

Office of The Hunter College Senate

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Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
April 16, 1974

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The ~~thirty-ninth~~ meeting of The Hunter College Senate was 1
convened at 4:50 p.m. 2

Presiding: Charles M. Sherover, Chairman 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those 4
noted by the Secretary as listed in Appendix I. 5

Minutes: The Minutes of March 12 and March 26, 1974 were approved as 6
distributed. 7

Report by the President: President Wexler addressed the Senate regarding the status of the 8
C.U.N.Y. budget and reflected briefly on the latest data on 9
Admissions. The budget, as originally certified by Mayor Lindsay 10
last year, stands an excellent chance of passing the State 11
Legislature in toto. The process has been: certification by the 12
Mayor, forwarding to Albany, return to Mayor for recertification. 13
The second step is fairly assured. The third step could present 14
a problem; since the city and state match each other dollar for 15
dollar, the city must come up with available funds. It looks 16
particularly difficult to do so this year. If we find that there 17
are real problems, we shall seek every available avenue for real 18
intercession. If the recertification is processed on the present 19
level, we shall have a better budget than we have had in the past 20
three years. 21

The latest figures from the University on Admissions Data show 22
that approximately 2/3 of each freshman class at Hunter since 23
Fall '73 has been admitted in a distribution of ability very close 24
to the classical distribution of Hunter for the past ten years, 25
with an academic floor floating at roughly 84. Within C.U.N.Y., 26
only Queens College surpasses Hunter by less than a percentage 27
point. One-third of each freshman class since Fall '70 has been 28
taken from Open Admissions categories of Level A and Level B. 29
With our ability levels and our ability distribution remaining 30
constant, President Wexler pointed out that Hunter has moved in 31
its integration of Black and Puerto Rican students from less than 32
20% in 1970 to 48% in 1973. Many in the University believe that 33
the only solution to integration therein is a "lottery system" 34
of randomly assigning students to one of the C.U.N.Y. components. 35
The President opposes this plan. It is not a case of elitism or 36
hierarchy but of differentiation of mission. Hunter's significant 37
integration of population has been achieved with an almost 38
constant pattern of admission standards and with a recognizably 39
tough performance level. Hunter, President Wexler stated, has set 40
up standards, not classic, rigid standards, but performance 41
standards for the continuation of its students through this 42
college. That, we feel, is the real answer to the upward mobility 43
of the emerging population at this point in the University. 44

Mrs. Wexler then concluded her remarks by congratulating the 45
Senate for the legislation it has passed to assist the College in 46
meeting the pressures thrust upon it in the past four years. 47

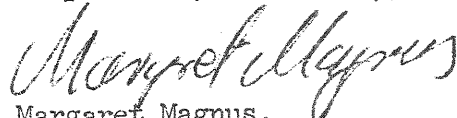
In response to an inquiry by Professor Jaworskyj, President Wexler 48
again stated the duly constituted procedure for appointing someone 49
to the title of Distinguished Professor. She reiterated that the 50
Office of the President, the Office of the Provost and the 51
Administration in no way interfered with, intervened with or even 52
interacted with the Committee or its work. The President had not 53
even received the formal recommendations of the Distinguished 54
Professors Committee when the newsbreak occurred via the New York 55
Times. Two recommendations for Distinguished Professorships have 56
been made - one on the annual "at large" line and another on a 57
line of departmental personnel availability. John Lindsay has 58

	been offered one of those Professorships. If he accepts, the President stated that it would be a serious violation of academic freedom were she to block that appointment because of political flack. If the acceptances are forthcoming, the recommendations of the Distinguished Professors Committee will be forwarded to the Board with strong support.	59 60 61 62 63 64
	In response to Michael Lisenco's question, President Wexler stated that the Distinguished Professors Committee of the F.P.&B. agrees on a program for a given professor but requires no syllabus for each class.	65 66 67 68
Report by the Ombudsman:	Ombudsman Louis Massa addressed the Senate along the lines outlined in this summary statement:	69 70
	1. The current state of the Charter review process is the following: As reported previously, the process of conducting open hearings is concluded. We are now receiving reports from Sub-committees assigned to the study of special problems. Yesterday we heard the report of the Sub-committee on Committee Structure of the Senate. This evening after the Senate meeting there is another committee meeting and we will discuss the reports of the Student Governments and the Faculty Delegate Assembly.	71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78
	In regard to the question of impartiality of the review process, I am considering bringing in a person from the outside to assist us. He helped negotiate the original Charter.	79 80 81
	2. A serious problem arose last week over the present state of the Senate elections. Several students came to me raising questions and expressing doubts about the student portion of the elections. They contended that the election was not advertised properly and that students often did not have a fair chance to run in the Senate elections. In response to such allegations, I have set up a series of meetings between the student leadership on this issue and the Chairman of the Senate. A Sub-committee on Senate Elections was subsequently formed which will act as an arm of the Administrative Committee. The Sub-committee will monitor the elections process on a day-to-day basis. It will attempt to assess what the situation is concerning fairness to all constituencies concerned and to help to resolve problems as they arise. I am hopeful that the Sub-committee will succeed with what is a difficult task. We will have to wait and see how matters develop. I will report back on this in May.	82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97
	The Chair asked that approval be granted to change the Agenda and to allow Prof. Burke to present the report of the Budget Committee at this time.	98 99 100
	There being no objection it was so ordered.	101
	<u>Committee on the Budget</u> Prof. Thomas Burke, Chairman of the Committee, presented its report to the Senate. The complete report is attached as Appendix II.	102 103 104 105
Administrative Committee Report:	Prof. Margaret Magnus, Secretary of the Senate presented the report as follows:	106 107
	1. Stated that the Administrative Committee would like to request authorization of this body to release the home telephone numbers of student Senators to Mr. Gary Bell, Reporter for the <u>Envoy</u> , to be used only for the purpose of finding out the reasons for not attending Senate Meetings.	108 109 110 111 112
	It was moved and seconded "to release to Mr. Gary Bell for this sole purpose the names and home phone numbers of student members of the Senate."	113 114 115
	After discussion the motion was defeated by hand vote.	116

2. Presented the following resolution: 117
- "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate Committee on Departmental Governance be charged to conduct a survey of the 31 departments of the College to determine the implementation of the approved By-laws and to report back to the Senate as soon as possible. 118
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- It was proposed that this should be referred to the Ombudsman. 123
- Discussion followed as to whether or not this is a matter for the Ombudsman or the Senate Committee on Departmental Governance. 124
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- It was then moved and seconded to table the resolution presented. 126
- The motion to table carried by hand vote. 127
3. Prof. Magnus then made the following announcements: 128
- a. In order to work as effectively as possible with the Office of Institutional Research in running the Senate elections, the Administrative Committee of the Senate has appointed an "Ad-hoc Sub-Committee" representing interested students, faculty and administration. The Committee consists of the Chairman of the Senate, the Ombudsman, a representative from the Office of the Dean of Students (Dean Rafael Ferrer), 2 faculty members (Professors Mary Lefkarites and Norman Adler), representatives of the three student governments (Miss Sue Zucker, Mr. Warren Nagel, Miss Carole Sanford, Miss Doris Chee). Mr. Bob Daly has been kind enough to accept responsibility as Chairman of this Committee, and in the event that it is necessary for him to contact any departments for information concerning the election procedures, the Administrative Committee would appreciate it if, as their delegated representative, he would be given as much cooperation as possible. The Committee will function under the jurisdiction of the Senate Administrative Committee. 129
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- b. To all TIAA members: The Professional Staff Congress has set a series of meetings to discuss the TIAA Pension Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for April 18, at 5 p.m., at the Graduate Center Auditorium, 33 W. 42nd Street. 149
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- Mr. Michael Lisenco asked to know why the Administrative Committee is not sending out a written report to the Senators 10 days in advance of Senate meetings according to the Governance Charter. 154
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- The Chair pointed out that it would often be administratively impossible to send out 10 days in advance of a Senate meeting such a written report of items discussed at Administrative Committee meetings without causing such information to be presented to the Senate unnecessarily late. 158
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- Mr. Lisenco then moved, and it was seconded, that the Senate Administrative Committee follow its mandate as set forth in Article V, Section 3, B. of the Governance Charter, which reads: (will) "be responsible for having prepared an Administrative Report, presenting the recommendations of the various Senate Committees that are considered routine, this report to be distributed to the representatives 10 days in advance of the meeting. Unless exceptions are taken, this Report will be handled as a single item on the agenda." 163
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- Prof. Korn suggested that this motion be amended by adding, "that if an emergency does occur, the Administrative Committee may indicate in the report that it could not be prepared in advance." 172
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	After discussion Dean Weyl stated that the motion and amendment are unconstitutional, that the clause cited is totally misinterpreted. He pointed out that what is being discussed is not the Administrative Report, but the Administrative Committee reporting.	175 176 177 178 179
	The question was called, and the motion was defeated.	180
Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report:	Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairman of the Committee, moved for approval of the entire package, consisting of items U 140, U 144, U 145, U 146, U 147, U 148, U 149, U 150, U 151, U 152, and Experimental Course proposals E 54, E 55, E 56, E 59.	181 182 183 184
	There being no objection it was so ordered.	185
	After discussion it was agreed that the Committee recommend that the respective departments make the following changes in their proposals:	186 187 188
	U 152, page 7: change word "Indians" to read "Native Americans."	189 190
	U 152, page 12: change to read "By permission of the Department Chairman," and delete the rest.	191 192
	U 150, page 17: It was pointed out that this proposal constitutes two courses, and that therefore it should be either 6 hours and 6 credits, or it should be assigned two course numbers.	193 194 195 196
	The question on the motion for approval of the entire package was called.	197 198
	The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.	199
	The Chair then introduced to the body the newly elected President of the Day Session Student Government, Mr. Ron Rizzuto.	200 201 202
	Prof. Tannenbaum moved that "in order to allow sufficient time for publicity and recruitment in the future of students for experimental courses, the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee establish appropriate deadlines for submission of materials and conduct its deliberations early enough to ensure that the Senate can pass experimental courses at least two weeks before the beginning of early firm registration."	203 204 205 206 207 208 209
	Prof. Harrison moved that the motion be amended by adding: "that the time table of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee's work on experimental courses be adjusted to permit publication of these courses in the Guide of Schedule of Classes."	210 211 212 213 214
	The amendment was defeated with 20 in favor and 21 opposed.	215
	A vote was called on the main motion.	216
	The motion carried by hand vote.	217
	A call for a quorum count was made. There being no quorum the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.	218 219

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Magnus,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following people are noted as absent from the meeting:

Adler, Norman	Hanley, Thomas
Alicea, Hector	Jambois, Thomas
Arenas, Isabel	Johnson, Carl
Arfa, Milton	Lane, David
Atkinson, Phillip	Lefkarites, Mary
Bain, Myrna	Leoff, Eve
Barbieri, Steve	Martin, Milton
Ben-Canaan, Dan	McManus, Anne
Bennick, Alfred	Mele, Thomas
Beveridge, David	Ment, David
Broyles, Mary	Nahins, Todd
Butler, David	Nuss, Joel
Buxbaum, Joan	Pagano, Nick
Barett, Ed	Pandy, Amrit
Carpenter, Floyd	Patton, Robert
Cavallero, George	Pecelli, Giampiero
Chappell, Richard	Peterson, Catherine
Chasen, Edith	Pierce, Janet
Chiang, Faye	Price, Homer
Chiang, Janice	Pogers, Herbert
Chiang, Jean	Rosenfeld, Lawrence
Chilvers, Chris	Sanchez, Jose L.
Cohen, Mark	Schneider, Bernard
Cooper, Anita	Scott, Marvin
Crispinelli, Steve	Shields, Elizabeth
Chen, Yu-Shih	Shull, Bernard
D'Ambrosi, Judy	Slater, Peter
Danna, Robert	Sorscher, Esther
Davis, Annette	Spierman, Michael
DeFrancis, Eileen	Stafford, Walter
Diggs, Mary	Strauss, Michael
Dobroff, Rose	Tendler, Diana
Early, Lawrence	Wangler, Lynda
Eisenstadt, Mitchell	Weiss, Joseph
Firschein, Lester	Yarosz, Ed
Gambaro, Eunice	Zucker, Sue
Geyer, Herbert	
Gibbson, Gloria	
Grant, Robert	
Greenstein, Karen	
Gropper, Rena	
Grossman, William	

APPENDIX II

Interim Report
Committee on the Budget

The purpose of this report is to inform the Senate of the activities of the Committee on the Budget (hereafter called the Committee) from December 1973 to April 7, 1974.

Approximately eighteen months prior to December 17, 1973, the Committee held no meetings. On December 17, the Committee, with a new constituency, held its first meeting for this academic year. At that meeting, the Committee decided that it would be appropriate to focus on reviewing and constructively appraising the process of budgetary allocations within the Hunter College community. This decision was based on the Committee's Function as mandated in Section 7, Paragraph 2, of the Governance Charter of Hunter College. "The Committee on the Budget shall annually develop guidelines which, on review by the Senate and approval by the President of Hunter College will be followed by the departments in the preparation of their projected budgets." With this focus in mind, the Committee arranged a sequence of meetings with central administrative officials (Provost Maynard, Dean Tesoriero) and selected Divisional Deans and Departmental Chairmen.

The second and third meetings of the Committee were held with Mr. John Smith (Business Manager), Provost Maynard, and Dean Tesoriero. It appears that during this year appropriated funds to the college from the Board of Higher Education are usually determined by the size of the student population and the mandated services of the college. Increases and decreases in budgetary allotments are reflected by changes in these determinents.

From the departmental point of view there appears to be no set administrative procedure for departments in preparing annual budgets. Budgetary allotments to departments seem to filter from the apex of the college administrative structure. From what the Committee could gather, historical precedent, the exigencies of present and future financial conditions within the City University and within the Hunter College Administrative Structure seem to be the prime considerations in preparing departmental budgets.

The fourth and fifth meetings by the Committee were held with Dean Joachim Weyl (Division of Sciences and Mathematics) and Dean Blanche Blank (Division of Social Sciences). Each Dean presented a detailed account of how funds are allocated to and within their respective divisions. From these meetings it appears that formal guidelines do not exist for departments to follow in preparing future budgets.

The last sequence of meetings will be held with selected departmental chairmen from each of the major academic divisions within Hunter College. Hopefully, after these meetings the Committee will have solicited factual data, opinions, and professional consultation from the major segments within the college structure concerning the preparation of the budget.

At this time, it would be presumptuous of the Committee to form any subjective or objective opinions on the form or content of present guidelines in use within the Hunter College community. Our recommendations will be developed and published only after all relevant sources have been exhausted.

During April and May, 1974, the Committee will be working with the Senate Committee on the calendar on the feasibility of a double, as opposed to a single, summer academic session at Hunter College.

At the joint meeting on April 15th of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on the Calendar, it was decided that a special subcommittee be formed which will gather data and form recommendations concerning the proposed double summer session at Hunter College. This subcommittee will report back their findings to the Committees on the Budget and Calendar as a whole and the Committees will present a joint report to the Senate in early Fall.

Thomas Burke
Chairman
Committee on the Budget