

M I N U T E S

"Overflow" Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
25 November 1975

The <del>sixty-fourth</del> <sup>sixty</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:50 p.m. at the Playhouse.	1 2
Presiding: Charles M. Sherover, Chairman	3
Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those noted by the Secretary as listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Report of the Prof. Elie de Comminges, Secretary of the Senate, presented the Administrative report as follows:	6 7
Committee:	
1. Yielded the floor to Dean Weyl as the new Chairman of the Charter Review Committee for a brief report.	8 9
Dean Weyl reported that he is working on a plan to bring several key elements of the work of the Committee for early submission to the Senate for approval, and that after putting together a small number of key segments he will try to develop procedures with the Board of Higher Education so that these may be acted upon under present austerity conditions.	10 11 12 13 14 15
2. Informed the Senate that the Administrative Committee is hereby appointing the following 2 faculty members and 2 students to form an ad-hoc Committee on the Calendar, which will work out the College Calendar for 1976-1977 with the Provost and the Registrar:	16 17 18 19 20
<u>Faculty:</u> Prof. Joann McNamara - History - SGS Prof. Alfred Bennick - Physics & Astronomy	21 22
<u>Students:</u> Mr. Eric Weissman - Day Ms. Leila Thomas - SGS	23 24
A motion to accept the slate as presented carried by voice vote.	25
Report by the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee	26
Undergraduate Re: <u>Basic Prescription</u>	27
Course of Study Comm.:	
The Chair informed the body that the Literature component (see lines 74ff of the Minutes of November 18th) is on the floor, together with the proposed amendment by Prof. Tannenbaum that Part "d" be deleted.	28 29 30 31
The floor was opened for discussion on the amendment.	32
After discussion and a brief recess, the question on the amendment was called.	33 34
The motion to amend by deleting Part "d" of the Literature component carried by hand vote with 42 in favor and 26 opposed.	35 36
The motion on the floor was Part "a," "b," and "c" of the Literature Requirement.	37 38
Prof. Korn moved that part "c" be amended to read:	39
c. Students who complete a literature course to fulfill a Foreign Language Requirement shall be exempted from Part "b."	40 41 42
This was accepted by the Chair as part of the main motion.	43
A motion to delete Part "a," and amend Part "b" to read: 6 credits in literature..., was defeated by handvote with 12 in favor and 50 opposed.	44 45 46

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Mr. Weissman requested that a quorum count be taken. A quorum being present the meeting continued. 47 48

The question was called on the motion to approve Parts "a," "b," and "c" as amended of the Literature proposal. The motion carried by hand vote with 55 in favor and 5 opposed. 49 50 51

The Chair then placed the following resolution regarding the English Composition Requirement on the floor: 52 53

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate: 54

1. endorse in principle the following statement: 55
 

Insofar as the development of writing skills is a continuous process and does not end with the completion of a required expository writing course, instructors in all fields should, where possible, assign papers and essay questions on examinations. A student's ability to write logically and coherently should be taken into account when an instructor grades papers and examinations. 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
2. endorse the principle of establishing a Writing Center, encouraging every instructor faced with students who submit papers deficient in clarity of exposition to refer them to this Center (with the understanding that the details of operation are yet to be formulated). 63 64 65 66 67
3. adopt the principle of a targeted level of composition proficiency for all Hunter students in partial fulfillment of the distribution requirement. Toward that end, the Senate Administrative Committee, the Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, and the Dean of Humanities & Arts shall jointly appoint a six-person student/faculty committee to propose an acceptable English composition proficiency level and ways of helping students to achieve it. The Committee is to report to the Senate not later than the Overflow Meeting in February 1976. 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77

After discussion and clarification, the question was called, and the resolution passed unanimously. 78 79

Prof. Tannenbaum suggested that before voting on the entire "Distribution Requirements Package," the Senate Office compile such a package and that this be taken up at the Overflow meeting in December. 80 81 82 83

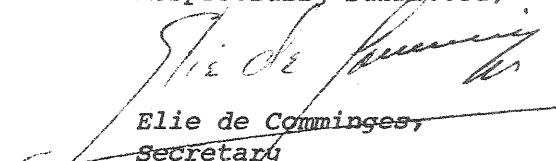
The Chair confirmed that this would be done and would be included in the mailing for the Overflow Meeting in December. 84 85

The next item on the Agenda was the Report on Foreign Language Proficiency Examinations. 86 87

Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairman of the Foreign Language Proficiency Examinations Sub-Committee, presented the report as distributed. 88 89

After discussion, and no motion having been made to extend the meeting time, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm; he informed the Senate that discussion on the Foreign Language Proficiency Examinations Report will be continued as first item of business at the next meeting. 90 91 92 93

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elie de Comminges,  
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Milagros Garcia

Anthropology: Lester Firschein  
Rena Gropper - "E"  
Daniel Bates

Biology: Constante Ceccarini  
Robert Grant  
Morris Green

Black & P.R. Studies: Benjamin Ortiz

Business Education: Bernadette Metzler  
Harry Buckler

Chemistry: Horst Hoyer

Communications: Roslyn Statsinger - "E"

Curriculum & Teaching: Elaine Block  
Maureen Herman  
Kathleen Biesada

Economics: Barbara Behr  
Alvin Kabot

German: Anna Gutman  
George Nordmeyer

Health & Phys. Ed.: Thomas Burke  
Sylvia Fishman

Home Economics: Barbara Maksymiowicz

Health Sciences: Lee Margulies

Library: Rae Robinson

Mathematics: Robert Martin

Music: Sylvia Kinney

Nursing:  
Margaret Magnus

Physics & Astronomy: Randy Fenstermacher

Political Science: Malcolm Valentine  
Stephen Xydis

Social Work: Michael Phillips

Sociology: Celia Heller  
Robert Perinbanayagam

Theatre & Cinema: Holly Hill

Urban Affairs: Arnold Nadler  
Walter Stafford

Adult Education: Leonard Suib  
Daniel Savage

STUDENTS - DAY SESSION:

Jeff Gross - Urban Affairs  
Elizabeth Serrano - Business Education  
Agnes Chin - Home Economics  
Deborah Rooks - Health & Physical Ed.  
Kathleen Quinn - Anthropology  
Maria Piskorz - Political Science  
Marilyn Jones - Communications  
Neil Friedman - Communications  
Kevin Hopkins  
Steven Rondell  
Jeff Olefson  
Bonnie Gardner  
Rosetta Randisi  
Jocelyn Berman

STUDENTS - EVENING SESSION:

Howard Crim  
Bernadetta Piscitello  
Shelly Spritzer  
George Sawicki  
Thom Burns  
Harold Pickett  
Monica Safford  
Mary Beth Yakoubian  
Karen Brown

STUDENTS - GRADUATE:

Humanities: Anita Cooper  
Murray Gropper - "E"

Education: Theresa Slesinsky  
Nadine King  
Linda Carney

Sciences & Math: Julia Yeung

Matric.: Constance Clark

STUDENTS - ACADEMIC SKILLS:

Juanita McNeill  
Morris Johnson