

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
16 September 1998

1 The 369th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.
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3 **Presiding:** Pamela Mills, Chair
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5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.
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7 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.
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9 **Report by the President:** A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.
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12 **Report by the Administrative Committee:** There was no report.
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15 **Items Carried Carried Over:** Professor Mills opened the floor for nominations of faculty for membership on the Nominating Committee. Professor Ruth Sidel (Sociology) was nominated.
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18 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.
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20 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried and Professor Sidel was elected.
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23 **Report by Acting Provost Gizis:** A summary statement of Provost Gizis' report to the is attached as Appendix III.
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26 **Committee Reports:** **Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement**
27 Professor Marten denBoer, Chair of the Committee, presented the resolution concerning the transfer credit evaluation process. This proposal would allow a departmental advisor to determine that a particular course at another college, while not a direct equivalent of a specific course at Hunter, could be used to satisfy a distribution requirement if the course satisfies the general objectives of the distribution requirements. Some departments already do this, but the practice is not universally known. For example, an advisor in Physics could certify that a course taken in the Physics Department at another college could be used to satisfy a Category I requirement, even though the course was not equivalent to a specific course offered by the Physics Department at Hunter. Such a determination would not imply acceptance of the course as a prerequisite for other courses; the determination of course equivalents that may be used as prerequisites would remain where it is, with each department. The option to grant substitutions for distribution credits should be an explicit part of the Office of Admissions' transfer evaluation form. Such decisions, once made by a particular department, will be used by the Office of Admissions to update the student data base, so that subsequent students transferring the same course from the same institution will automatically receive the same distribution credits.
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43 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate approve current practice and officially authorize departments to grant distribution credits for transferred courses which have no direct Hunter equivalent, but satisfy the general objectives of the distribution requirement; and,
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Admissions' transfer credit evaluation form be modified to include the option to grant distribution category credits for transfer courses.
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50 After discussion it was moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following:
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52 "and, Be it further Resolved, that such decisions, once made by a department, will be used by the Office of Admissions to update the student data base so that subsequent students transferring the same course from the same institution will automatically receive the same distribution credits."
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56 The question on the amendment was called and carried. The amendment was approved by hand vote without dissent.
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59 The resolution as amended was on the floor. The question was called and carried. The resolution, as amended, was approved by hand vote without dissent.
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62 The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hampton,
Secretary