

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

6 February 2008

1 The 485th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 PM in Room W714.

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3 **Presiding:** Richard Stapleford, 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 **Minutes:** The Minutes of November 28th and December 12th were approved as distributed.

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9 **Report by the President:** A summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate is as follows. She said:

11 "There is wonderful news from two recent Board of Trustees meetings. Our own Peter Carey, who is
12 the Director of our Creative Writing Program and Professor in the English Department, was approved
13 as a Distinguished Professor. We are very excited about that.

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15 Thanks to the efforts of so many of you in this room, we have reached a historic point for our
16 community. We are now a Joint Doctoral Degree granting institution with the Graduate Center for
17 Doctors in Public Health, and in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry. This is truly
18 extraordinary. It will give our faculty an opportunity to claim what they have been doing, which is
19 being the faculty for the Graduate Program in the Sciences since the Graduate Center has no labs and
20 all the work gets done on the campuses, and primarily on the City College and Hunter College
21 campuses. The resolutions that were approved by the Committee on Monday will go to the Board of
22 Trustees at the end of February, and we are really very close to final approval. I want to thank Vita for
23 her excellent leadership, and Shirley Raps, Roger, Ezra, Bill. This is an incredibly exciting time for us
24 in the sciences, but it is also a challenge because we will have to raise a lot of money to support these
25 students who are now ours. There has been a whole re-configuring of the ways students will be funded.
26 The Graduate Center will pick up the funding for the first year and there will be health coverage. The
27 students will then have a year or two to meet with the faculty on campus and decide who they want to
28 study with. It will be our responsibility to support these students. I find it to be an advantage, because
29 it will be easier now to raise money for these students. They are truly our students, and we will be
30 seeking scholarships for them. So, we are very excited about that.

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32 I want to re-introduce to the community to someone everyone knows from her first round at Hunter
33 College. Linda Carlson is back as a Special Advisor to the President for Enrollment Management. We
34 asked her to come back to help coordinate many of the things that are going on at the college,
35 particularly those things that fall between the various vice-presidential responsibilities, academic,
36 student service and the administrative side. Linda has already been working with Middle States, with
37 Mellon, and with many of the Committees here to talk about how we can best communicate to improve
38 our education and support for our students. One of the things that Linda and I are working on is support
39 for increased faculty effort at student engagement outside of the classroom. We know that many of you
40 are already doing so much with students, sometimes in some sort of social type way whether it is taking
41 students to plays or to museums or having end-of-the-year branches at your home, and we would like to
42 support these efforts and ask more of you to be involved, because we all know that the key to student
43 success is contact with faculty. Sometimes it is that moment outside of the classroom where it all
44 comes together, and rather than ask you to try to find free tickets or somehow get everyone to pay, we
45 would like to support buying tickets or going out to a lunch after a performance, just so that the people
46 can get to know each other. Another important initiative will be support for student presentations at
47 academic conferences. The third part will be support for faculty and students working on faculty
48 research. We are looking at an idea of about \$1000.00 a semester maximum to help students that work
49 with you on projects. That could be anything from lab research to field research, to work in social
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55 science research or book indexing, all the types of things that are necessary. So, you will be hearing
 56 more about this and Linda will be coordinating this with Eija and with Vita.
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58 Next month we are going to present to the Senate Computing & Technology Committee a faculty
 59 computer replacement program. Many of you have asked for some type of certainty about when you
 60 can expect to get a new computer in your life-time. In the last few years we have invested a great deal
 61 of funds in new software and new hardware for faculty, but we want to put this on a regular cycle so
 62 that people have expectations of when they are going to be replaced. This is for normal office use, and
 63 not special computers that you would use for research which you can apply for in a separate way. We
 64 will be presenting a policy to the Senate Committee and, if everybody seems in agreement, we will
 65 finalize it and announce that.
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67 Finally, I want to make a note about the Governor's Budget. Many of you are following the very
 68 exciting announcements from the Governor's Commission on Higher Education which endorsed a true
 69 investment from the public sector in Higher Education in New York State. SUNY and CUNY came
 70 together to push for investment in a COMPACT Plan, which involves the State adding funding to
 71 CUNY and SUNY, and the school is coming forward with our own contributions through modest but
 72 regular tuition increases rather than big increases every couple of years, and also philanthropy and
 73 efficiency on the campuses. This concept was endorsed by the Commission. We were excited about
 74 possibly continuing the COMPACT funding but are disappointed so far in the Governor's Budget
 75 which did not call for additional funding for the COMPACT this year. At the moment we are still
 76 allocating the Compact funds from the last two years. Much of that money was used to invest in
 77 particular projects or replacing equipment and that money can still be turned into faculty lines going
 78 forward. There are a number of searches that are going on. We are continuing to spend money from the
 79 last two years and we are optimistic from what we hear from the Governor's office that in the year
 80 2009-2010 the COMPACT funding will be renewed. The Governor has announced a plan to sell the
 81 New York State Lottery and use those funds to invest in an endowment which would provide a regular
 82 stream for investing in Higher Education in New York. Clearly, there are a lot of details to work out and
 83 a lot of politics will ensue. This year there is no tuition increase nor is there new COMPACT funding,
 84 but there is about a \$17M decrease. We obviously have no idea how that would impact the campus, but
 85 we are optimistic that the Legislature will put that money back into the Budget so that there will not be
 86 any cuts. We will keep you informed.
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88 On the Capital Budget, CUNY did not receive the very substantial Capital Budget they had applied for.
 89 The good news is that both of the large Hunter projects remain funded, and that is about \$80M for the
 90 Social Work School and well over \$100M for the first phase of the Science building. Both remain in
 91 the Governor's Budget and are going to the Legislature together with money for major repairs."
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93 **Report by the** There was no report.
 94 **Administrative**
 95 **Committee:**
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97 **Open Meeting: Discussion of Middle States Self-Study**

98 It was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a committee-of-the-whole until 5:20 PM for a discussion of
 99 the Middle States Self-Study. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
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101 The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:20 PM.
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103 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.
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106 Respectfully submitted,
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 109 Jill Gross
 110 Secretary
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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Anthropology	Michael Steiper (A)
Biological Sciences	Thomas Schmidt-Glenwinkel (A)
Chemistry	Pamela Mills
	Namby Krishnamachari (A)
Classical & Oriental Studies	Fang Dai (A)
Computer Science	Ioannis Stamos (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Tony Picciano
Economics	Howard Chernick
	Jonathan Conning (A)
Educational Foundations	Peggy Chen (A)
English	Mark Miller
	Jeff Allred
	Christina Alfar (A) "E"
Film & Media Studies	Tim Portlock (A)
	Michael Gitlin
German	Annette Kym (A)
Health Sciences	Mimi Fahs (A)
Music	David Capps (A)
Nursing	Elizabeth Simon (A) "E"
Physics/Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A)
	Marilyn Rothschild
Political Science	Joan Tronto
	John Wallach (A)
Psychology	Jeffrey Parsons (A)
	Tracy Dennis
Romance Languages	Monica Calabritto (A)
SEEK	Patricia Martin (A)
School of Social Work	Karun Singh (A)
	Bernadette Hadden
	Paul Kurzman
Sociology	Charles Green (A)
	Manfred Kuechler
Special Education	Grace Lappin
	Thomas McIntyre (A)
Theatre	Joel Bassin (A)
	Alan Sikes

Lecturers and

Part-Time Faculty

Barbara Sproul (Religion)
Barbara Barone (Math&Stat)
David Hodges (Anthropo)
Claus Mueller (Sociology)
Aubrey Ewaroo
Jeffrey Mongrain (Art)
Stuart Ewen (Film)

Administration

Dean Jacqueline Mondros (A)

Ex-Officio

Jason Ares, CLT Council President
Nadine Young, HEO Forum Pres.
Sarit Levy, GSA Pres.
Al Peterson, USG Pres.
Agnes Violenus, Alumni Assoc. Pres.

Students

Karen Busani-Halevi
Tithi Ghosh
Jonathan Alexandratos (History)
Tin Thu (Sociol.)
Dulguun Maidar (Poli Sci)
Theodora Telfort (Economics)
Ezra Serrar
Nicole Odom
Tonia Tiewul (THH) "E"
Ingrid Deborah Francois
Jean-Kenson Dorlouis (Biochem)
Alex Kohen (Poli.Sci.)
Josef Bresko (Honors/Econom)
Siobhan Cawley (Psych)
Destimona Anokye
Renelyn Joy Carino
Isaiah Negron
Ho Young Hung (Poli Sci& Sociology)
Tina Galvez
Yevgeniy Milman (Math&Stat, Grad)
Jenny Alcalde (undeclared)
Ricardo Jute
Steven Perchikov
Wanda Anderson
Sara Reinstein
Greta Rojas (Psych&Nursing)
Israel Burns
Dominitza-Carmen Belecciu (Grad.Math)
Joseph Eastman (Poli Sci)
David Wexler (Poli.Sci.)
Sofia Farquharson (Urban Plan.)
Bawo Ebibeyi (Account.)