

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
18 September 1985

	The 197th meeting of the Academic Senate was convened at 4:30 p.m. in Room W714.	1 2
<b>Presiding:</b>	Fulton Ross, Chair	3
<b>Attendance:</b>	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4
<b>Minutes:</b>	The Minutes of May 1, May 8, and May 15 were approved as distributed.	5
<b>Report by the President:</b>	The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report to the Senate:	6 7
	President Shalala said that she looked forward to working with the Senate, the new leadership of the Senate, and the opportunity to test her high school debating skills with Fulton Ross.	8 9 10
	<b>Re: Fund-raising and Grants:</b> She announced that the Departments of Biological Sciences and Chemistry have been awarded the largest grant in Hunter College history. She had just received notification from the National Institute of Health that Hunter would receive this \$2.5M grant for a new program called Research Centers for Minorities Institutions. Only 5 institutions in the entire country are receiving this type of grant, which will have a major impact on the training of minority students and other students in the sciences. It is a marvelous opportunity for Hunter and a giant step for the two departments who are to be congratulated. We have also had a large increase in research grants. We have received \$8.1M in grants, which reflects an increase of more than one million dollars over last year, and it does not include the grant that was just announced. Most colleges around the country are reporting decrease in sponsored research because of a decline in federal grants. We actually have substantially increased the number of awards and applications.	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
	By the end of this year President Shalala expects to raise \$1M in private donations for library book purchases. The current pledges and gifts are now \$850,000, which brings us very close to the \$1M goal, which will allow us to purchase about 40,000 volumes. The President has just authorized the library staff, who have been working with the various departments, to spend the first \$200,000 of that amount for back buying. In addition, the President said that she had made a special request to the State in the new budget request for \$350,000 for some additional buying. It is Hunter's intention to have one of the best college libraries in the country. We are putting a substantial effort both in private fund-raising as well as public commitment to see if we can improve the quality of the college. Other libraries, like the Brookdale library, need work, and as part of our master planning process we will be looking at the possibility of air conditioning that library, as well as making it a more attractive and efficient facility for those in nursing, health sciences, and Brookdale Center on Aging.	25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
	<b>Re: Enrollment:</b> The Fall enrollment picture is overwhelming. If you have noticed, the school looks a little crowded. In computing probability in terms of the show rate for students this year we have miscalculated. Our show rate is based on history in terms of how many students show, and practice has been to always accept more students, anticipating that not all actually show up. Show rates have always been about 50 percentage points, but this year more students than expected showed up. The headcount is 18,552 and we are budgeted for 17,809. With some drops this term and by admitting fewer students in January, the headcount will come down somewhat. But we are well over our budgeted numbers. Our FTE's are now at 12,638, which is up 384. These are significant numbers. We are budgeted for an FTE of 12,104. Enrollment is up in every category for the first time. It is up for full-time matriculated day and evening undergraduate students. The part-time student enrollment is staying steady, and the part-time graduate student enrollment is growing. The full-time equivalent number for both undergraduate and graduates is going up. The SEEK numbers are very strong, and we probably have the largest SEEK program in CUNY. The senior citizen numbers are growing. The show rate	40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

of freshmen who are not in the SEEK program is up at least 3%, and the show 57  
rate of transfers has remained steady. The sources of transfers are approx- 58  
imately the same. We will have to do everything we can to stay within our 59  
budgeted numbers, because it would be irresponsible to accept students for 60  
whom we cannot provide classes. But simultaneously we will put some pressure 61  
on the State to make sure they give us the resources that we need in order to 62  
take care of our students. We are funded for FTE's and not headcount, which 63  
is a significant problem for Hunter, and President Shalala said that she will 64  
take this up with the State. All services for students including Financial Aid, 65  
are overwhelmed because they are budgeted on the basis of FTE's which is 66  
lower than the actual headcount figure. 67

Our admissions are rolling admissions once the student meets the minimum 68  
requirements. We take students on the basis of first come first served. If stu- 69  
dents apply early, they will get in. The later students apply the more likely 70  
it will be for them to be turned away for the full semester. 71

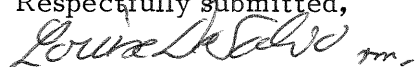
Re: Counseling: We started a new Program Planning Center, a pilot project 72  
of the Office of Student Services, which was funded in part by the Chancellor's 73  
Office. We tried something new this summer. We wrote to students suggesting 74  
that they come in to plan their program early, and 900 of our new students 75  
took us up on it. The program, which was designed to help students make the 76  
difficult transition from high school to college, was successful and we are 77  
planning to continue it. 78

On Remediation: We eliminated the backlog of students closed out of remedial 79  
courses, but with the over enrollment in the Fall, we again have a backlog. 80  
This summer we had the largest enrollment of students in remedial courses. 81  
479 students enrolled as compared to 399 the summer before. Our new summer 82  
1985 pilot program was funded by the Chancellor's Office. In this program, 83  
students enrolled on a no tuition/no credit basis. We wanted to find out if stu- 84  
dents would be more likely to come in and take care of their remediation if 85  
they did not have to take financial aid for that purpose. The program was for 86  
incoming freshmen. All who completed the program re-enrolled for regular 87  
courses this Fall semester. We think the program was unusually successful 88  
and we will repeat it in the coming summer. This year the university received 89  
only \$50,000 for the entire program, but they are planning to ask for \$3M for 90  
the coming year. We may have a huge program next summer, which will not 91  
ask students for tuition but will allow them to eliminate their remediation re- 92  
quirements. 93

We have made a major effort to increase the number of sections offered in 94  
remedial courses by adding 7 instructional lines: 4 line for DEP, 2 lines for English 95  
120, and 1 line for remedial Math. We have added 600 more seats and an additional 96  
24 sections as a result of these additional lines. Despite this effort, our records 97  
show that 344 students were closed out of DEP and English 120. We would 98  
have been very close to zero in terms of backlog if it has not been for the over 99  
enrollment. The additional 7 lines are not positions that would have been available 100  
to other programs or departments. They are temporary instructional lines (university 101  
"bulge" lines) which were obtained by the President, and were added for a specific 102  
purpose. We are planning to repeat this program in the Spring and offer a comparable 103  
number of sections, which would bring us close to eliminating the backlog. 104  
Once that is done, we have to plan a way to maintain a system in which students 105  
are not closed out of remedial courses. President Shalala said that Associate 106  
Provost Muyskens would submit a written report to the Senate on those efforts. 107

Re Budget: The budget looks fine. As usual we are tight on OTPS and temporary 108  
service money. We simply are underfunded by the university in these areas 109  
and we will keep asking for more money. We did receive the \$6M for the reha- 110  
bilitation of the North Building. The President has sent a copy of the 1986-87 111  
budget request to Prof. Ross, and she said that she is prepared to meet with 112  
the Senate Budget Committee to go over the budget requests. These requests 113  
include \$34.4M for the renovation of the North Building and a master plan for 114  
Brookdale Center. It is time to look again at our facilities on 25th Street, in- 115  
cluding the dormitories, to see what work needs to be done. Sometime this 116  
year there may be an announcement of a decision which, hopefully, will be ap- 117  
proved by the State, namely to built four stories on top of the School of Social 118  
Work building at 79th Street, which would fill their needs. This expansion will 119  
not compete with the renovation of the North building or the Brookdale building 120  
because it would involve another kind of financial arrangement that would not 121  
be available to the rest of the College. The goal for our annual alumni fund- 122

	raising campaign, which is solicited by mail and telephone, is to increase that	123
	giving by 25% this year and to include a planned giving program, including bequests.	124
	<b><u>New Administrative Appointments:</u></b> The new Vice President for Administration,	125
	Mr. Anthony Picciano who will replace John Tesoriero, comes to us from Staten	126
	Island College, where he has been the Dean of Administration. In this search	127
	we have employed a headhunter for the first time. The President said that	128
	she would be talking to the Senate about committees vs. headhunters. The	129
	headhunter employed in this case was Ruth Weintraub, who had been Dean of	130
	Social Sciences at Hunter. Mr. Picciano will be joining us November 1st. Our	131
	new Business Manager is Eileen Weber, who comes to us with a lot of experience	132
	in the field; she has hired a new Assistant Business Manager, Mr. William Carty.	133
	In reorganizing the Campus Schools, one position was eliminated and one was	134
	added. The new Assistant Dean for Administrative Services for the Campus	135
	Schools is the former principal of Andrew Jackson High School, Dr. Evelyn Jones	136
	Rich, a distinguished New York educator. Cynthia DePalma will be Director of	137
	Educational Services in the Office of Programs in Education. Student Services	138
	has three new counselors: Madeline Stokely, in charge of Testing and Academic	139
	Alert; Iris Aroyewun, for international students; Jean Rieper for Outreach	140
	Campus Connections and Scholarship. Pauline Chapman is the new Director	141
	for our Special Gifts Campaign in the Office of Development and External Affairs.	142
	Most of the new hiring was due to early retirement. Finally, Sister Kristan Wenzel,	143
	who is Chair of the Social Science Division of the College of New Rochelle, will	144
	be with us on a Fellowship Program of the American Council of Education, in	145
	which senior level administrators spend time in institutions different from their	146
	own.	147
	President Shalala said that she would report further on budget activities during the	148
	course of the year. All in all, the College is booming, morale is good, though we	149
	never have enough money and we are just busting at the seams. The President	150
	concluded her report by answering questions from the floor.	151
	The Senate expressed its appreciation by applauding President Shalala.	152
<b>Report by the Ombudsman:</b>	Prof. Al Bennick, newly elected Ombudsman, reported that he took office in July,	153
	and that an average of three people per week had come to see him. He informed	154
	the Senate that administrators, particularly those in Student Services, had been	155
	extremely cooperative.	156
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<b><u>Grade Appeals Committee</u></b>	157
	The Chair informed the Senate that Professor Bathrick, Chair of the Grade Appeals	158
	Committee is confined to a hospital, and that Prof. Toby Klass would present the	159
	Committee report.	160
	Prof. Klass presented the report as distributed and opened the floor for discussion.	161
	During discussion the following recommendations for amending the report were	162
	made:	163
	a. I.A.--to change the deadline to three weeks;	164
	b. I. B. 1.--to change the deadline to five weeks;	165
	c. II. A.--to add the following sentence: "If the department has not	166
	notified the student of its decision by the tenth week of the semester,	167
	the student, at that time, may appeal directly to the Senate Grade	168
	Appeals Committee."	
	d. clarification was requested regarding the grade appeals committees	169
	at the professional schools.	170
	After further discussion, a motion to recommit carried by voice vote.	171
<b>Old Business/ New Business:</b>	It was brought to the Senate's attention that the various clocks in the buildings do	172
	not reflect accurate time and need to be adjusted.	173
	A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.	174

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Louise DeSalvo, Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Trudith Smoke  
Alula Hidaru

Anthropology: Louise Lennihan "E"  
Susan Lees

Art: Richard Stapleford

Biology: Robert Grant

Black & P.R. Studies: Jaffer Kassamali  
Hazel Reis

Chemistry: Jack Day

Communications: Tom Mader "E"  
Serafina Bathrick "E"

Computer Science: Howard Rubin

Economics: Esther Flashner  
Jacqueline Nolan-Haley

English: Jane Benardete  
Richard Barickman

German: Minna Altmann "E"

History: Robert Seltzer

Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson "E"

Music: Arthur Harris

Nursing: Carol Gramse  
Debra Entin

Philosophy: Virginia Held "E"  
Bob Daly

Physics & Astronomy: Sook Lee  
Rodney Varley

Political Science: Andrew Polsky "E"  
Nina Hanan

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz

Romance Languages: Alex Szogyi

Social Work: Gary Anderson "E"

Sociology: Yaffa Schlesinger  
Vladimir Nahirny  
Isabel Pinedo

Special Education: Julia Wu

Student Services: Bonnie Kaplan

Theatre & Film: Harry Lines  
Joel Zucker

Urban Affairs: Hans Spiegel  
Stanley Moses

Dean Richard Mawe  
V.P. Sylvia Fishman "E"  
Asst. V.P. Ruth Weisgal "E"  
Asst. Dean John Irving "E"

STUDENTS:

Michael Lavin  
Robert Krengel  
Robert Cincotta  
Guy Herndon  
Phyllis Fairchild  
Dorothy Huffman  
Dina Pinos  
Barbara Hughes  
Gwen DeCoud  
Carlos Fitzgerald-Bernal  
Jean Charles Arald  
Raimonda Rastegar  
Karen Anderson  
Cathleen Goodman  
Martha Sheparce  
Roxanna Menes  
Helene Reisman "E"  
David Factor  
Michael Kraljev  
Sal Capalbo  
Lois Callender  
Sheila Dowling  
Kenneth Braunstein  
Rosa Perez  
David Dion "E"  
Jacqueline Cohen  
Richard Astor Rueda  
Maria Jakubosky  
Collette Gill  
Sylvia De Angelis  
Marie Parham  
Eulela Swinton  
Francine Ward