

HUNTER COLLEGE  
City University of New York  
OFFICE OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE

M I N U T E S

"Overflow" Meeting of The Hunter College Senate  
17 May 1977

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|                          | The ninety <sup>9th</sup> <del>-fourth</del> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m. at the Playhouse.   | 1<br>2                           |
| Presiding:               | Rena C. Gropper, Chair  | 3                                |
| Attendance:              | The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.  | 4<br>5                           |
| Report by the Ombudsman: | The following is a summary statement of the Ombudsman's Report to the Senate:   | 6<br>7                           |
|                          | A. Most of the people who came into the Ombudsman's office during the fall term were faculty members, during the spring term, students.   | 8<br>9                           |
|                          | B. The matters which they brought are itemized below in a deliberately random way, so as to preclude any implication of relative importance or priority of any of these points:   | 10<br>11<br>12                   |
|                          | 1. The formal statement of policy concerning the handling of faculty problems, which it was hoped could be released at the early part of this semester: this has been delayed to the fall, although approved by virtually all of the people consulted with regard to it, one or two last minute objections to what was supposed to be a final draft have been raised; | 13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18 |
|                          | 2. Some matters pertaining to questions involving aspects of college governance have been brought to the office;  | 19<br>20                         |
|                          | 3. A number of student problems regarding financial aid;  | 21                               |
|                          | 4. Student problems regarding the alleged arbitrary invocation of college rules particularly with reference to the major/minor requirements and to exemption from the Distribution Requirements;  | 22<br>23<br>24                   |
|                          | 5. Grade Appeal procedures: early in the fall, I documented the complete lack of standard procedures concerning grade appeals, and had urged the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Academic Requirements to propose a uniform procedure for the school. Their proposal is now before the Senate;  | 25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29       |
|                          | 6. Academic Dishonesty: at the suggestion of the Provost, an ad-hoc committee (appointed on an ex-officio basis) was convened on an emergency basis to draft a suggested procedure for handling questions of academic dishonesty, pending action by the Senate;   | 30<br>31<br>32<br>33<br>34       |
|                          | 7. Disabled students: a number of problems were handled concerning their access to classes;   | 35<br>36                         |
|                          | 8. Participation in a committee to rewrite the front material in the college bulletin with the hope that it will be more understandable.  | 37<br>38<br>39                   |
|                          | 9. A number of student complaints about low level quality of teaching;  | 40<br>41                         |
|                          | 10. Some faculty matters of a pre-grievance nature;   | 42                               |
|                          | 11. Student problems concerning credit transfers from other institutions;   | 43<br>44                         |
|                          | 12. Faculty and student complaints about the radical diminution of the SGS academic program.  | 45<br>46                         |

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Prof. Sherrill moved that, regarding item 6 of the report, "the report of the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee on Academic Dishonesty, as presented to the Senate on 21 May 1975, be taken from the table for consideration at the first meeting in the Fall." 47  
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The motion carried by hand vote. 52

Report by the Administrative Committee: Prof. Sylvia Fishman, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following resolution which carried by hand vote: 53  
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RESOLVED, that while upholding the principle of freedom of the press and the right of any properly constituted student publication to print without censorship, the Senate is outraged at the publication group calling itself Upstart for its use of the press and of Hunter student funds for a slanderous personal assault on Dean Blanche Blank, a respected member of the Senate and the Hunter College community. 55  
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Approved Curriculum Changes 61

The following changes in the curriculum were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for information purposes: 62  
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Items US-292 (School of Health Sciences), US-303 (Communications), US-296 (Philosophy), US-297 (Romance Languages), US-301 (German), US-302 (Interdisciplinary--Humanities), US-292 (School of Health Sciences), US-294 (School of Health Sciences), US-299 (School of Nursing), GS-122 (Anthropology), GS-118 (School of Health Sciences), GS-123 (School of Nursing), and US-304 (Biology). 64  
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Items carried over from last meeting: Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee 70  
The motion on the floor is approval of the Report on Grade Appeal Procedure, dated 3 May 1977, as distributed. 71  
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After discussion, Prof. Korn moved that the motion be amended to read as follows: 73  
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Paragraph A. 1--change fifth, sixth, and seventh sentences to read: 75

"...The Committee take into account both the work submitted by the student and the instructor's previously established grading criteria. Both the student and faculty member involved can appear before the committee at their own request. After considering all of the evidence within the grading standards previously established for the class, the committee will prepare a written report of its findings either sustaining the original grade or recommending a change..." 76  
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Paragraph B.--add item number 4: 84

"4) Grading standards (criteria) for each course." 85

The motion to amend carried by hand vote. 86

(Consideration of the Report as amended will continue at the first meeting in September.) 87  
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At this time, and in accordance with Senate practice, the next item of business was the election of the Administrative Committee at 5:30 pm. 89  
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Election of Senate Administrative Committee 91

Mr. Richard Schulman, Vice-Chairman, opened the floor for nominations for chairman. 92  
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After nominations and brief statements by the three candidates, 116 ballots were cast; the results by written ballot were: 94  
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Chairman: Prof. Jane Matthews 18 96  
Prof. Alfred Bennick 47 97  
Prof. Rena Gropper 51 98

The required majority of 59 votes not having been received, and after Prof. Matthews withdrawal, a re-vote was taken. 99  
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| 111 ballots were cast for the re-vote; the result was:  | 101        |
| Prof. Alfred Bennick      54  | 102        |
| Prof. Rena Gropper      57  | 103        |
| Prof. Gropper returned to the Chair and opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.           | 104<br>105 |
| After nominations and brief statements by the candidates, the result of voting by written ballot was: | 106<br>107 |
| <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. Mark Spector      64  | 108        |
| Mr. Eric Weissman      37   | 109        |
| A motion to extend the meeting time for five minutes carried.   | 110        |
| The floor was opened for nominations for Secretary.   | 111        |
| After nomination, Prof. Sylvia Fishman was elected Secretary.   | 112        |
| A motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.                                | 113        |

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sylvia Fishman,  
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Seek: Milagros Garcia  
James Lott  
Ruby Tsang  
William Washington

Anthropology: Francis Conant  
Lester Firschein  
Deborah Gewirtz

Biology: Edward Balboni

Chemistry: Richard Wiley

Classics: Tamara Green

Curriculum & Teaching: Ellis Barowski "E"

English: Esther Quinn

German: Minna Altman

Home Economics: Barbara Maksymowicz

Library: Joseph Weiss "E"

Nursing: Sara Aronson

Romance Languages: Nancy Horneffer  
Dora Issacharoff

Social Work: Florence Schwartz "E"

Sociology: Patrick Irwin  
Joyce Ladner "E"

Theatre & Cinema: Kimberly Welsh

Urban Affairs: Louis Gray "E"  
James Hunter  
Seymour Mann

Dean Evelyn Handler "E"  
Mr. Lewis Temares

STUDENTS:

Graduate Students:

Carole Acampora  
William Byrnes  
Martin Grossman  
Adrienne Mannina  
Sheila Silvetti

Day Session Students:

Michele Mayer "E"  
Aida Luz Mendez

Evening Session Students:

Chrisanthe Paris  
Vincent Evans  
Bob Greiner  
Monica Lecesse "E"  
David Parry  
Elizabeth Sloane "E"

"E" = Excused