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**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate**  
**May 12, 1999**

- 1 The 380<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 p.m. in Room  
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- 4 **Presiding:** Pamela Mills, Chair
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- 6 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.  
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- 8 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as presented.  
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- 10 **Report by the** A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is attached as  
11 **President:** Appendix II.  
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- 13 **Report by the** Professor Mills presented the report as follows:  
14 **Administrative**  
15 **Committee:** Professor Mills announced that a Call for Abstracts or Papers on the Scholarship of  
16 Teaching and Learning has been sent to all the Departments. The Chair asked that  
17 individuals respond by email to [senate@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:senate@hunter.cuny.edu), and include any faculty you  
18 know who could contribute to this project and she will contact that person.  
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- 20 **Committee Reports:** **Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee Report Re: SEEK Proposal to Limit**  
21 **Enrollment of SEEK Students on Probation to a Maximum of 6 Credits**  
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- 23 Professor Alan Hausman, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated May 12,  
24 1999, as distributed.  
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- 26 After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by adding the word  
27 "only" before "with permission" on line 13, and changing the word "our" to "their"  
28 before "success rate" on line 35.  
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- 30 The amendment was approved by hand vote.  
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- 32 It was moved that the complete motion, as amended, be approved. The motion was  
33 approved by hand vote, and reads as follows:  
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- 35 The Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee reviewed and approved a  
36 proposal by the SEEK department to limit SEEK students who are on probation to 6  
37 credits and to require the appropriate SEEK counselor to approve the student's  
38 program. The UARC submits the following resolution for Senate consideration:  
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- 40 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that any SEEK student on probation must attend part-time (six credits)  
41 until he/she is off probation. Registration for the 6 credits must be in conjunction with  
42 and only with permission of the student's SEEK counselor. Exceptions may be made  
43 only by the Chair of the SEEK program.  
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- 45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this proposal will become effective in Fall, 1999 for a  
46 period of two years, at which time its effectiveness will be assessed by the Senate.  
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- 48 Rationale: The SEEK Guidelines allow our students to attend part-time and receive  
49 financial aid with the permission of the Chair/Director. The Guidelines also require that  
50 SEEK students on probation be dismissed after two semesters. Our data indicate that  
51 80% of our students placed on probation are dismissed because they are unable to  
52 get off probation. Therefore, we have decided to initiate the above policy effective  
53 Fall '99 with Senate approval:  
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- 55 SEEK has successfully increased the retention rate of its new students from 66% to 87%  
56 in the last three years with several programmatic changes. We have also reduced the  
57 number of students placed on probation, although we have not been able to  
58 increase the percentage of students getting off probation. Attempting to get off

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64 probation while taking a full-time load is difficult for SEEK students who are by  
65 definition "high risk."

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68 SEEK proposes to limit students on probation to six credits per semester until they get  
69 off probation. Our projections are that more students will get off probation sooner and  
70 increase their success rate. Part-time students can receive enough financial aid to  
71 cover tuition and cost of books. Counselors and tutors will work closely with these  
72 students and monitor their progress. Group counseling sessions and academic skills  
73 improvement workshops will also be required.

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**New Business:**

75 Professor Mills expressed her appreciation and thanked all the senators that have  
76 served this year.

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78 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting  
79 was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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82 Respectfully submitted,

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85 Barbara L. Hampton  
86 Secretary  
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