

Office of the Hunter College Senate

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

25 October 2000

The 397th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Pamela Mills, Chair

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

Agenda: The agenda was adopted with the change that item 5 be postponed to the next meeting.

Minutes: The Minutes of September 27th were approved as distributed.

Report by the President: A summary statement of President Gizis' report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.

The President concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.

Report by the Administrative Committee: Professor Mills presented the report as follows:

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 25 October 2000 were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information. Items US-1128 (Music), US-1133 (Sociology), US-1134 and GS-488 (Mathematics & Statistics), GS-489 and GS-490 (Education).

Special Fall Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate

In accordance with Article IV, 2.H. i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College* the Chair presented the following nominees for vacant Senate seats:

STUDENT NOMINEES (47 vacant seats):

Daniel Jones (Honors)
Irene Neofotistos (Sociology/Women's Studies)
Sterling Robinson (Sociology)
Deborah VanDoren (Political Science/Honors)
Alejandro Cantagallo (URBS/Women's Studies)
Eleanor Gilpatrick (Part-time Undergraduate)
Joshua Caulkins (Geography)

FACULTY NOMINEES (19 vacant seats):

Sylvia Roshkow (English)
Philip Swan (Library)
Mark Weinstock (Economics)

It was moved that the student slate be accepted. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was moved that the faculty slate be accepted. The motion carried by voice vote.

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The Chair informed the Senate that Professor Sherrill was scheduled to present a report concerning the presidential search, but that he was unable to attend because of the flu. His e-mail indicated that the Search Committee still hoped to bring finalists to the campus for visits before classes end this semester. The meetings have been cordial and productive, and he thinks that the pool is a good one. Nominations are still being accepted.

Committee**Nominating Committee****Reports:**

Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate Committees:

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Sylvia Roshkow (English)
 Faculty Alternate: Omar Dahbour (Philosophy)

Graduate Course of Study Committee

Faculty from Social Sciences: Naomi Kroeger (Sociology)
 Faculty Alternate: Miriam Balmuth (Curriculum & Teaching)

Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee

Faculty from Education: Anne Ediger (Curriculum & Teaching)
 Faculty from Health Professions: Joan Sayre (Nursing)
 Student: Gregory Newman (Political Science)

Student Standing Committee

Faculty: Victoria Nikou (Nursing)

Budget Committee

Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Sullivan John Carver (Theatre)
 Student: Imran Chowdhury (Anthropology)

Departmental Governance Committee

Faculty from Social Sciences: Yaffa Schlesinger (Sociology)
 Faculty from Education: Bill Rosenthal (Curriculum & Teaching)
 Administrator: Dean Linda Chin (Legal Affairs)
 Faculty Alternate: Ellen Trief (Special Education)

Committee on the Library

Faculty from Sciences & Mathematics: Subash Shankar (Computer Science)
 Faculty Alternate: Barbara Bosch (Theatre)

Grade Appeals Committee

Student: Barry Jacobs (Honors/Poli.Sci.)

Nominating Committee

Faculty Alternate: Tatyana Polenova (Chemistry)

Master Plan Committee

Faculty from Education: Donald R. H. Byrd (Curriculum & Teaching)

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Committee on Computing & Technology

Faculty from Education: Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching)
Faculty from Social Sciences: Gregory Johnson (Anthropology)
Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Michael Hurnis-Cherrier (Film & Media Studies)
Faculty Alternate: Virginia Tong (C&T)

Review Commission on Distribution & Pluralism & Diversity Requirements (Appeals)

Faculty Alternate: Marta Bermudez (Romance Languages)
Students: Barry Jacobs (Honors/Poli.Sci.)
Imran Chowdhury (Anthropology)

It was moved that the entire slate be approved as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

New Business: Professor Wallach read a resolution by the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders rejecting the annual presidential review of department chairs mandated by the Chancellor.

It was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a committee of the whole for 15 minutes. The motion carried at 5:00 p.m.

The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:15 P.M.

Professor Kirkland presented the following resolution:

Whereas, the CUNY Vice-Chancellor of Faculty & Staff Relations has issued a memorandum mandating that CUNY presidents or their designates begin performing annual evaluations of department chairpersons at CUNY colleges; and

Whereas, these annual evaluations would be pursuant to neither the contract in force between CUNY and the PSC (see Article 1.1) nor any CUNY By-Law (including 9.1.c); and

Whereas, these annual evaluations regard the status of chairpersons as managerial and compromise the contractual status of chairpersons as elected representatives of departmental faculty; and

Whereas, these annual evaluations would threaten colleges' well-honed and longstanding support of faculty governance; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate expresses disapproval of the annual evaluation of chairpersons by college presidents and petitions that such evaluations not be executed at any CUNY institution, especially Hunter College.

After discussion the resolution was approved by hand vote.

Professor Wallach moved that the Hunter College Senate wholeheartedly endorse the spirit and principles expressed in the following resolution passed by the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders and the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

Resolution Rejecting Annual Presidential Reviews of Department Chairs

Whereas, The Chancellor has mandated that college presidents commence an annual formal performance review of faculty members serving as department chairpersons qua department chairpersons, and

Whereas, faculty members who are serving as elected departmental chairpersons are not managerial personnel who report directly to the president, and

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Whereas, the Chancellor's mandate requiring that department chairpersons "be responsive to College and University goals and initiatives" clearly threatens to compromise academic freedom, and

Whereas, since 1937 CUNY faculty have elected their chairpersons, and the chairpersons are subject to triennial review by their departments which has served sufficiently as the means by which their performance is evaluated, and

Whereas, procedures already exist which enable presidents to reject the results of a departmental election for chair or to remove a chair,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders, which includes the UFS Executive Committee, unanimously condemns this assault on faculty governance, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders calls upon the Chancellor immediately to withdraw this initiative, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders requests each college council formally to endorse this resolution, and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders urges the faculty, by a vote at the next scheduled department meeting, to support department chairpersons in resisting this proposed practice and to refuse cooperation in its implementation.

The motion was approved by hand vote after discussion.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hausman,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Anthropology	Sally McLendon Timothy Bromage John Oates	Political Science	Kenneth Sherrill Charles Tien
Art	Katy Siegel Nari Ward	Romance Languages	Marta Bermudez Alicia Ramos "E"
Biological Sciences	Roger Persell Benjamin Ortiz "E" Augustin Pita	Social Work	Glynn Rudich
Black & P. R. Studies	Veronica Gregg Juan Flores	Sociology	Sharon Sassler
Chemistry	Pamela Mills Namby Krishnamachari	Student Services	Howard Tarragon
Computer Science	Subash Sankar	Urban Affairs	Lynne McCormick
Curriculum and Teaching	Christina Taharally	Administration	Dean Herbert Budd
Economics	Howard Chernick Timothy Goodspeed Avi Liveson	Students	
Educational Foundations	Jeanne Weiler	Delqui Sanquintin	
English	Nico Israel Rob Hollander	Maxima Peralta	
Film & Media	Joel Zuker Gregg Morris	Maharaj Veejay	
Geography	Ines Miyares	Yesenia Luna	
German	Traci O'Brien	Cornelia Jervis	
Health Sciences	Arlene Spark Kathryn Rolland	Cameron Kelly	
History	Richard Belsky J. Michael Turner	Verusak Cantelli	
Library	Anita Ondrosek	Nadia Yaron	
Music	Brad Stoller	Rebecca Brown	
Philosophy	Sue Weinberg "E" Omar Dahbour	Jillian Murray	
Physics & Astronomy	Mark Hillery Janos Bergou	Juliet Chin	
		Brian Nesby	
		Gretchen Johnson "E"	
		Sze-Wing Kwok	
		Brian Crowley	
		Erich Kaplan	
		Pascale Jutard-Ribot	
		Timothy Calabrese	
		Hyon Kim	
		Alice Feinberg	
		Vince McCoy	
		Wan T. Tsin	

APPENDIX II

Report by the President

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

" Good afternoon. I want to thank you for your kind words and good wishes last week. I appreciate your support and concern. As you can see, my health is fine and college business continues as usual.

Today is a particularly exciting day on campus as we kick off our fifth annual fall celebration. I hope you will all participate in the many activities that have been scheduled through Saturday. As I addressed our newest students, the class of 2004, at the fall celebration convocation this afternoon, I was reminded not only of the outstanding work we have accomplished over the years at Hunter, but of the many academic challenges that face our students as individuals, as part of the College and as part of the University. I am confident that we will prepare them to meet these challenges.

I would like to share with you some information about on-going college initiatives as well as some new CUNY policies.

First, Hunter administered the CUNY Preparatory Examination (CPE) on October 13, 14 and 15th. Of the 684 students invited, 362 registered and 289 have actually taken the exam. The exam will be scored in December.

Since I last addressed you as a group, the University has issued several new directives. The first involves CUNY's commitment to protect the rights of human subjects who volunteer for research and studies. CUNY and the Research Foundation have executed an agreement with the Federal Government that assures the Department of Health and Human Services that all research we conduct will be held to highest standards of integrity and respect for human dignity. Each CUNY campus has a fully functioning Institutional Review Board (IRB), which is charged with reviewing all human subjects research and implementing the standards established by the Federal regulations and CUNY policy. The chair of the IRB at Hunter College is **Professor Terry Mizrahi** in the School of Social Work. No research involving human subjects may be conducted without prior approval from the IRB.

The second directive involves the annual evaluation of each Department Chair by the President or his/her designee. The Chair will be evaluated as an executive officer of the Department. The evaluation will focus on three areas of responsibilities: (1) overall administrative responsibilities; (2) leadership and guidance; and (3) department goals. This directive was an item on yesterday's FP&B agenda.

There has also been new legislation involving the use of Social Security numbers. The law prohibits public and private educational institutions, including colleges, from displaying any student's social security number for any public identification purpose. The four common uses mentioned in the law are (1) the posting or public listing of grades; (2) placement on class rosters or other lists provided to teachers; (3) placement on student identification cards; and (4) use in student directories or similar listings.

The University has also launched a large-scale advertising and marketing campaign. I am sure that many of you read the October 15 CUNY supplement in the New York Daily News. Using their newest tag line, "Study with the Best," CUNY utilized this 16-page supplement to advertise all of the colleges. I am pleased that Hunter was mentioned 17 times, more than most of the other CUNY colleges. The CUNY advertising campaign is just one of many efforts required to attract students to the University. As an individual college, we have begun to take a hard look at the way in which we advertise and market ourselves to students, parents and other constituencies. We realize the strategic importance of identifying our strengths and developing a plan for marketing these strengths, using a consistent theme. This is particularly critical given the new admissions policy, which forces us to compete with our sister institutions in CUNY. Marketing and advertising discussions have begun on the Cabinet level and I will keep you informed as they progress.

Since we last met, there have been four grant awards that I would like to mention:

- **NIH Grant – Specialized Neuroscience Research Program (SNRP)** - **\$1.6 million** was awarded for this year. There is potential for continuing this grant through 8/31/05. The long-term goal of the grant is to create a strong Neuroscience Research Program at Hunter College by bringing together a core of neuroscientists whose research focuses on the theme "Repairing the Damaged Nervous System." The Principal Investigator is Distinguished Professor **Marie T. Filbin**, Biological Sciences.
- **Lucent Technologies Links Foundation** - A renewal grant for **\$50,000** was awarded for this year. The grant is designated for the Hunter College Model City Council Initiative. Building on the success of last's year's Presidential Convention 2000 project, Hunter will use these funds to conduct a model City Council event in 2001. The project will bring together diverse high school students from 35 schools in all five boroughs to play the roles of members of the City Council, interest groups, and community organizations. **Professor Kenneth Sherrill**, Political Science Chair, is serving as the Executive Director of the project.
- **Biomedical Research Grant** - **\$225,000** was awarded from NIH – National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. **Professor Maria Figueiredo-Pereira** is serving as the Director of this project.

- **U.S. Department of Education- Professional Development: Effective Teaching for English Language Learners** - \$250,000 has been awarded for this academic year to be used to prepare teachers to improve the educational outcomes of Hispanic Students who are not native speakers of English. The Project Director is **Professor Yvonne De Gaetano**, Department of Curriculum and Teaching. There is potential for continuing this grant through September 2003.

I am also pleased that our students continue to achieve both in and outside of the classroom:

- Three additional Hunter students have been selected as participants in the pre-collegiate research experience program of the New York City Louis Stokes Alliance For Minority Participation (LSAMP) at CUNY for this academic year. **Jose Cortes, Jelani Millington, and Ronald Wenceslao** each will receive \$1,000. The award is an acknowledgement of demonstrated scholastic ability and student interest in pursuing a baccalaureate degree in science, engineering or mathematics.
- Two Hunter students were awarded **Gates Millennium Scholarships**, given to assist low-income African American, Native American, Hispanic American and Asian-Pacific American students to attend undergraduate and graduate school. Applicants must be US citizens, have a minimum 3.3 GPA, demonstrate significant financial need and have demonstrated leadership abilities. Both students are in the SEEK program:
 - Phyllis Yip** – Film/Honors major
 - Kai Yeun (Peter) Lee** – Nursing studentThis is the first and only year that college students are eligible for this scholarship. Future eligibility will be limited to high school seniors.
- As reported in The New York Times, Governor Pataki recently signed legislation allowing work-study programs and internships to count as work activity for college students on public assistance. The bill was drafted by Hunter College students participating in the college's **Welfare Rights Initiative**, based in Hunter's Center for the Study of Family Policy. **Melinda Lackey**, the Welfare Rights Initiative Director and a Hunter College graduate and **Maureen Lane**, a current philosophy/ Thomas Hunter Honors student led the group of our students in drafting this bill. They worked with legal aid attorney **Richard Blum**, and CUNY Law Professor **Stephen Loffredo** to draft the bill which was then sponsored by Democratic **Assemblyman Roberto Ramirez** of the Bronx, and Republican **Senator Raymond A. Meier** of Utica.
- There have been several individual athletic honors of note. **Maureen McBride** was named CUNYAC Player of the Week for the second straight time in women's tennis. **Mauricio Muriel** was named CUNY Rookie of the

Week in men's soccer for scoring the winning goal in a game against SUNY Maritime. The women's cross-country team won the CUNYAC Championship for the fourth consecutive year the finals played in Van Cortlandt Park. The team was led by **Baiba Spulgerane**, **Donna Mahoney** (fifth), **Melissa Shea** (ninth), and **Jen Duran** (tenth). While the men's cross-country team did not win, they still had some strong individual finishes. **Ben Opere-Abetia**, **Jason Van Sluytman**, and **Junior Pierre** placed fourth, fifth and sixth to lead the squad.

As you all know, I am committed to the continuous assessment of campus operations in order to ensure that we are providing the campuses with the most efficient and effective administrative service. I am pleased to announce that thanks to the work of our **Vice President for Administration, Tom Tyburczy** and the **Executive Director of Finance and Business Affairs, Bill Fox**, we have resumed mail pick up and delivery service at the 68th Street campus. Effective October 11, pick up and delivery service has been scheduled once a day between the hours of 1:30 and 3:40 p.m.

I would like to share with you my appreciation for the work of the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement. The Committee's excellent review of existing requirements and its recommendations represent faculty governance at its best.

In closing, I want to remind you that the CUNY Campaign for Charitable Giving will begin shortly and faculty and staff will soon be receiving packets containing CUNY campaign brochures and pledge forms. Hunter's campaign last year was an overwhelming success, with our contribution exceeding \$27,000, the highest total of any senior college in CUNY. **Tom Tyburczy** has graciously agreed to once again coordinate the campaign at our College. If you haven't contributed in the past, I encourage you to consider giving this year and if you have been giving, I urge you to increase your contribution.

Thank you."

