

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
3 May 1977

	The ninety ^{7th} -second meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m. at the Playhouse.	1 2
Presiding:	Rena C. Gropper, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Wexler's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	6 7
Report by the Ombudsman:	The Chair read the following announcement by the Ombudsman: The Ombudsman is tied up with an urgent Ombudsman's matter. He is therefore unable to attend the early part of the meeting today. Instead, he asks to deliver a summary report at the final meeting of the Senate for the year.	8 9 10 11 12
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Sylvia Fishman, Secretary of the Senate, presented the report as follows: 1. Announced that a special meeting of the Hunter College Senate will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 919. 2. <u>Curriculum Changes</u> a. Informed the Senate that the Division of Social Sciences is withdrawing item GR-121 (Routine changes in Anthropology). b. Informed the Senate that the following changes in the curriculum have been approved under the "New Procedures, and were submitted for information purposes: UR-298 (Romance Languages), GS-117 (Anthropology), GS-115 (History), GS-116 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-120 (School of Health Sciences), US-283 (Health & Physical Education), US-284 (Health & Physical Education), US-285 (Comparative Literature), US-286 (Communications), US-280 (Classics), US-295A (School of Health Sciences). c. Yielded the floor to Prof. Joan Buxbaum, Chairman of the Graduate Course of Study Committee. Prof. Buxbaum presented the Graduate Course of Study Committee Report dated 3 May 1977, and moved for approval of item G-110A (Health & Physical Education) under the "Old Procedure." After brief discussion the motion carried by hand vote.	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
	3. Prof. Fishman next yielded the floor to Ms. Sally Ritter, Chairman of the Teacher Evaluations Committee. Miss Ritter presented the interim report as distributed, and moved for approval of the following resolution: "to extend the use of the present questionnaire for one more semester." After discussion, the question was called, and the motion carried by hand vote.	35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Report by the Nominating Committee:	<u>Nominating Committee</u> The Chair informed the Senate that the motion on the floor is Prof. Flashner's motion to substitute (see lines 101-104 of the Minutes of April 19th, 1977).	43 44 45 46
	Prof. Flashner withdrew her motion to substitute, and the Nominating Committee withdrew their proposed revised resolution re: Length of Service on Senate Committees, as per Memorandum I, dated 3 May 1977, as distributed.	47 48 49 50
	There being no objection from the body it was so ordered.	51
	Prof. Sherrill then proposed the following resolution, and moved for its approval:	52 53
	Whereas, at least half of the membership of the Senate is elected annually, be it resolved that a session of the Senate shall be from the election meeting of one year until the meeting prior to the election meeting of the subsequent year.	54 55 56 57
	Therefore, be it further resolved, that a term of membership on a standing committee of the Senate be also for a period of one year, starting in October.	58 59 60
	The Nominating Committee is to be elected at the election meeting and shall serve until the next election meeting. It shall propose to the Senate, by the first meeting in October, the membership of all Senate Committees.	61 62 63 64
	When the Senate creates an ad-hoc committee, it shall specify the expiration date of that committee. If no expiration date is specified the committee shall expire at the end of that Senate session.	65 66 67 68
	After discussion, Mr. Weissman moved to defer consideration for one week.	69 70
	The motion to defer carried.	71
	Ms. Kaufman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Committee's slate to fill seats currently vacant on Senate committees, as distributed, and moved for approval of the entire slate.	72 73 74
	After brief discussion, Prof. Magnus nominated Ms. Florence Duffy, Graduate student-Nursing, for membership on the Teacher Evaluations Committee.	75 76 77
	Prof. July nominated Prof. Jane Benardete for Faculty Alternate on the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee.	78 79
	The two nominees were accepted as part of the slate by the Nominating Committee.	80 81
	The motion to approve the slate, as amended, carried by hand vote and the following were elected:	82 83
	<u>Committee on Registration Procedures</u> <u>Student:</u> Steven Greenspan - Day	84 85
	<u>Committee on Evaluation of Teaching</u> <u>Students:</u> Andre Kazanjian - Day Florence Duffy - Graduate - Nursing	86 87 88
	<u>Master Plan Committee</u> <u>Student:</u> Eugene Figuerera - SEEK	89 90
	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u> <u>Faculty Alternate:</u> Jane Benardete - English	91 92
Report by the English Composition Proficiency Committee:	<u>English Composition Proficiency Committee</u> The Chair informed the Senate that the motion on the floor is Provost Schneewind's motion to amend paragraph V of the Committee Report as approved by the Senate on May 25, 1976, as follows:	93 94 95 96

WHEREAS, the Writing Center has now been in operation for nearly 97
a year, its results having been remarkably successful in view of 98
its late start and the fiscal constraints under which it is operated, 99
AND WHEREAS, the voluntary nature of the attendance of students has 100
been an important aspect of its present operation, therefore, 101

BE IT RESOLVED, that the sentence of paragraph V of the English 102
Composition Proficiency Committee Report of May 25, 1976 which 103
reads: "Such implementation shall not go into effect until such 104
criteria are provided and distributed," shall be amended to read: 105
"Such implementation shall not go into effect until one year after 106
such criteria are provided and distributed." 107

Prof. Brick, Chairman of the English Composition Proficiency Committee, 108
moved that that the motion to amend be amended as follows: 109

RESOLVED, that for the year ahead, while the previously passed 110
system of finding students deficient in writing and mandating 111
procedures for their removing themselves from that status is 112
suspended, the Senate communicate with all course instructors 113
asking them to use the Senate-approved Guidelines for determining 114
deficiency in writing and consequently urging deficient students 115
to go to the Writing Center or to take an appropriate writing 116
course; that, specifically, copies of the form letter be sent to 117
instructors along with their final grading sheets from the 118
Registrar, and that Instructors be asked to fill out and send 119
these letters to the writing-deficient students, with copies to 120
the Writing Center. 121

This was accepted by the mover and became part of the motion on the 122
floor. 123

After discussion, the question was called, and the motion to amend 124
(lines 97 to 121 above) carried by hand vote. 125

Paragraph V of the Committee's Report as approved by the Senate on 126
May 25, 1976, and as amended on April 19th, 1977 and May 3rd, 1977, 127
now reads: 128

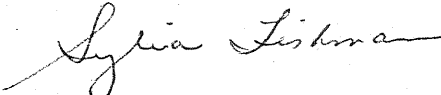
V. The Senate mandates that a new system for identifying students 129
with writing problems be instituted. Instructors shall specify, 130
on the final grade sheet, whether each student is "adequate in 131
written English" or "deficient in written English." Once the 132
Writing Center is established, students who receive at least 133
two notices of deficiency from at least two different instructors 134
will be required to work at the Writing Center unless they choose 135
instead to take and pass an additional writing course (see VII 136
below); on receipt of at least two notices in subsequent semester 137
(s), a student will be required to take and pass the additional 138
writing course, regardless of whether or not (s)he has been 139
working at the Writing Center. If, having received two notices 140
of deficiency, a student takes and passes a writing course, (s)he 141
cannot again be held deficient in writing and thus delayed from 142
graduation. Notices of deficiency will be cumulative (i.e., they 143
need not be received within a single term), but will start to 144
count only after completion of remedial writing and 17 120. For 145
a graduating senior who receives a third notice of deficiency, 146
the Appeals Committee will devise an acceptable method for 147
demonstrating proficiency. Such implementation shall not go into 148
effect until one year after such criteria are provided and 149
distributed. (Note: add amendment as per lines 110 to 121 above.) 150

Undergraduate Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee 151
Academic Require- Prof. Peter Basquin, Chairman of the Committee, moved for approval 152
ments Committee of the following resolution: 153
Report:

RESOLVED, that, while the increased credit (3 credits) for remedial 154
courses remains in effect, all remedial courses other than 17 015, 155
17 002, 17 005, 48 001, 98 001, 99 023, 99 059, 99 032, 99 012, 156

99 165 (or their equivalents) will be graded on a credit/no-credit basis only.	157 158
Grades in these courses would not be counted under the present rule which limits students to only one credit/no-credit grade for each 15 credits accumulated at Hunter, until they have successfully completed 30 credits.	159 160 161 162
Mr. Callender informed the Senate that it was his intention to submit a minority report, and moved to defer consideration of the resolution for one week.	163 164 165
The motion to defer carried by hand vote.	166
Prof. Basquin then moved for approval of the Report on Grade Appeal Procedure dated 3 May 1977, as distributed.	167 168
During discussion, Provost Schneewind requested that the following interpretation by Prof. Basquin re: paragraph A. 2, pertaining to the question of what should guide a Dean in deciding on a re-review, be recorded in the Minutes:	169 170 171 172
if new evidence is presented, bias has been manifested, or if the wrong procedure was followed.	173 174
After further discussion, the question was called. The motion to call the question failed, the required number of 44 votes not having been achieved. (18 in favor and 15 opposed)	175 176 177
After discussion Mr. Callender moved to recommit the Report on Grade Appeal Procedure.	178 179
No quorum being present, the Report was postponed to the next meeting.	180
The Chair moved for approval of the following resolution which carried by acclamation:	181 182
RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate express its gratitude for the truly heroic contributions of Professor Beryl Bailey to the life of the College and communicate this expression to the community at large and to the family of Professor Bailey.	183 184 185 186
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.	187

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: James Lott
Beverly Sowande

Anthropology: Lester Firschein
Francis Conant

Art: Robert Hout

Biology: Edward Balboni

Chemistry: Angelo Santoro
Horst Hoyer

Classics: Albert Juszcak "E"
Fulton Ross

Curriculum & Teaching: Ellis Barowsky
Mary Graeber

Health & Physical Education: Thomas Burke
Mary Lefkarites "E"

Health Sciences: Robert Tannenbaum

Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson
Marina Cohen

Nursing: Mary Tomaselli
Sara Aronson "E"

Philosophy: Charles Sherover "E"

Political Science: Gregory Massell

Romance Languages: Jeanine Plottel "E"
Joan Spitzer

Social Work: Joel Walker

Sociology: Celia Heller
Aubrey Bonnet

Student Services: Robert Cohen

Theatre & Cinema: Harold Levitt

Urban Affairs: Seymour Mann

Dean Gerald Freund
Dean Edward Barrett

STUDENTS:

Seek Students:

Debra Pinkston

Day Session Students:

Aida Luz Mendez
Denise Notice
Mitch Imberman
Rosetta Randisi
Naomi Sawelson
Michele Mayer
Brett Landow
Richard Schulman
Michael Wilson
Martin Cohen
Sam Catechis

Evening Session Students:

Stanley Sachs
Avram Gropper
Arpard Fazakas
Arlene Rumac
Judy Powers
David Parry
Monica Safford
Vincent Evans
Bruce Campbell
Carole Acampora

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A P P E N D I X II

PRESIDENT WEXLER'S REMARKS TO THE SENATE - MAY 1977

President Wexler began her remarks to the Senate with an announcement of gratitude to all who participated in the warm and personal Memorial Service for President Shuster on April 29. The Music Department, the College Chorus and Professor Ralph Hunter particularly enhanced the elegance of the service. The other events of the weekend -- the retirement party for Dean Weyl, the Hall of Fame reception, and the Annual Alumni Luncheon -- underlined a most positive atmosphere in which to close this academic year.

The President exhorted the Senate members to work within their own departments and with their colleagues to vote in the Senate elections. The growth and maturity of the Senate continues to be absolutely crucial to the future of Hunter College.

Mrs. Wexler expressed the hope for a reasonably secure budget by the end of May. It would be the first time in six years that we would have such information at hand before the close of the Spring semester.

Our projected share of the University budget should enable us to move into next year in a relatively stable position.

Two of the main elements in the proposed supplementary budget will be:

1. \$3 million earmarked for specific items, including \$650,000 to sustain the Hunter-Bellevue building which will come clearly to us on July 1.
2. Money for CUNY libraries -- the first real case on the part of the University for parity with the State. This could mean between \$325,000 and \$800,000 for the Hunter library. There is reasonable hope that we will be able to attain this first step toward total parity.

President Wexler reported that the Dormitory Authority seemed ready to try to float the bonds for CCNY and for Hunter College in the near future. If we have some assurance that the buildings will be back on the track by the end of the year, it would seem that we have turned the corner and that the future of Hunter will be much more stable than the recent past.