

City University of New York  
OFFICE OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
9 March 1983

The <sup>169</sup>166th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:35 p.m. 1  
in the Playhouse. 2

Presiding: Richard Stapleford, Chairperson 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in 4  
Appendix I. 5

Minutes: The Minutes of February 23rd were approved as distributed. 6

Report by the President: The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report to the 7  
Senate: 8

First, good news. We received today from a private foundation a commitment 9  
to receive over one million dollars for our Brookdale Center for the Aging. 10  
This would be one of the largest grants ever given to the College. 11

Re: Closing of Park Avenue Entrance--The Senate has repeatedly brought this 12  
to my attention and I provided two explanations for the closing. First, 13  
in anticipation of the move to the new towers: It was our analysis that 14  
entrance was primarily used by Temple Emanuel classes and, therefore, no 15  
longer would be needed. The second explanation was that we were trying 16  
to refocus our resources to improve security. To make sure that we have 17  
security personnel at every entrance, we reduced the number of entrances 18  
to the College. However, since we did not move into the new buildings it 19  
is clear that this is an inconvenience to people. Consequently, we will 20  
put a security guard at the Park Avenue entrance and keep it open during 21  
the period between classes. We will review this decision once we refocus 22  
the center of the college on Lexington Avenue. 23

Re: New Dance Studio Floor--Our buildings & Grounds staff found a creative 24  
way to rebuild the floor of the North Dance Studio on the 6th floor of 25  
the Thomas Hunter building. Our estimates were that it would cost up to 26  
\$100,000 for an outside contractor to complete the job. The Buildings & 27  
Grounds staff, the carpenters and painters, figured out a way to build a 28  
first class floor for a couple of thousand dollars, and so the Dance 29  
Program decided to dedicate the floor to them. If you walk up to the 30  
North Dance Studio you will find a plaque which lists the names of the 31  
members of the B&G staff who produced what we believe is a wonderful floor. 32

Re: Budget--From the beginning we have been talking about trying to maintain 33  
the same level of budget as last year's, which would automatically mean a 34  
decrease if cost-of-living was built into it. So, everything I say is in 35  
the context of trying to maintain what we had last year. As we all know, 36  
that was adjusted and reduced because of those base reductions in which 37  
lines were lost because of a certain number of vacancies. Albany proposed 38  
a number of cuts for the City University ranging from base adjustments 39  
because of vacant lines, lines that were in the base for the new buildings, 40  
to doing across-the-board cuts which in the end would have involved 554 lay-41  
offs for CUNY, including 64 for Hunter, and a variety of cuts that were 42  
reductions by attrition or retirement. In all, this is an attempt by the 43  
State to reduce the size of the City University by reducing the personnel. 44  
All cuts were focused on reducing personnel. This is still going on. 45  
There was a 30-day adjustment period. In that period the Chancellor, was 46  
allowed to shift resources within the total budget allocated. What the 47  
Chancellor did, with the concurrence of the Council of Presidents, was 48  
essentially to strip the "things" budget (OTPS increase, energy money, etc.) 49  
in order to save our junior faculty and our newer staff members. There 50  
will be no lay-offs for Hunter. However, all other parts of the budget 51  
still stand and we must focus on them. Because of attrition we will not 52  
be able to maintain the current level of staffing at Hunter, and we are 53  
still talking about a significant cut in both faculty and staff lines. 43  
We still do not have the positions for the new buildings, and the Governor 44  
still refused to deal with the tuition issue. He is committed to raising 45  
tuition by \$150 and to tack on a so-called computer fee of \$25 for every 46  
student which would not be covered by TAP. So, while we have saved a 47

portion of our faculty from lay-offs, we still are very seriously 48  
crippled. I would like to take each of those issues separately: 49

On tuition issues: Our objection is not simply that our students are poor 50  
and that they cannot afford another increase in tuition. Indeed, many of 51  
our students will be covered by TAP which would increase along with the 52  
tuition increase. However, objection is also for another group of students 53  
a significant number, those who work and who are just above the TAP 54  
eligibility. They would have to pay that tuition. For those working 55  
students it will be particularly difficult. They are coming to this 56  
institution in increasing numbers and we have a responsibility to them. 57  
Regarding the language in the Governor's budget, the President read the 58  
following paragraph from the Governor's Annual Budget Message: 59

"In the case of self-support this budget anticipates a major change 60  
in tuition assumptions. It proposes that tuition rise over time, to 61  
a stipulated proportion of education and general costs. It also 62  
proposes an increase in the tuition surcharge imposed upon out-of- 63  
state students to a level more commensurate with that charged by 64  
other public universities in the region. Specifically I am calling 65  
for a 1983-84 tuition increase of \$150 and a revised out-of-state 66  
surcharge of \$1750." 67

The point of the President's concern is that tuition increases will be 68  
tied to overall budget increases, and that Albany is counting on that 69  
revenue year after year. This kind of indexing runs counter to the 70  
legislative intent at the time CUNY was taken over by the State, namely 71  
low cost quality public higher education. It is extremely important 72  
that, in continuing our letter-writing campaign, we focus on the tuition 73  
issue because of the nature of our student body, because of the kind of 74  
commitment appropriate for the State. 75

On the cuts for the new buildings: The 70 maintenance positions needed 76  
to open the new buildings have not been restored. It is impossible to 77  
move into the buildings without them. They are sophisticated complicated 78  
buildings. One thing we got out from under is the College of Optometry. 79  
The reason we were prevented from getting money for renovating this 80  
building last year was because the State believed that Hunter had too 81  
much space. They wanted us to accept the College of Optometry, which 82  
would have taken 80,000 sq.ft. from our total space. We refused to make 83  
the accomodation and the State found another location. 84

Report on Politics in Albany: I have been studying State government for 85  
20 years and I have never seen politics quite like this. There is almost 86  
no movement to impose a surcharge on the income tax or on the corporate 87  
tax, or to increase any broad based taxes. The Chancellor has said that 88  
about 12 million dollars of our problem is overcome by switching things 89  
around and protecting the faculty lines, but we need at least another 90  
25 million dollars to restore the base cuts and to bring us up to where 91  
we should be. This is without increases. It is clear that the legisla- 92  
ture is beginning to feel some pressure. I found less support on the 93  
tuition issue than I found on any other issue. More support on the 94  
building issue because no one can understand how you can have these 95  
buildings sitting up at City College or Hunter without being able to 96  
provide the lines. But all of it is very marginal and all of it requires 97  
direct pressure from individuals on the legislature. There is little 98  
question that we have support from our Assemblyman Mark Alan Siegel, who 99  
is Chair of the Higher Education Committee, and from the Speaker. I 100  
believe that pressure by the City University will have to be put on in 101  
the next two weeks because they are going to try to finish work before 102  
the holidays. So, everything that we can do and have to do, has to be 103  
done in the next two weeks and all of our efforts ought to be focused on 104  
the next two weeks. I want to stop here and compliment the Senate on the 105  
level of energy and on the activity that has gone on. It has been extra- 106  
ordinary. I still think there is hope in the legislature to restore the 107  
the cuts in our base as well as the lines for the new buildings. There 108  
is some chance on the tuition, though there may be some compromise on 109  
that issue and it is going to be the toughest of all. All of this will 110  
be decided in the next two weeks. So, the level of activity focusing 111  
specifically on individual members of the legislature is very important. 112  
We still have very serious problems. And the word is getting around. 113  
Very few people in Albany understand the base cuts, very few people know 114  
we just have to have these kinds of restorations if we are going to 115  
survive as an institution. And very few people have looked at all at 116

the tuition issue and on the impact of the tuition issue on all of us. I urge everybody to make whatever time they have available in the next two weeks to keep the pressure on in Albany.

President Shalala concluded her report by answering questions from the floor.

Report by the Chair: Prof. Richard Stapleford reviewed the activities on the budget crisis:

1. We are providing a sort of coordinating counsel for the various active organizations at Hunter College. For instance, the student governments, NYPIRG, and the PSC are very much involved and have cooperated with us. This included setting up tables for the letter-writing campaign and keeping the tables staffed. We need a lot of help there. If you can give us an hour or two of your time, please speak to Renate Murray or the Senate staff.

As you know, we sent out a request that faculty members allow their students to write letters in class. A number of classes have already done this. Everybody is urged to participate in this effort and to urge their students to write. Letters may be brought to the Senate Office for counting and posting.

Phone banks have been set up through Barbara Chocky and the Alumni Association. It is planned to call up-state alumni and urge them to write letters to their legislators. We need volunteers.

A large-scale CUNY Rally will be held in Albany on March 23rd. The student governments have already set aside funds for a number of buses. At that time it is planned to meet with legislators in a lobbying effort. The faculty is urged to participate as well, and to urge their students to participate.

2. Prof. Stapleford then moved that the Senate "Overflow" meeting scheduled for March 23rd be cancelled because of the planned Rally.

The motion carried.

3. He informed the Senate that an open forum on the budget crisis will be held in the Playhouse on March 16th. Speakers will include President Shalala, Professor Burks, the presidents of the student governments and a representative from NYPIRG.

4. Prof. Stapleford then moved that the agenda be changed, so that the report by the Calendar Committee would be the next item of business.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Calendar Committee

Prof. Richard Barickman, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the proposed College Calendar for 1983-84.

After extensive discussion the question was called and carried.

The motion to approve the 1983-84 Calendar proposal carried by hand vote with 48 in favor, 9 opposed, and 4 abstentions. (The 1983-84 College Calendar, as approved, is reproduced as Appendix II).

The next item of business was the report by the ombudsman.

Report by the Ombudsman: Ombudsman Korn reported that the Sexual Harassment Panel appointed by the President has been meeting regularly. A set of procedures had been adopted and panel members are available for further information and discussion: The panel consists of the following members:

Richard Barickman--Faculty English 168  
Dorothy O. Helly --Associate Dean Evening Session 169  
Carlos Hortas--Faculty Romance Languages 170  
Sam Korn--Ombudsman 171  
Susan Lees--Faculty Anthropology 172

Diego J. Lopez--Counselor Financial Aid	173
Patricia Martin--Counselor Academic Skills	174
Miriam Martinez--Student	175
Sally Polakoff--Counselor Student Services	176
Nitza O. Rodriguez--Staff Student Services	177
Rath Smallberg--Administrator Library	178
Sharon Weekes--Student	179
Sue Rosenberg Zalk--Faculty Educational Foundations	180

Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Al Bennick, Secretary of the Senate, presented the report as follows:	181 182
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1. He informed the Senate that the motion on the floor is the motion to recommit the resolution regarding the establishment of a faculty Committee as amended. This resolution carried over from the last meeting.	183 184 185 186
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The motion to recommit was defeated by hand vote with 37 opposed, 2 in favor, and 1 abstention.	187 188
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Prof. Bennick next moved that the resolution as amended at the last meeting, be further amended by substituting the following wording:	189 190 191
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In response to a request from the Administration for clarification of governmental jurisdiction in consulting faculty, and in light of extensive discussion at the February 23rd Senate meeting, the Administrative Committee now proposes the following resolution:	192 193 194 195
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WHEREAS, the Hunter College Senate: 196

1. has been duly constituted as the chartered governance organization of Hunter College with sole responsibilities for policy matters as specified in the Charter; 197  
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2. has assumed all the responsibilities of the previous "Faculty Council" in accordance with the Charter; 200  
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3. includes members of the faculty designated by their departments and representing all the departments, therefore, 202  
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate acknowledges its rights and responsibilities and accordingly requests that all communications regarding policy matters, including those relating to the legislative authority of the faculty, be directed to the Senate via the Senate Administrative Committee, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate instruct its Administrative Committee to set up a Faculty as the need arises. 205  
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After discussion, the motion to substitute the above amendment carried by hand vote with 36 in favor, 6 opposed, and 4 abstentions. 213  
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The question on the main motion was called and carried. 216

The main motion was approved by hand vote with 35 in favor, 6 opposed, and 3 abstentions. 217  
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A motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. 219

Respectfully submitted,



Al Bennick,  
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Teri Haas  
Henry Evans

Anthropology: Edward Bendix

Art: Bob Huot "E"  
Mac Wells "E"  
Anthony Panzera "E"

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Ana Zentella

Chemistry: David Lavalley "E"  
Lou Massa

Communications: Thomas Mader

Educational Foundations: Marvin Wayne

English: Jane Benardete "E"  
Lucille Samson "E"

Geology & Geography: Alan Strahler "E"

Health & Physical Education: Thomas Burke

Home Economics: Mary Ludden  
Carol Waslien

Health Sciences: Lee Margulies "E"  
Elaine Rosen "E"

Library: Karen Barnett "E"  
J. Thomas Jennings "E"

Mathematics: Ada Peluso  
Barbara Barone

Music: Barbara Hampton "E"  
Ralph Hunter

Nursing: Catherine Wondolowski "E"  
Marjorie Duncan

Philosophy: Charles Sherover  
John Lango

Physics & Astronomy: Brian Holmes

Political Science: Ken Sherrill

Romance Languages: Zenaida Gutierrez-Vega "E"  
Julius Purczinsky  
Pasquelina Manca "E"

Social Work: Clifton Browne

Sociology: John Cuddihy "E"

Special Education: Ellis Barowksy

Dean Margaret Magnus "E"  
Dean James Settle "E"  
Dean Richard Mawe  
Dean Walter Weiss "E"

STUDENTS:

Athanasios Boutis  
Aimee Dicker Ross  
Audrey Robb "E"  
Kathryn Payne  
Lori Sbordonone  
Mickie Yoon  
Obed Cintron  
Clyde Morgani  
Channel Holiday  
Gwendolyn Fields "E"  
Anita Allen  
Daniela Montana  
Vilma Diaz y Zarate Favaloro  
Kenneth Walker  
Natalia Cherney  
David Sierra  
Ed Buczinsky  
Carla Cordova  
Branka Kotarlic  
Deborah Barron  
Mary Bowles  
Kathleen Springer  
Natalie Gomez  
Ramez El-Jachi  
Fernando Quinones  
Michael Pichardo  
Claire LaRoche  
Gary Kulak  
Ali M. Gheith  
Barbara Reisman "E"  
Margaret Ferrara  
John Paine  
Victor Batista  
Roland Stanzione "E"  
Mario Pinto  
Laurie Ann Lashley  
Jim Zipp  
Mary Lou Chiarella  
Dolores Sanchez  
Vikas Patel  
Merna Eatmon "E"  
Maria Medved  
Carmen Collazo  
Martha Mavrommatis

A P P E N D I X I ICOLLEGE CALENDAR FOR 1983-1984AUGUST 1983

18 TH-September 2 ..... TENTATIVE DATES FOR REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 1983

5M ..... LABOR DAY. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.  
 10S ..... FIRST DAY OF CLASSES--FALL 1983  
 8TH-9F..... ROSH HASHANA--NO CLASSES  
 16F..... NO CLASSES AFTER 4 P.M.  
 17S..... YOM KIPPUR--NO CLASSES.

OCTOBER 1983

10M..... COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.

NOVEMBER 1983

8Tu..... ELECTION DAY. COLLEGE IS CLOSED  
 11F..... VETERANS DAY. CLASSES WILL MEET.  
 23W..... CLASSES WILL FOLLOW A FRIDAY SCHEDULE  
 24TH-25F..... THANKSGIVING RECESS. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.  
 26S..... CLASSES WILL MEET

DECEMBER 1983

15TH..... LAST DAY OF CLASSES--FALL 1983  
 16F-23F..... FINAL EXAMINATIONS  
 24S-31S..... WINTER RECESS

JANUARY 1984

1Su..... NEW YEAR'S DAY. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.  
 15Su..... HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.  
 17Tu-2/1W..... TENTATIVE DATES FOR REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 1984

6M..... FIRST DAY OF CLASSES--SPRING 1984  
 13M..... LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.  
 20M..... WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.  
 21Tu..... CLASSES WILL MEET ACCORDING TO MONDAY'S SCHEDULE.

MARCH 1984APRIL 198415Su-22Su..... SPRING RECESS. (Passover begins at sundown 16M--  
Easter Sunday is 22 April)MAY 1984

15Tu..... LAST DAY OF CLASSES--SPRING 1984  
 16W-23W ..... FINAL EXAMINATIONS  
 28M..... MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED. COLLEGE IS CLOSED.

JUNE 1984

11M-13W..... SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION (tentative)  
 18M-July 27..... SUMMER SCHOOL