

Office of The Hunter College Senate

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
10 December 1974

The ^{53rd}~~forty-eighth~~ meeting of The Hunter College Senate was convened at 5 p.m. at the Hunter College Playhouse. 1
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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
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Report of the Administrative Committee: Prof. Elie de Comminges, Secretary of the Senate, announced that the Overflow Meeting on December 17th will be held as scheduled. 6
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He then yielded the floor to Prof. Jeanine Plottel, Chairman of the Committee on Student Standing. 8
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Prof. Plottel moved for ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees to be awarded in January 1975. 10
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The motion carried by voice vote. 13

Report by the Ad-hoc Committee on the Calendar: Calendar Committee 14
Prof. Harry Whitehead, Chairman of the Committee on the Calendar, presented the Calendar Proposals for Fall 1975 and Spring 1976 as distributed. 15
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Prof. Flashner moved an additional proposal which was seconded: 18

"that classes be held on the 5th and 6th of January, and that final exams begin on January 7th and continue for the same number of days." 19
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After discussion the question was called. The motion was defeated by hand vote. 22
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Prof. Bennick moved the following amendment to Fall term Proposal II: 24
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"that January 2nd be declared a reading day, and that final exams begin on January 3rd and end on January 12th." 26
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After discussion the question was called and the motion to amend carried by hand vote. 28
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After further discussion, Prof. Oberling requested that a re-vote be taken on Prof. Bennick's amendment. 30
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The amendment was defeated with 45 in favor and 47 opposed. 32

The Chair stated that the two proposals on the floor are proposals I and II for the Fall Term 1975. 33
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Fall Proposal I received 21 votes in favor 35
Fall Proposal II received 79 votes in favor. 36

The complete 1975-1976 College Calendar as approved by the Senate is listed as Appendix II. 37
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Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report: Undergraduate Course of Study Committee-Re: Basic Prescription 39
The Chair pointed out that this discussion was no longer under the rules of the Committee of the Whole, but under the standard Senate rules which would apply unless amended by a 2/3 majority vote. 40
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The Chair then asked for a motion to limit debate on motions. 44

It was moved and voted that discussion be limited to 10 minutes 45
and that nobody speak for more than 2 minutes. 46

Mr. Nagel moved "that members be permitted to yield the floor 47
to non-members." 48

The motion was defeated with 40 in favor and 62 opposed. 49

Dean Fleiss moved "that all substantive issues be subject to 50
vote by paper ballot." 51

The motion carried by hand vote with 69 in favor and 21 opposed. 52

The Chair then advised the body that the Majority Report was on 53
the floor, and that the Minority Report took precedence as a 54
motion to substitute it for the Majority Report. 55

After discussion the question on this substitute motion was 56
called, and the proposal to substitute the Minority Report 57
was defeated by a paper ballot vote with 22 in favor and 58
79 opposed. 59

The Majority Report became the main motion on the floor. 60

Prof. Dean, Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of Study 61
Committee, made the following corrections in the resolutions 62
dated 26 November 1974: 63

Resolution B (lines 53 to 55 of the Minutes of Nov. 26): 64
Add to end of sentence "as suggested by the Faculty 65
Divisional Committee on Language and the Arts." 66

Resolution C (line 61 of the Minutes of Nov. 26): 67
change date of January 31st TO February 15th. 68

With reference to Resolution D (lines 63-68 of the Minutes of 69
Nov. 26) Prof. Dean presented the Report of the Committee of 70
December 10th (see Appendix III) and moved its endorsement as 71
a specification of item D. 72

The floor was opened for discussion. 73

It was moved that the report dated 26 November 1974 be divided 74
and Resolutions A, B, C, D, E, be voted on separately. 75

The motion to divide carried by hand vote. 76

Resolution A was on the floor. 77

Mr. Johnson moved the following: 78

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 79

Proposals "A, B, C and E" of the Undergraduate Course of Study 80
Committee concerning the "basic prescription" be recommitted to 81
the committee with the following instructions: 82

That (i) the committee shall receive and consider alternative 83
plans that have been offered by members of the Senate 84

(ii) the committee should continue to develop, until com- 85
plete, a distribution requirement based on the 86
reasonings of its report of November 12, 1974; 87

(iii) the committee shall include in its final report at 88
least three complete alternative basic prescription 89
models for the Senate's consideration; 90

(iv) the committee shall bring its final report to the 91
Senate at the April 8, 1975 Senate meeting. 92

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recommitting this report to the 93
Undergraduate Course of Study Committee in accordance with these 94

instructions the Senate endorses in principle the recommendation95
that a foreign language component be part of the distribution 96
requirements; that an alternative track system of teaching 97
methods be available to students; and that the foreign language 98
requirement may be met by proficiency examinations in place of 99
course credit. 100

The motion to recommit was seconded. 101

The Chair advised that, in the event that this resolution is 102
passed, item D of the Majority Report would be the next item 103
on the Agenda. 104

A call for a quorum count was made. There being a quorum 105
present the meeting continued. 106

A motion to extend the meeting time until 6:50 p.m. carried 107
by voice vote. 108

Mr. Weissman moved to amend Mr. Johnson's motion as follows: 109

BE IT RESOLVED, that the last paragraph (lines 93-100 above)110
be deleted. 111

Prof. Korn moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 112
defeated. 113

The question was called on the Weissman amendment. The amend- 114
ment to delete the last paragraph was defeated by written 115
ballot with 28 in favor and 46 opposed. 116

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. 117

Respectfully submitted,

Elie de Comminges,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following people were noted as absent from the meeting:

Bencsik, Gabriella
Beveridge, David
Bryar, William
Brown, Irtis
Chapell, Richard
Chen, Yu-Shih
Chiang, Faye
Chiang, Janice
Chiang, Jean
Chin, Agnes
Cohen, Mark
Connell, Roy
Contente, Sarah
Cooper, Anita
Hanna, Robert
Diamant, Julia
Diggs, Mary
Erickson, Maria
Escott, Michael
Franklin, Carole
Fried, Robert
Gamble, Mae
Gillis, Verna
Gross, Jeff
Grossman, Roy
Buckler, Harry
Burckle, Lloyd

Hasson, John
Hecht, Charles
Herrmann, Patricia
Huber, Richard
Johnson, Morris
Kassanali, Jaffer
Kearin, Thomas
Lefkarites, Mary
Lisenco, Micheal
Hackler, Bernard
Magnus, Margaret
Martin, Marjorie
Neubart, I.J.
Pietersen, Marianne
Piscitello, Bernadetta
Polsky, Milton
Quinn, Kathleen
Rosenfeld, Lawrence
Sanchez, Jose Luis
Savarese, John
Sawicki, George
Scott, Marvin
Serrano, Elizabeth
Slesinsky, Theresa
Smith, Carole
Sorensen, Sybil
Tilman, Carolyn
Weissman, Harold
Wertz, Marjorie

APPENDIX II

COLLEGE CALENDAR 1975/1976

FALL 1975

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| SEPT. | | 1 Labor Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Rosh Hashanah |
| | 7 Rosh Hashanah | 8 Classes Begin | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | 14 | 15 Yom Kippur No Classes | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| SEPT./ OCT. | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| | 12 | 13 Columbus Day No Classes | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| OCT./ NOV. | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| | 2 | 3 | 4 Election Day No Classes | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 Veterans Day No Classes | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 No Classes | 27 Thanksgiving No Classes | 28 No Classes | 29 No Classes |
| NOV./ DEC. | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Recess No Classes | 25 Recess Christmas | 26 Recess | 27 Recess |
| DEC./ JAN. | 28 | 29 Recess | 30 Recess | 31 Recess | 1 Recess New Years Day | 2 Final Exams | 3 Final Exams |
| | 4 | 5 Final Exams | 6 Final Exams | 7 Final Exams | 8 Final Exams | 9 Final Exams | 10 |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Human Rights | 16 | 17 |
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A P P E N D I X I I I

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

10 December 1974

The Undergraduate Course of Study Committee presents the following proposal for the composition and procedures of the Review Commission. (See proposal D of the Majority Report):

BE IT RESOLVED,

- A) that the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee appoint and meet with the five faculty members and two students and one student alternate constituting the Review Commission.
- B) that the Review Commission return to the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee with the guidelines and policies prepared which the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee will consider, vote on, and present to the Senate if it approves.
- C) that the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee review reports of the Commission's functioning and report to the Senate regularly.

Prof. Richard Brett
Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairperson
Prof. William Grossman
Miss Joan Robinson
Mr. Steven Floyd Rondell
Prof. William Shanahan
Mr. Eric Weissman