

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

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
8 May 1991**

	The 262nd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:25 P.M. in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Jo Kirsch, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of February 27th and March 13th were approved as distributed.	6
	The Chair next proposed a change in the agenda to allow the President to report to the Senate.	7 8
	There having been no objection it was so ordered.	9
Report by the President:	President LeClerc presented the following report. He said:	10
	"As I consider the events that have unfolded over the past four weeks, and indeed over the past academic year, it becomes ever more apparent that we as a community need to come together in ways that have until now eluded us.	11 12 13 14
	We need to heal and be healed. We need to minimize the levels of and degrees of alienation and polarization — ideological, racial, ethnic, and others—that divide members of this community from each other.	15 16 17
	Hunter is, we know, an institution that takes the greatest pride in the diversity that is represented by its students, faculty, and staff on our campus.	18 19
	But in spite of our individual differences, we are nonetheless partners or fellow citizens in a broad and great organization who subscribe to common purposes and goals.	20 21 22
	It is time for us at Hunter, I believe, to begin a process of consensus building that will help define—and possibly redefine—our shared values as a collegiate community, that will clarify the ways in which issues on campus can be resolved effectively and harmoniously, that will encourage dialogue among the various groups that together make up our college, and that will bring a climate of tolerance and civility to interpersonal and intergroup relations.	23 24 25 26 27 28
	To achieve these ends, I have decided to appoint a special Presidential Commission on Campus Climate and am pleased to announce that Professor David Hodges has accepted my invitation to chair the Commission. Professor Hodges is one of the great citizens of the College and I am particularly grateful to him for accepting this task.	29 30 31 32 33
	The Commission will include representatives of the faculty, staff, students, and administration of the College and I expect to announce its membership before graduation this June. I will ask the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to me and the entire community by the beginning of the spring semester of the next academic year.	34 35 36 37 38
	The task of the Commission will necessarily not be an easy one. But it is necessary for us to engage in this process if we are to move beyond our present circumstances. I ask your cooperation, your patience, and your support as we seek to bring to Hunter a sense of unity and community that is essential to its future.	39 40 41 42 43
	Let me conclude by telling you that at our commencement exercises this June we will confer honorary degrees on four individuals: Pedro Mir, the poet laureate of the Dominican Republic; Pearl Primus, the great American choreographer, dancer, and a Hunter alumna; Audrey Lorde, the distinguished poet and former member of our faculty; and Lewis Rudin, civic leader	44 45 46 47 48

in New York and Head of the Association for a Better New York. In addition, a CUNY honorary degree will be conferred on Joseph O'Hare, the President of Fordham University on the occasion of Fordham's 150th anniversary." 49
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President LeClerc concluded the report by answering questions from the floor. 53

Report by the Administrative Committee: Professor Kirsch informed the Senate that because of the student strike it was not possible to hold the Open Hearings that were scheduled by the Senate's Undergraduate Course of Study Committee concerning a proposed Pluralism and Diversity Requirement and that they would be re-scheduled for the Fall semester. 54
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She next presented a statement from the Chancellor's Office on the "College Preparatory Initiative" that was distributed at the door for the Senate's information. 59
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Committee Reports: Nominating Committee 62
 Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's slate for seats currently vacant on Senate committees. 63
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The floor was open for further nominations, but none were received. 65

A motion to approve the slate as submitted carried by voice vote, and the following were elected: 66
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Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee 68
 Faculty from Academic Skills: Phyllis Rubenfeld 69

Student Standing Committee 70
 Faculty: Dawn Klimovich (Student Services) 71
 Marilyn Mays (School of Nursing) 72

Budget Committee 73
 Student Alternate: Soheil Galal (Honors) 74

Departmental Governance Committee 75
 Student: Hossam Galal (Comp.Sci.) 76

Calendar Committee 77
 Faculty Alternate: Dolores Fernandez (Curric.&Teaching) 78

Grade Appeals Committee 79
 Faculty Alternate: Sandra Clarkson (Mathematics) 80
 Student: Soheil Galal (Honors) 81

Master Plan Committee 82
 Student: Hossam Galal (Comp.Sci.) 83

Teacher Evaluations Committee 84
 Faculty: Barbara Hampton (Music) 85
 Faculty Alternate: Everett Aison (Theatre & Film) 86
 Student: Soheil Galal (Honors) 87

Review Commission on Distribution Requirements: 88
 Student Alternate: Hossam Galal (Comp.Sci.) 89

Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee 90
 Prof. Sam Korn, Chair of the Committee, presented the following resolution which had been approved by both the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee and the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee: 91
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WHEREAS, the Hunter College Undergraduate Catalogue 1988-90 describes the major as "a concentration of courses in a particular subject area," and the minor as "a secondary concentration usually related to the student's educational goals;" and, 94
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WHEREAS, students pursuing a double major are concentrating in two dis- 98
tinct areas of study, thus, in effect achieving the educational goals of a 99
minor in addition to a major; 100

BE IT RESOLVED, that students fulfilling the requirements of two separate 101
majors be released from the requirements of completing a minor if the 102
minor requirement is waived by both major departments. 103

After discussion the question was called and carried. 104

The resolution was approved by voice vote with no dissent. 105

A motion that this new regulation become effective as of Fall 1991 carried by 106
voice vote. 107

A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M. 108

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth DeFord,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Namby Krishnamachari Milagros Garcia	Sociology:	Charles Green
Anthropology:	John Oates Josh DeWind	Student Services:	Madlyn Stokely
Art:	Susan Crile	Theatre & Film:	Ellen Sumter
Biological Sciences:	Marvin Friedman	Urban Affairs:	Hilda Blanco
Black & P.R. Studies:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno Harry Rodriguez Tony Job	Dean Evelyn Gioiella "E" Dean Everlena Holmes "E"	
Chemistry:	Dixie Goss Max Diem Jack Day	STUDENTS: Evan Camp Edilberto Soriano "E" Erica Chinhenzva Basiliki Kefalas Gus Karistinos Lincoln Ng Sherril-Anne Lovell Pamela Poland Stacey Smith Lisa Conklin Dynnah Barthold Josh Gilchrist Eric Lee Hossam Galal Charles Glasser Marianela Miller Soheil Galal	
Classics:	Robert Koehl		
Communications:	Ruth Ramsay "E" Sam Fleishman		
Curriculum & Teaching:	Alene Smith		
Economics:	Eric Seeley		
Educational Foundations:	Joan Buxbaum		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Liebling Sara McLafferty		
Health and Physical Ed:	Bob Schleihauf Nana Koch		
Health Sciences:	Deborah Blocker Jack Caravanos Jan Edwards Carol Silverman Khursheed Navder "E"		
History	James P. Harrison		
Library:	Tom Jennings Jean Jacques Strayer "E" Vera Redl		
Music	Jana Feinman		
Nursing:	Nancy Jones Eileen Lahey		
Philosophy:	Patrick Goodin		
Political Science:	Ken Sherrill "E"		
Romance Languages:	Juan Gonzalez-Millan Alvin Figueroa Marithelma Costa		
Social Work:	Judith Rosenberger Roberta Graziano Marsha Martin		