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MINUTES
Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
October 5, 1972

	The ²⁰ Seventeenth Meeting of The Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m. in the Hunter College Playhouse on October 5, 1972.	1 2 3
Presiding:	Prof. Louis Massa, Chairman	4
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those noted by the Secretary as listed in Appendix I. Total attendance was 117.	5 6 7
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting of May 30, 1972 were unanimously approved.	8 9
Announcements:	Prof. Massa announced the appointment of Prof. George Nordmeyer as Parliamentarian and Dean Elie de Comminges as Co-Parliamentarian.	10 11 12
Administrative Committee Report:	Prof. Charles Sherover, Secretary of the Senate, presented the report as follows:	13 14
	1. Offered the following rules for the meeting:	15
	a. That each speaker on a motion be limited to two minutes except for the person presenting the report;	16 17 18
	b. That no person be recognized twice until all persons wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so;	19 20
	c. That the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m., the last one-half hour being reserved for new business.	21 22
	It was moved and carried that these rules be adopted.	23
	2. Asked the Senate for ratification of approval given by the Administrative Committee, at the request of the Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, of the five experimental courses listed below for the fall 1972 term, in view of the fact that the Senate meeting of May 30 was adjourned prior to approval of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee report.	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
	Experimental Courses:	32
	1. Women in Film FI	33
	2. Italian Cinema and Literature	34
	3. Course in the Combined Arts	35
	4. Hunger, Malnutrition and Food Distribution Programs in the United States	36 37
	5. Images of Women in Literature and Art	38
	On motion by Mrs. Leda Marks (G-Education) the Senate confirmed offering these courses in the fall 1972 semester.	39 40 41

3. Reported that the Administrative Committee together with the Executive Committee of the General Faculty had formed an ad-hoc committee regarding the PSC contract demands and met with the PSC leadership during the summer. Prof. Sherover said that one of the demands to which the Administrative Committee particularly objected was a proposal threatening the sovereignty of the Senate.	42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
4. Offered the following Senate calendar for the fall semester which was moved and adopted:	50 51
Monday, November 6	5:00 p.m. 52
Tuesday, November 21	4:30 p.m. 53
Monday, December 4	4:30 p.m. 54
Tuesday, December 19	5:00 p.m. 55
5. Offered the following schedule for the special Senate and Evening Session Council elections. Prof. Sherover requested all department chairmen and SGS departmental representatives to assist the Administrative Committee in conducting these elections and informed the Senate that details of the election procedures would be published in the Friday issue of The Envoy and the Tuesday issue of The Nightwatch.	56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63
<u>Election Schedule:</u>	64
1. 10/13 - Affiliation Forms due (SGS and ESC)	65
2. 10/20 - Freshman and Sophomore petitions due	66
3. 10/16 and 10/17 - SGS Nominating Meetings (SGS, ESC)	67
4. 10/23 and 10/24 - At-large voting in Senate Office	68
5. Week of 10/23 - Department elections	69
As there were no objections to this schedule it was ordered that it be followed.	70 71
6. Reported the four newly elected members to the Nominating Committee as follows:	72 73
Prof. Francis Conant - Anthropology	74
Prof. Russell White - Geology and Geography	75
Miss Christine Volkmar - G - English	76
Mr. Steve Crispinelli - G - English	77
7. Presented the following routine items as follows:	78
a. Deferred to Dean Marvin Seiger for the Committee on Student Standing.	79 80
Dean Seiger moved approval of the September 1972 graduates. The motion carried.	81 82
b. Deferred to Prof. Rodriguez-Abad for the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee.	83 84
On motion by Prof. Rodriguez-Abad the following routine items in the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee report dated May 30 were approved.	85 86 87
U-37: Political Science	88
1. Change in course titles and descriptions.	89
2. Course deletions.	90 91

U-37A:	Academic Skills	92
	1. Change in course numbers.	93
U-38:	Institute of Health Sciences	94
	1. Change in course descriptions.	95
U-53:	Division of Programs in Education	96
	1. Change in credits and description.	97
U-53:	Business Education	98
	1. Change of hours, credits, titles and descriptions.	99
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U-53:	Health and Physical Education	102
	1. Change of hours, credits, titles and descriptions.	103
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8.	Moved the following on behalf of the Administrative Committee:	106
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	"All Standing Committees shall continue to conduct business until the beginning of November when elections are completed and the Nominating Committee has presented its slate at the November 6 meeting."	108
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	The motion carried.	113
9.	Proposed that the quorum remain at 65.	114
I	It was so moved and carried.	115
10.	Explained that the reason for the motion to divide the question regarding the four part report of the Committee on Undergraduate Academic Requirements made at the May 30 meeting was unclear in the minds of the Administrative Committee and asked the Senate what its interpretation was. Since the body, after discussion, was also uncertain of the status of the committee report Prof. Sherover read the following Administrative Committee statement regarding this matter.	116
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	"At the last Senate meeting in the spring, the four part report of the Student Standing Committee was divided, in our understanding, for purposes of debating each part separately, before passing on the report as a whole. The Chair understood the Division to be intended to permit a paragraph by paragraph consideration of the related parts of the whole. Robert's Rules of Order clearly state that the maker of a motion to sever the parts of a question in some way must clearly state whether he intends them to be permanently severed or separated only for purposes of debate. Since the maker of the motion did not clearly state what his intention was, there was apparently confusion among the body and in the minds of the Chair and the Secretary as to whether the intent was to separate the report into four independent items each of which could be debated and formally adopted without reference to the others or whether, as the four parts are clearly closely related and to some extent interdependent, it was intended that each of the four parts be debated and approved separately and then the whole package, if acceptable, be voted and thus it is unclear what the present status of	126
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items one and two is. Some people think they were definitively adopted; others think they were adopted pending consideration of the report as a whole.	147 148 149
Since it is clearly impossible now to determine what the thinking of the body was at the time on an ambiguous point of procedure, and to clear up confusion, the Administrative Committee will move reconsideration of items one and two of the report, so that, if reconsideration is approved, they can be debated within ground rules which are equally clear to us all.	150 151 152 153 154 155 156
The motion to reconsider is a privileged motion, in that it can be introduced at any time. It cannot, however, be debated at any time, although it is debatable so long as the item to be reconsidered was amendable, which it was in this case. Thus, if we follow ordinary parliamentary procedure in this case, we would now have to proceed with our agenda, debating items three and four without having clarified our ground rules - are they divided for final consideration or only as parts of a single whole?	157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165
Thus, unless the body moves to suspend the rules to permit immediate debate on the motion to reconsider items one and two of the Student Standing Report, we will proceed now with items three and four, complete other unfinished business and then debate reconsideration of items one and two."	166 167 168 169 170 171
Dean Walter Eisenberg moved reconsideration of items one and two of the report.	172 173
Mr. Mark Cohen (E) moved to suspend the rules to permit immediate debate on the motion to reconsider.	174 175
A point of order challenging the ruling of the chair that it was necessary to suspend the rules to debate reconsideration was made. The member claimed that immediate debate could go on regarding the motion to reconsider. The Chair reiterated his ruling as stated in the Administrative Committee report that in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order the motion to reconsider is a privileged one, but debate on it is not and therefore would have to wait until the body had completed its unfinished business. Therefore in order to proceed immediately to debate the motion to reconsider a motion to suspend the rules was required.	176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187
On appeal, the ruling of the Chair was sustained.	188
It was then voted to pass the motion to suspend the rules to permit debate on the motion to reconsider, 59 in favor, 24 opposed (which met the required 2/3.)	189 190 191
Dean Eisenberg's motion to reconsider parts one and two of the committee report was then carried.	192 193
Miss Christine Volkmar (G) then moved that insofar as this report is being considered for parliamentary reasons, the Senate should consider the four parts as separate motions, and simply affirm previous Senate passage of points one and two from the May 30 meeting.	194 195 196 197 198

The Chair ruled the second half of Miss Volkmar's motion regarding affirmation as out of order on the grounds that the Senate had just approved a motion to reconsider those items. He stated however, that the Senate could consider each item as a separate motion.	199 200 201 202 203
Mr. Robert Patton appealed this ruling which was later sustained.	204 205
The Chair asked the Senate to vote to confirm the understanding that each item would be considered a separate motion.	206 207 208
The body voted in favor of this procedure.	209
The Chair opened the floor to discussion of part one, as amended.	210 211
On motion by Prof. Korn the following amendment to part one as amended carried:	212 213
"All students may themselves provide this information to the instructor on the appropriate declaration form."	214 215 216
It was then moved and carried to approve part one as amended.	217 218
The Chair then opened the floor to discussion of part two as amended.	219 220
A motion by Prof. Haight to refer back to committee was defeated.	221 222
A motion to substitute the original part two (as submitted by the committee) for part two as amended on May 30 was defeated 25 in favor, 38 opposed.	223 224 225
It was moved to call the question on part two as amended. The motion was defeated.	226 227
The following amendment to part two made by Mr. Michael Escott was defeated, 23 in favor, 30 opposed:	228 229
"To substitute for the phrase 'during the first eight weeks of the fall and spring semesters', 'within seven days after the mid-term examination.' In cases where no mid-term examination will be given, students would notify a professor of this choice of grading at a point one half way into the semester, the exact date to be set by the professor."	230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237
On motion by Prof. Norman Adler (D) the following amendment to part two was carried:	238 239
1. Strike 'Summer Session 3 weeks.' 2. Add: "For purposes of this rule the semester shall end on the last day of classes."	240 241 242
The meeting was abruptly adjourned as a scheduled performance in the Playhouse began.	243 244

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sherover, Secretary

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The following members are noted as absent from the October 5 meeting:

Barret, Edward	La Pointe, Rosemary
Benet, Sula	Madonia, Ann
Brett, Richard	Lund, Eli
Broyler, Mary	Martin, Milton
Buford, Martha	Mawe, Richard
Burke, Michael	Maynard, Douglas
Caroff, Phyllis	Mendelsohn, Naomi
Carpenter, Floyd	Ment, David
Charney, Hannah	Meyerson, Susan
Clark, Kathryn	Natale, Doris
Conant, Francis	Obstler, Harriet
Cooper, Anita	Oreskes, Irwin
Davis, Mark	Percelli, Irene
DeFrancis, Eileen	Percelli, Joel
Denmark, Florence	Perr, Herbert
Doonan, Susan	Piller, Lillian
Early, Lawrence	Plottel, Jeanine
Fell, Armand	Pulakos, Peter
Fenchel, Eric	Reder, Judith
Ferran, Guadalupe	Roberts, Kenneth
Flaherty, Kelvin	Rogers, Herbert
Francis, Thomas	Schroder, Margaret
Gioia, Theresa	Schwarz, Judith
Green, Morris	Silverstein, Fred
Greenstein, Karen	Smith, Lois
Holt, Robert	Stuart, Mildred
Johnson, Carl	Szogyi, Alexander
Jones-Henry, Nancy	Vigilante, Florence
Jordon, Kenneth	Wexler, Jacqueline
Kay-Hill, Robert	Woods, Renee
Kennedy, Doris	Zangranso, Frederica
Lane, David	Jambois, Thomas