

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
7 May 1997

1 The 346th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.

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

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

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7 **Agenda:** The revised agenda was approved as distributed.

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

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12 **Report by the Administrative Committee:** The Chair presented the report as follows:

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14 **Election of Vice Chair**

15 The floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair of the Senate.

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17 Mr. Michael Nunziata (Political Science Major) was nominated.

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

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21 The question was called and carried.

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23 Mr. Nunziata was elected Vice Chair of the Senate by hand vote.

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25 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

26 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the report dated 7 May 1997, were approved as
27 per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GS-426
28 (Nursing), GS-427 (Education/Health Sciences), GS-428 (Theatre & Film), GS-430, GS-431,
29 and GS-432 (Health Sciences).

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31 The Chair yielded the floor to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

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33 **Report by the Nominating Committee**

34 Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee presented the report dated 7 May 1997.

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36 The floor was open for further nominations.

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38 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.

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40 It was moved that the nominations be approved as a slate. The motion carried and the follow-
41 ing were elected:

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43 **Teacher Evaluations Committee:**

44 Students: Fatimah Yudeh (undeclared)

45 Leah Simon (undeclared)

46 Olga Sabino (undeclared)

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48 **Budget Committee**

49 Student: Michael Nunziata (Political Science)

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51 **Undergraduate Course of Study Committee**

52 Faculty Alternate: Roger Persell (Biological Sciences)

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54 **Amendment to College-wide Search Procedures**

55 The following proposal was on the floor:

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63 A. Changing the title of 1.B.6. to: Director of OICIT (Office of Instructional Computing
64 and Information Technology.

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66 B. Addition of the following titles to 1. B.: 7. Dean of Research
67 8. Associate Provost
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69 C. Addition to paragraph 3. a. Nomination and Election of Candidates for Membership:
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71 In the case of a search for **Dean of Research**, the Hunter College Senate shall elect a
72 panel of 6 students and 8 faculty members from the pool of nominees in such a manner as
73 to achieve the widest possible distribution among the divisions, and 4 members of the
74 staff whose duties relate directly to research. Nominations of members of the staff shall
75 be made by petition to the Senate Office of at least 25 signatures by members of their
76 constituency.
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78 From this panel, the President shall choose a search committee consisting of 4 faculty
79 members, 3 students, and 2 members of the staff whose duties relate directly to research.
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81 It was moved that the question be divided. The motion carried by hand vote.
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83 The motion on the floor was item A, change of title of 1.B.6. in the "Procedures."
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85 The question was called and carried.
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87 Item A above was approved by hand vote.
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89 The motion on the floor was item B, addition of the titles of Dean of Research and Associate
90 Provost to 1. B. of the "Procedures".
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92 After discussion Professor Shahn moved that the addition of the title of Associate Provost be
93 tabled until the May 21 meeting.
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95 After discussion the question was called and carried.
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97 The motion to table carried by hand vote.
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99 The motion on the floor was the addition of the title of Dean of Research to paragraph 1.B. of
100 the "Procedures."
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102 After discussion Professor Kirkland moved "that discussion concerning the title Dean of
103 Research be tabled until the Senate has had an opportunity to review the reorganization plan
104 for arts and sciences."
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106 The Chair ruled the motion out of order.
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108 A motion was made to appeal the ruling of the Chair. The Chair's ruling was overruled by
109 hand vote.
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111 Professor Kirkland's motion to table was on the floor. The motion carried by hand vote with
112 24 in favor and 18 opposed.
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114 Professor Sherrill moved that the addition of the title Dean of Research to paragraph 1. B. of
115 the "Procedures" be taken off the table.
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117 After discussion the question was called and carried. The motion was defeated by hand vote.
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119 The motion on the floor was item C, the addition to paragraph 3. a. of the "Procedures."
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121 It was moved that the motion be tabled until item B. above, the addition of the title Dean of
122 Research, has been resolved.
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124 The motion to table carried by hand vote.
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3 Minutes
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4 Committee Reports: Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

5 The Chair presented the report dated 16 April 1997 concerning a waiver of the Pluralism &
6 Diversity Requirement for Physical Therapy students, as distributed.

7 The motion on the floor was approval of the following:

- 8 1. That students admitted to the Physical Therapy program in Fall 1997 and thereafter
9 should be exempted from three credits of the Pluralism & Diversity Requirement;
0 thus they would only have to satisfy the requirement in three of its four categories.
- 1 2. That students admitted to the program in Fall 1996 should be exempted from six
2 credits of the requirement, so that they only have to satisfy it in two categories.
- 3 3. That all students admitted to the program in the future should receive information
4 about the Pluralism & Diversity Requirement at the earliest opportunity.

5 It was moved that the question be divided. The motion carried.

6 The motion on the floor was item 1.

7 After discussion Professor Gilpatrick moved that item 1 be tabled until after item 3 can be
8 dealt with.

9 The motion carried.

0 Professor Gilpatrick moved that item 2 be approved, and that item 3 be referred to the Admin-
1 istrative Committee.

2 After discussion the question was called and carried.

3 The motion to approve item 2 and refer item 3 was defeated by hand vote.

4 The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 because of the late hour.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Sherrill, *mm.*
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY

Anthropology: William Parry
Ida Susser
Marc Edelman
Nancy Flores

Art: Emily Braun
William Agee
Peter Dudek

Biological Sciences: Shirley Raps "E"

Black & P.R. Studies: Pedro Lopez-Adorno

Chemistry: Charles Michael Drain
Lynn Francesconi
Richard Franck

Classical & Oriental Studies: Bill Mayer
Alex Alexander "E"

Communications: James Roman
Peter Parisi
Stuart Ewen

Computer Science:

Curriculum & Teaching: Dolores Fernandez
Anthony Picciano
Rosa Boone

Economics: Avi Liveson
Howard Chernick
Temisan Agbeyegbe
Nashwa George

Educational Foundations: Simi Linton

English: Allan Brick
Richard Barickman

Geography: Ines Miyares "E"
Peter Combs

German:

Health Sciences: Deborah Blocker "E"
Beth Richie
Nora Baker "E"

History:

Library:

Mathematics & Statistics:

Music:

Nursing: Margaret Lunney
Maura Ryan "E"

Philosophy:

Physics & Astronomy: Robert Marino

Political Science:

Psychology:

Romance Languages: Diana Conchado "E"
Paolo Fasoli "E"
Julius Purczinsky
Giuseppe Di Scipio "E"

SEEK: Phyllis Rubenfeld
William Wimberly "E"

Social Work: Eleanor Bromberg
Malka Sternberg

Sociology:

Special Education: Marsha Lupi "E"

Student Services:

Theatre & Film: Joel Zuker
Richard Tomkins

Urban Affairs: Sigmund Shipp

Administration: Dean Carlos Hortas
Dean Erwin Fleissner

STUDENTS

Miriam Fettman
Andres Demegret
Joseph Severino
Kim Conroy
Liangela Cabrera
Michael Hernandez
Karen Waithe
Lisette Ruiz
Rachel Laforest
Gur Altberg
Tony Berkel
Marie Benoit
Ruth Couch
Olga Sabino
Fatima Yudeh

APPENDIX II Report by the President

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

"I am sure that you are all aware that we are rapidly moving towards the end of a very busy year. It has been a very active year for all of us, and I would like to thank the entire community for their help and support. Throughout the year you have heard me talk about the hard work, intellectual contributions, and leadership of our faculty, staff, and students. I want to take a few minutes to recount my first two experiences in a new program that I began last month, a program in which I asked members of the non-teaching staff if they were interested in having me spend an hour with them side-by-side during the normal working day. I believe over 75 people responded. We then had a drawing of the first six names. I have finished two of these experiences. The first was with Phil Williamston, a CLT in Art, and the second was with two plumbers a Brookdale, Mr. John Vilenza and Mr. John Kelly. I will be working my way through the list over the next year or two. The goal is to have me understand the joys and frustrations that these individuals have on the job, as well as understanding how Hunter College looks from their unique and individual perspective. This has been very interesting. You would be impressed with the range of activities and expertise required in these positions. We were fortunate -- when I was working with the plumbers -- that we did not have any backed up johns, but we did have to deal with backed up drains. While they did not trust me with the pneumatic plunger, I did get a chance to see and understand some of the things that they have to deal with.

I want to recognize the dedication and hard work of another group that we seldom recognize. The department chairs, the deans, the vice presidents. They have all worked extremely hard this year, along with their office support staff and the president's office staff headed by Ms. Cindy Heilberger. They are all to be thanked for their hard work and for their dedication to Hunter College. They deserve our recognition.

On May 14 the head of the Middle States Site Visit Team, Dr. Patrick Swygert of Howard University, will visit the campus. In the last few days we have received confirmation of the dates for the Fall Middle States visit, which will be October 5 - 8. This is a set procedure and you will be hearing more about it."

President Caputo yielded the floor to Provost Schor for an announcement concerning the new Director of the Office of Instructional Computing and Information Technology.

Provost Schor said: "I am very happy to announce that Ms. Denise Ondishko will join us on Monday, May 19, to take over the direction of the OICIT. She comes to us via the University of Rochester, where she spent several years. About six months ago she moved to New York. She has been working in private industry and is very eager to come to Hunter College. I know that she will have your cooperation and welcome. I am looking forward to working with her myself, and I know she is looking forward to working with all of our staff. I want to thank the members of the committee who helped to make this selection, and all of you who attended the interviews. Many people attended and wrote in about various candidates. I hope that we are off to a really exciting beginning with our new Office of Instructional Computing and Information Technology."

Provost Schor yielded the floor to President Caputo.

He said: "I would also like to thank everyone associated with the search. We are very pleased with the caliber of the finalists, and we are very please with Denise's acceptance of the position. One other position for which we have been searching for some time has been the Director of Urban Outreach. That search continues. There is a group of six individuals who are finalists, and I hope to have that position filled by the early part of June. I will make the announcement in the form of an *Open Line*.

I wish I could stand before you and tell you that all is well budgetarily. There is still a serious impasse. Our budgetary future is uncertain until it is resolved. I continue to work with members of the legislature and others in the hopes that we can get the budget we need. Your continued help is essential. Do not assume that all is well on the budgetary front. It is not. Without a final budget we can only make tentative plans for next year and the longer this goes on without full restoration, the greater uncertainty there is. In addition there is always the possibility that what we all hope will be full restoration could become unraveled at the end given all the other concerns that are on the legislators plate.

We have an *Open Line* for you which gives you a list of open meetings to discuss the Middle States Self-Study Draft Report. It also gives you the dates on which I will be holding a series of meetings to discuss the report of the Transition Committee for the school of Arts and Sciences. The report was completed yesterday. We are in the process of mailing a copy to every member of the faculty. You should receive it in the next day or two. There are five dates and times at several sites for open meetings to discuss questions, or concerns, or issues that you might want to raise about the committee's report. I will be chairing or hosting those. I would like to thank the Provost's committee for their work. This particular report is of significance. So, I hope that we will have a good turnout for discussion at these meeting.

I will have an update for you on a variety of things at the May 21 Senate meeting as we begin to get closer to ending the year. Between now and then I would like to ask you to keep your perspective and also your sense of humor."