

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
11 March 1998

1 The 361st meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in
 2 Room W714.

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 4 **Presiding:** Barbara L. Hampton, Chair

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

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 9 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.

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 11 **Report by the President:** President Caputo said that he would dispense with his report today, and that
 12 he would have a full report and answer questions at the next meeting on
 13 March 18th. He welcomed Commissioner Mills who was later introduced by
 14 the Chair. He reminded the Senate about the men's basketball team, that
 15 buses would be leaving for Friday night's game and, hopefully, also for the
 16 second game of the weekend. Any support for the team will be very much
 17 appreciated.

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 19 **Report by State Education Commissioner Richard P. Mills**

20 Professor Hampton introduced the Commissioner as follows:

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 22 Commissioner Mills received a bachelor's degree in history from Middle-
 23 bury College in 1966, a master's degree in American History from Colum-
 24 bia University in 1967, and MBA from Columbia University in 1975, and a
 25 doctorate in education from Columbia University in 1977. From 1967 to
 26 1971 Commissioner Mills taught history at the Dalton School in New York
 27 City. With four other teachers, he helped establish and run the Elizabeth
 28 Seeger School in New York City from 1971 to 1973.

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 31 Richard Mills was appointed by the Board of Regents as President of the
 32 University of the State of New York and Commissioner of Education in
 33 August 1995. Before joining the Education Department in that position,
 34 he served as Commissioner of Education in Vermont for seven years.
 35 Prior to becoming Vermont Education Commissioner, he served as a spe-
 36 cial assistant to Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey for four years,
 37 and held a variety of other posts in the New Jersey Department of Educa-
 38 tion, including Special Assistant to the Commissioner and Deputy Assis-
 39 tant Commissioner.

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 41 As Commissioner of Education he serves as chief executive officer of the
 42 Board of Regents, which has jurisdiction over the most comprehensive
 43 state educational system in the nation. The system encompasses every
 44 education endeavor in the State, including public and non-public ele-
 45 mentary, middle and secondary education; public and independent col-
 46 leges and universities; museums, libraries, historical societies and
 47 archives; the vocational rehabilitation system; and responsibility for the
 48 licensing, practicing and oversight of 38 professions.

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 50 She yielded the floor to Commissioner Mills. A summary statement of Com-
 51 missioner Mills' report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II. Commis-
 52 sioner Mills concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.

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 54 **Report by the Administrative** Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:

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 56 **Committee:** **Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate**

57 The following students were nominated for Senate membership:

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 59 Nathaniel Paluga (Film/Media Studies)
 60 Jacqueline Leak (undeclared)
 61 Irene Neofotistos (undeclared)

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It was moved that the nominations be approved as a slate. The motion carried by hand vote.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 11 March 1998, were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-1030 (Social Sciences), UR-1031 (Psychology), UR-1032 (Sociology), US-1018 (Romance Languages), US-1023 (Classics/Russian), US-1024 (School of Health Sciences/Nutrition).

Announcement

She said that on October 22 the Senate voted on the issue of Associate Provost Search. The Provost has constituted the Search Committee for Associate Provost as follows:

Search Committee for Associate Provost

- Louise Sherby (Library), Chair
- Dean Bogart Leashore (Social Work)
- Steven Serafin (Reading-Writing Center)
- John Strahan (graduate student, Education)
- William Zlata (Admissions)

Professor Hampton observed that neither a member of the teaching faculty nor an undergraduate student was appointed to the committee.

Report by the Provost: Re: Provostial Committees

Provost Schor presented the list of provostial committees (see Appendix III). She said: "The OICIT Steering Committee was the result of a prior committee. The Search Committee for Director of OICIT recommended the creation of a faculty Steering Committee. This committee has been in operation for a couple of months to help the Director of OICIT to implement College policies. The issue of who sets those policies and where this gets discussed is something that is of concern to the Senate. The Senate Committee on Computing and Technology clearly has a role in articulating and developing College policy. The President of the College also has a role in this, and it is this Steering Committee that we visualize as the unit which takes College policy and works to implement it. Since there is a grey area between implementation and vision, between policy and procedure, I have recommended to the Chair of the Senate at yesterday's meeting that joint meetings of the Steering Committee and the Senate Committee on Computing and Technology be held bi-annually at least for a year or two. There is an overlap in membership, and then we will see where to go. This is an evolutionary period, and we have a complex structure and a very complex set of problems. I think both committees' functions would be an advantage to the college.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M. because of the late hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Mills,
Chair