

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

13 May 1998

The 366th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Barbara L. Hampton, Chair

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

Agenda: It was moved that the agenda be amended by moving item 3. B. as the next order of business immediately following the report by the President.

The motion carried. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Report by the President A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is as follows. He said:.

"I would like to thank everyone in the Senate. As I understand it, for a number of senators this will be the final meeting. So, congratulations and thank you for your assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank the officers of the Senate for their assistance throughout the year.

Let me bring you up to date. There is no news on the budget. There has been no attempt to do a budgetary veto override, nor has there been any discussion of a serious attempt to do a supplementary budget. The prevailing political winds are that the Governor should be responsible for the items that he has vetoed.

Concerning remediation I just want to say that if any of you are interested in speaking at the public hearing on May 18th, there is still time to get on that docket. To do so you have to call 794-5450, which is the office of the Secretary of the Board, by Friday at 4 P.M. I hope that there will be a large turnout. It will be extremely beneficial if a number of students could speak, especially those who have successfully completed remediation and have gone on to compile a very strong record. There is still discussion as to whether or not the votes are there to adopt the Calandra/Badillo proposal. The impact on Hunter is that we would not be able to offer remediation on campus after September 1999. It does appear that the actual proposal that will come to the Board is a proposal that is coming from long-range planning, and will be close to many of the sentiments that Trustee Morning voiced at the last meeting. That will actually be the original motion on the floor and then there will be an attempt to offer a substitute amendment. Your guess is as good as mine as to what will happen. Those are clearly very important decisions with implications not just for Hunter and CUNY, but nationally as well.

I should be holding up a publication put out by the CUNY Athletic Conference, which lists the fact that our athletic teams in the fall and winter won six of the major CUNY athletic championships, including basketball, indoor track, and volley ball. It is an impressive performance on the part of our athletes. Some of the spring athletes have also done very well in competitions. So, congratulations to Athletic Director Terry Wansart and the various coaches and especially to the athletes involved for an outstanding job.

I also want to mention that I have now completed meeting with each of the first year faculty who came to Hunter last September. I want to tell you a little bit about those meetings. They were very informative in terms of learning what specific research and teaching interests people have, as well as learning how we might do a better job of introducing them into the Hunter community. In most cases people had very positive experiences. The Provost and I will be hosting a lunch for them on Friday, and we are looking forward to talking with them. The best news that I had for them was that next year there will be an equal or greater number of new faculty joining them. I plan to do the same thing next year and, hopefully, with twice the number of new faculty. So, congratulations to them.

I am very pleased that Professor Silberman in our Education division has won a major national association award for teaching and for her work with the visually impaired students. So, congratulations to her also."

President Caputo concluded the report by answering questions from the floor.

Revised By-laws of the School of Nursing

Professor Jane Matthews, Chair of the Departmental Governance Committee, presented the revised Bylaws of the School of Nursing as submitted.

The question was called and carried. The revised By-laws of the School of Nursing were approved by hand vote.

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11 **Report by the** Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:
12 **Administrative**
13 **Committee:**

14 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

15 The following curriculum changes. As listed in the two-part report dated 13 May 1998, were approved as per
16 Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1039, US-1040, US-1041, US-
17 1042, US-1043, US-1044, and US-1045 (Geography), US-1046 and US-1047 (Chemistry), US-1048
18 (Biological Sciences); GS-445 and GS-449 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-446 (Romance Languages), GS-
19 447 (Urban Affairs), and GS-448 (Geography).

20 **Committee Reports: Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement**

21 Professor Marten DenBoer, Chair of the Committee, informed the Senate that the Select Committee on the
22 Pluralism & Diversity Requirement had requested that the report be delayed until they have had time to con-
23 sider it. He moved that the report be withdrawn.

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25 The motion carried by hand vote.

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27 **UARC Re: Testing for Non-degree Students**

28 Professor Pamela Mills, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 13 May 1998 as distributed.

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30 Professor Gilpatrick moved that the report be amended by adding the word "remedial" before "courses" on
31 lines 28, 75, and 79.

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33 The motion carried by hand vote and the amendment became part of the motion on the floor.

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35 After discussion the question was called and carried. The report, as amended, was approved by hand vote
36 without dissent. (The entire report is reproduced in Appendix II).

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38 **Revised By-laws of the School of Health Sciences**

39 Professor Jane Matthews, Chair of the Departmental Governance Committee, presented the revised Bylaws
40 of the School of Health Sciences as distributed.

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42 The question was called and carried. The revised Bylaws of the School of Health Sciences were approved
43 by hand vote.

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45 **New Business:**

46 Professor Gilpatrick moved that the Charter Review Committee be requested to evaluate the current Charter
47 in terms of any changes needed to reflect Hunter College as it is today.

48 The question was called and carried. The motion was approved by hand vote.

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50 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10
51 P.M.

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58 Pamela Mills,
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