

Office of The Hunter College Senate

M I N U T E S

"Overflow" Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
26 November 1974

The forty-seventh ^{52nd} 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
Minutes: The Minutes of November 12th were approved as presented.	6
Report of the Administrative Committee: Prof. Elie de Comminges, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following report:	7 8
1. Insofar as the Administrative Committee had been advised that the Administration does not require final approval of the College Calendar 1975-6 until the December 10th meeting, and, because it was mandated to be brought up at this meeting, it was reported out on today's Agenda. In view of the time pressure the Administrative Committee proposed that consideration of the College Calendar be postponed to the December 10th Senate meeting, where it would be the first item of business.	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
There being no objection, it was so ordered.	18
2. Announced that because of the forthcoming long Thanksgiving weekend it may not be possible for the staff to send out in advance all reports for the next Senate meeting.	19 20 21
Committee-of-the-Whole: <u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u> <u>Re: Basic Prescription</u>	22 23
The Chair pointed out that proceeding into the meeting of the Committee of the Whole was to continue the meeting of that Committee from the meeting that took place on November 12th, and that the same rules were in force. He read the names of the five speakers carried over from the last meeting who had requested the floor, ascertained that no names had been inadvertently omitted, and announced that after conclusion of the business of the Committee of the Whole the Senate would reconvene in formal session under its standard rules, and that Prof. Nancy Dean and Miss Barbara Jackson would be given the floor in order to place their resolutions onto the floor and to make a summary statement of their positions.	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report: The Senate reconvened in formal session at 6 p.m.	36
Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee moved for acceptance of Humanities Proposal C (see page 5 of the Report dated November 12th), and the following five resolutions:	37 38 39 40
A. that all BA students be required to present proficiency in a second language as one of their qualifications for graduation. Proficiency is defined as approximately that degree of competence gained in two years of language studied at the college level as described in nationally established norms. Students may fulfill the language requirement by passing the language proficiency test at the two-year level of performance or by completing a language course/courses with a passing grade in the student's chosen track of language learning. For purposes of information all students will be required to take the Language Proficiency Test, but the scores on these tests will not be known to students or instructors until the final grades in classes are recorded.	41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

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B. that all language departments offer three approaches to language learning: aural-oral, reading, and the traditional four-skills approach wherever department resources permit.	53 54 55
C. that the Senate charge the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee with appointing a sub-committee on Language Study drawn from Day and Evening student groups and from all four divisions of the faculty to select appropriate standard national proficiency tests for use in French, Spanish, and Italian by January 31 and in the remaining languages offered by Hunter for next fall.	56 57 58 59 60 61 62
D. that the Senate approve a Faculty-Student Review Committee to begin this spring to consider student requests to depart from the standard Distribution Requirement. Students would present their plans to this Committee which would approve them if the student's plan appeared to be educationally sound and to fulfill the spirit of the Distribution Requirement.	63 64 65 66 67 68
E. that the Student's Guide include an advisory section which informs students about proficiency tests, Distribution Requirements, courses in science for the non-science major, and similar matters related to the curriculum and that future catalogues indicate by a symbol beside each course whether or not it is open to Freshmen.	69 70 71 72 73 74
Miss Barbara Jackson, on behalf of the minority, urged the members to vote for the Minority Report (included on pages 9-17 of the Report dated 12 November).	75 76 77
Due to the late hour the Chair asked for a motion to postpone discussion to the next Senate meeting on December 10th, where it would be the second item of business.	78 79 80
It was so moved and seconded. The motion carried by hand vote.	81
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	82

Respectfully submitted,

Elie de Comminges,
Secretary

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APPENDIX I

The following people were noted as absent from the meeting:

Alicea, Hector
Behr, Barbara - Economics
Bencsik, Gabriella - Mathematics
Beveridge, David - Chemistry
Brown, Robert
Bryar, William - Philosophy
Buckler, Harry - Business Education
Burckle Lloyd - Geology & Geography
Chiang, Faye
Chiang, Janice
Chiang, Jean
Chin, Agnes
Cohen, Mark - Philosophy
Comito, Josephine - Nursing Education
Conant, Francis - Anthropology
Connell, Roy
Contente, Sarah
Cunningham, Dorothy - Institute of Health Science
Danna, Robert
Decker, Anne
De'Riesthal, Mark
Diamant, Julia
Doolan, Donna
Eisenberg, Walter
Erickson, Marcia
Gillis, Verna
Grossman, Roy - Geology & Geography
Hachigian, Jack - Mathematics
Hasson, John
Hecht, Charles - Chemistry
Johnson, Morris
Kaback, Elliot
Kassamali, Jaffer - Black & Puerto Rican Studies
Kearin, Thomas
Keisler, Elisabeth
Liscio, Richard - Student Services
Lisenco, Michael
Mackler, Bernard - Curriculum & Teaching
Magnus, Margaret - Nursing Education
Martin, Marjorie - Nursing Education
Mathai, Parel
McNeil, Juanita
Neubart, I.J.
Piscitello, Bernadetta
Quinn, Kathleen
Savarese, John
Sawicki, George
Scott, Marvin - Sociology
Slesinsky, Theresa
Smith, Carole
Sorensen, Sybil
Stafford, Walter - Urban Affairs
Turnier, Jocelyne
Von Cseh, Irene - Home Economics
White Russell - Geology & Geography