Social Work)

Staff (whose duties relate directly to Research):

Robert Buckley, Director, Research Administration

After discussion it was moved that the rules be suspended and that additional nominations be accepted. The motion carried by voice vote.

The question was divided.

The item on the floor was the election of candidates for the Chair-Panel.

It was moved that Provost Laura Schor be added to the list of nominees. The motion carried.

Written ballots were distributed. The Chair reminded the body that in accordance with Senate rules each voter may vote for a maximum of three candidates.

While awaiting the result of voting by written ballot the Senate moved on to the next item of business.

The floor was open for nominations for additional student candidates.

The following were nominated:

Michael Nunziata
Tim Schiavone
Noelle Jobson
Alicia Siebenaler

It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

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204 It was moved that the names of all seven students be submitted to the President. The motion
205 carried by hand vote.
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207 It was moved that the nomination of Robert Buckley, Director of Research Administration, be
208 submitted to the President as the staff member of the committee. The motion carried.
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212 Announcement of Election Results

213 A total number of 52 ballots were cast for the election of Vice Chair. Mr. Michael Nunziata
214 was elected Vice Chair of the Senate with 35 votes.
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216 A total number of 48 ballots were cast in the election of candidates for the Chair-Panel for the
217 Search Committee for Dean of Research. The following were declared elected:
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219 Professor William Sweeney (Chemistry)
220 Professor Robert Marino (Physics & Astronomy)
221 Provost Laura Schor
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224 The floor was open for additional nominations of faculty.
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227 It was moved that Professor Gordon Barr (Psychology) be added to the faculty listed under the
228 Division of Social Sciences. The motion carried.
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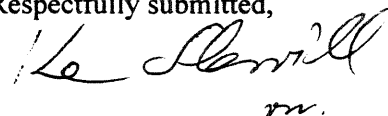
230 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.
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232 Written ballots were distributed. The Chair reminded the body that under the rules of the Sen-
233 ate (a) each voter may vote for a maximum of eight candidates, (b) that the name of Robert
234 Marino be stricken from the list of candidates from the Division of Sciences and Mathematics,
235 and (c) that the name of Gordon Barr Psychology) be added to the list of candidates from the
236 Division of Social Sciences.
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238 Because of the late hour, the Chair announced that the counting of votes would take place in
239 the Senate Office and that anyone wishing to observe would be welcome.
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241 The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth S. Sherrill
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Anthropology	Josh DeWind Susan Lees	SEEK	Phyllis Rubenfeld William Wimberly
Art	Jeffrey Mongrain Emily Braun Lisa Vergara Peter Dudek	Social Work	Terry Mizrahi Malka Sternberg
Biological Sciences	Roger Persell	Sociology	Ruth Sidel
Black & P. R. Studies	Gabriel Pearse	Special Education	Marsha Lupi "E"
Chemistry	Dixie Goss Klaus Grohmann	Student Services	
Classical & Oriental Studies	Elizabeth Beaujour Bill Mayer	Theatre & Film	Joel Zuker Richard Tomkins "E"
Communications	James Roman Peter Parisi Stuart Ewen	Urban Affairs	Sigmund Shipp Ralph Seligman
Computer Science		Administration	Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Erwin Fleissner Dean Bogart Leashore
Curriculum and Teaching	Carmen Mercado Arlene Seguine "E" Rosa Boone	Students	
Economics	Avi Liveson Howard Chernick Temisan Agbeyegbe	Miriam Fettman Luke Dougherty "E" Andres Demegret Richard Brown E. Tony Berkel Kim Conroy Liangela Cabrera Shannon Richards	
Educational Foundations	Simi Linton Linda Perkins	Joseph Severino Deanne Orcher Lisette Ruiz Fatimah Yudeh Olga Sabino Leah Simon Gur Altberg Jane Rosario Cindy Scher Angelique Lauren Marie Benoit "E" Rachel Laforest Asad Rahman	
English	Richard Barickman Trudy Smoke Marcia Lipson "E"		
Geography	Jeffrey Osleeb		
German	Dorothy James		
Health Sciences	Alison Behrman "E" Jack Caravanos		
History	Marta Petruszewicz		
Library	Kathleen Conahan		
Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson Verna Segarra		
Music	Purdie Burstein "E" Richard Stieffel		
Nursing	Marie Mosley Maura Ryan		
Philosophy	Laura Keating "E"		
Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen Martin den Boer		
Political Science			
Psychology	Gordon Barr Robert Fried		
Romance Languages	Marlene Barsoum Diana Conchado "E" Paolo Fasoli Cecile Insdorf "E"		

APPENDIX II

Report by the President

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

He said: "I want to reiterate that I will make a final set of decisions regarding the creation of an Arts and Science unit after the open meetings and after I have had full opportunity to read and review the large amount of material I have received. I will have an appropriate decision by the beginning of the Fall semester. I would like to thank everyone who has participated in this debate and discussion.

I hope to announce a Director of Urban Outreach by the end of June. We are in the finalist stage with a series of candidates and I am hopeful that we will be able to fill that position.

You have been asked to nominate individuals for a search committee for the new position of Dean of Research. I would appreciate it if the Senate could do that today. The search is not dependent on the decisions relating to Arts and Sciences, and I would very much like to have that search organized by early fall.

In the last few weeks, and this is very troubling, there have been several incidents involving students and faculty, and basic questions of academic freedom and integrity of the faculty. I can not get into the specifics of the decision, but I want to make sure that everyone here understands that the integrity of the classroom and the integrity of the faculty members to freely pursue their quest for knowledge and the dissemination of that knowledge in the classroom will be preserved at Hunter College. I am sure that you will all join me in that struggle. I want to make sure that everyone here and throughout the community understands that Hunter College remains fully committed to a free and open exchange of ideas, free from external influences or attempts to limit debate and discussion.

Finally, we will be very busy again this next year with Middle States, academic program planning, recruiting faculty, and the normal events which are part of our academic lives, as well as considering some new proposals regarding the evaluation and other issues. We will need to work together to resolve disagreements and differences. I am confident that we can do so, and look forward to that process.

In closing I would like to thank the Senate, its leadership, and its chair, Professor Hampton, for being part of the positive forces which have resulted in significant change and progress for the college. I think there is a tendency for those close to the action not to see the results, and an even greater tendency not to appreciate the results. The college has embarked systematically on improving its physical facilities as this room illustrates. In addition to these changes, the college has embarked on major rethinking of how services are to be provided to our students. Phone registration and the one-stop shopping concept are examples of these new approaches. In addition, on the academic side we are near completion of a well done Middle States report. I congratulate everyone who has participated in that. We have had lively and informative discussions on a variety of important reorganization issues, as well as making progress on those issues. We have seen units merge, are making progress on our master plan analysis, and we have added dynamic and vibrant faculty in a variety of areas. On the research front our faculty continue to provide an enviable record and continue to make major discoveries. In fact, in reading a job announcement today from the University of Massachusetts seeking a Vice President for Research, they list the fact that they bring in about \$60M a year in sponsored research with a faculty of over 2,000. We bring in close to \$30M a year with a faculty of around 500. So, I think that is a real tribute to us and to what we are able to accomplish, and to what has been accomplished. We had another outstanding year in terms of private fundraising, and our alumni continue to receive important recognition both nationally and internationally. Our students have continued to excel and to make us mindful of how important they are to us and to our mission. Two Fulbright Scholars, an NCAA Track Champion, a variety of fellowship recipients, and many going to the most competitive professional and graduate programs. It has been a very rewarding year for all of us, and one that helps us approach the end of the millennium with the expectation that the college will remain strong and vibrant, and that our commitment to academic excellence will continue to be a beacon for all of us.

I thank you for your outstanding efforts. I commend you for your steadfast dedication to noble ideals and your uncompromising emphasis on excellence. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming months and years as we continue to work towards making Hunter College the best public urban educational institution in the United States -- a difficult challenge, but one we must meet if we are to provide the opportunity so needed by our students.

Thank you for the opportunity to join with you throughout the year as we face an exciting future. Best wishes for a successful end of the semester, and I know how stressful and how demanding the next few weeks will be for everybody, and best wishes for a restful and productive summer. It is indeed a great honor to be your President, and I am looking forward to next year. Thank you very much."

Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, and Romance Languages. Also included would be the Departments of Art, Film and Media Studies, Music and Dance, and Theatre. The interdisciplinary programs of Latin and Caribbean Studies, Asian American Studies, Women's Studies, Jewish Social Studies, and Human Rights would also be assigned to this Division. The Division of Mathematical, Natural, and Behavioral Sciences would include the Departments of Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Psychology, Physics, Sociology, and Urban Affairs. The interdisciplinary program in Energy and Environmental Policy Studies would also be assigned to this Division.

The Dean, assisted by two divisionally-based Associate Deans, would encourage curricular innovation across the School, and curricular coordination with the Professional Schools. The configuration presented here is suggested and is open to modification. However, the division of disciplines presented both takes account of traditional disciplinary alignments and anticipates future initiatives.

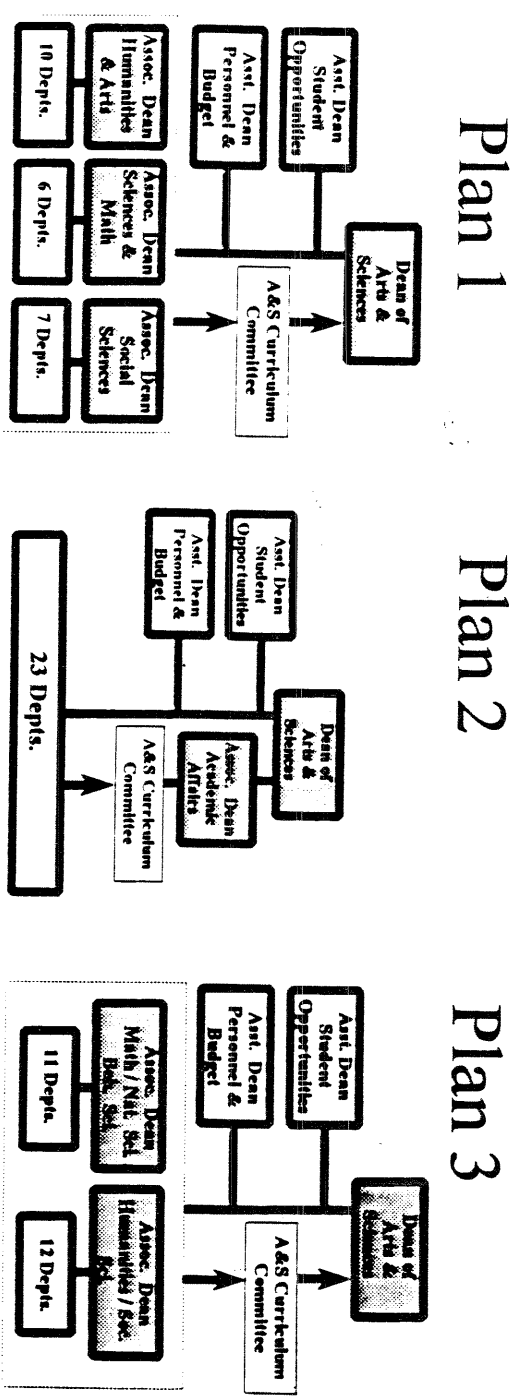
The disciplines of anthropology, psychology, and sociology are traditionally aligned as behavioral sciences. Two of these disciplines involve courses with laboratory components. Hence, it is appropriate that they join the current disciplines in the Division of Sciences and Mathematics to form the Division of Mathematical, Natural, and Behavioral Sciences. Given the mathematical character of much work in economics and urban studies, it is appropriate for these disciplines to join this Division also. History is frequently regarded as a discipline in the humanities rather than social sciences. It is clearly aligned with political science. Hence it is reasonable for these two disciplines to join those in the humanities to form a Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Conclusion

We wish to preserve the best aspects of a structure which has fostered excellence in teaching and in research, but has rendered curricular innovation difficult in the recent past. The consensus of the Committee supports the concept of a School of Arts and Sciences, but we are not in agreement about the best way to realize such a School. The Committee recognizes that the College will be facing significant challenges of fiscal restraints and CUNY oversight in the years to come. We therefore submit three different plans. We believe that the three plans are fiscally feasible within available College resources. The proposed structural changes are undoubtedly controversial and we, therefore, encourage full discussion by the entire Hunter Community of the issues raised by this report.



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Executive Compensation Plan Positions