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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
12 December 2007

1 The 484th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:50 PM in Room W714.

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3 **Presiding:** Richard Stapleford, Chair

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5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.

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7 Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the Senate, and
8 clickers were distributed to them.

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10 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:

11 **Administrative**

12 **Committee:** Approved Curriculum Changes

13 The following curriculum changes, as listed in Part I and Part II of the Report dated 12 December 2007,
14 were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-1520
15 (Music), US-1517 (Romance Languages), US-1518 (History), GS-744 (Mathematics & Statistics), GS-745
16 (English), GS-746, GS-747, and GS-748 (School of Health Sciences/Communication Sciences), GS-747
17 (New Track in Public Health Policy and Management within existing Urban Public Health MPH Program),
18 GS-750 (New Track in Epidemiology and Biostatistics within existing Urban Public Health MPH
19 Program), GS-751 (Mathematics & Statistics), GS-752 (Art), GS-753 Special Education), GS-754
20 (C&T/Educational Foundations/Special Education), GS-755 (School of Nursing: Letter of Intent to
21 Establish a Clinical Nurse Leader MS Program).

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23 List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees

24 Professor Stapleford moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees
25 to be awarded in January 2008. The motion was approved by hand vote.

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27 He next informed the Senate that the revised By-laws of the School of Nursing had been withdrawn from
28 the agenda.

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30 **Report by the** The following is a summary presentation of President Raab's report to the Senate. She said:

31 **President:**

32 "I have a few small announcements before we go on to the Library Report. First, I would ask everyone
33 to look in their e-mail in the next few days for information on the Report from the New York State
34 Commission on Public Higher Education. That report was due out last week. There were some delays
35 and some negotiations, but it is going to be a very important document. We project that there will be a
36 lot of emphasis on the need for NY State to invest in Public Higher Education. So, it is something we
37 all want to become educated about.

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39 I met with a group of students last week who requested that we keep the Library open 24 hours on
40 some days during the study period. Due to the hard work of Dean Sherby, we have been able to
41 arrange to have the Library open for three nights for 24 hours, and we will be putting out a memo with
42 details. I also had a request that we keep the cafeteria area open. I was shocked to find out that it was
43 not open. It will now be open always for people who are here. The food service will not be open, but
44 the area with the tables and the chairs will be available for people to have a cup of coffee or just sit, or
45 to study in groups. We are endeavoring to get microwaves put in that people can use. I don't know if
46 we will be able to get this done for this final exam period, but it will happen by the time people get
47 back so that there is some more public space that people can use.

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53 Finally, we are expecting to issue the RFP for the disposition of the Brookdale Campus on Monday,
54 and the responses will be due back in the beginning of March. We are very excited about that. This
55 process is truly moving along, and we will have more information for the community in March when
56 we may have a sense of the proposals. After that there will be a selection process and, hopefully, by the
57 end of this school year we will be able to move towards some selection of an owner and moving
58 forward on this project.

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60 My next task is to say thank you to everyone who worked on the Library Task Force and express our
61 gratitude to them. We are very excited about this project, and we are very committed to invest the
62 resources to make a new 21st Century Library possible at Hunter College. As we said in our memo,
63 there are two very concrete steps that we have taken so far because of the Task Force
64 Recommendations. The first was to issue an RFP for a Library Planner, and that has gone through all
65 the levels of approvals to get to the point where we have it out now. A number of very competent firms
66 are interested in bidding for this contract. This is a very much a particular specialty, and we felt that we
67 needed to retain this type of expertise and experience. So, we are moving along, but we have also
68 determined that thinking and planning about the Library is an enormous responsibility. We have
69 authorized through the Compact a new position of Director of Facilities and Technology in the Library.
70 That position has been crafted. In the next few weeks we are going to begin a search for that position,
71 which is a senior position for somebody who can really work with the Library Planner and work with
72 the community to translate ideas, thoughts, and consultation into an action plan that we can begin to
73 fund and implement in stages. In terms of resources we are seriously making this a very important
74 fund-raising priority and I am hoping to have some good news in the next few months.

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76 I know that Barbara Berney and the whole Task Force are gratified to know that we are really moving
77 ahead, and that is the least we can do for the amount of work that everybody has put into this project.
78 So, I am very pleased to introduce Barbara Berney who has so ably chaired this large and very
79 important Task Force. Thank you Barbara.”

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81 The President yielded the floor to Prof. Barbara Berney.

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83 **Report by the President’s Task Force on the Hunter College Libraries**

84 Prof. Berney, Chair of the Task Force, introduced the “Executive Summary” of their report entitled
85 “Planning for Achievement: A Hunter College Library for the 21st Century.”

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87 After discussion, Professor Wallach moved for approval of the following resolution:

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89 Be it resolved, that the Senate endorse the recommendations of the Executive Summary of the Library
90 Task Force Report to the President (see below); and

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92 Be it further resolved, that the Senate charge the Senate Library Committee to work expeditiously with
93 President Raab to devise practical means for implementing the recommendations.

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95 **Recommendations of the Executive Summary of the Library Task Force Report to the President**

- 96 • ***Commence planning for redesign and necessary maintenance of physical plant:*** The physical
97 conditions of the Libraries need long-term attention. Wexler is poorly designed and is inadequate
98 as presently configured. We recommend that the college:
99 > Consult experienced planning, engineering and architectural firms to determine the
100 opportunities and costs of retrofitting the Libraries to address endemic failures in the design
101 of the physical plant including building systems. A plan should be developed to provide
102 sufficient and properly designed spaces for collections and student use and improve the
103 building’s air quality, ventilation, and temperature control while increasing energy efficiency.
104 > Consult an experienced Library Planner to advise library faculty, architects, and others in
105 developing a plan to integrate continuing and innovative library programs with facility and
106 technology improvements, including new study and classroom spaces and the re-location of
107 patron services (e.g. reference), and operational activities. Both the main Library and the

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114 branch Libraries need flexible study spaces for small and large groups. Changes or additions
115 to the Libraries space should be made with flexibility in mind as spaces should be adaptable
116 to changing conditions and needs both day-to-day and over longer periods of time.

117 > Consider offering a "Studio" planning course in Fall, 2007 or Spring, 2008, so that masters
118 level planning students might contribute to the rethinking of the design of the Libraries.
119 These students' findings could be summarized in a report to the President and otherwise
120 funneled to expert planning consultants.

- 121 • ***Fix the urgent problems immediately:*** Immediate attention should be focused on improved
122 lighting, cleaning, signage, and leaks. In the slightly longer term the full range of Heating,
123 Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system problems must be resolved so that temperature
124 and air circulation can be controlled adequately. Group study spaces should be created as quickly
125 as possible. High quality, comfortable, functional and ergonomically designed furniture needs to
126 be purchased to replace worn out furniture.
- 127 • ***Hire a facilities manager*** to ensure that the immediate and urgent needs of repairing and
128 maintaining Wexler and the Branches are consistently met so that the working and studying
129 conditions are improved and the collection is protected. Administrative responsibility for the care
130 and maintenance of the Libraries physical plant must be clarified to ensure that the Libraries are
131 adequately cleaned and maintained.
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133 After discussion the question was called and carried.

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135 The resolution was approved by voice vote with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.
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137 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned
138 at 4:50 PM.
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142 Respectfully submitted,
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146 Jill Gross,
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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

AFPRL:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno (A)
Biological Sciences	Thomas Schmidt-Glenwinkel (A)
Chemistry	Pamela Mills Namby Krishnamachari (A) "E"
Computer Science Curriculum & Teaching	Ioannis Stamos (A) Tony Picciano
Economics	Howard Chernick Jonathan Conning (A)
Film & Media Studies	Tim Portlock (A) Michael Gitlin Peter Parisi
German	Annette Kym (A)
Health Sciences	Mimi Fahs (A)
History	Bernadette McCauley (A)
Music	David Capps (A)
Nursing	Elizabeth Simon (A)
Physics/Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A)
Psychology	Jeffrey Parsons (A) Peter Moller "E" Tracy Dennis
Romance Languages SEEK	Monica Calabritto (A) Patricia Martin (A)
School of Social Work	Karun Singh (A) Bernadette Hadden
Sociology	Charles Green (A)
Special Education	Grace Lappin
Theatre	Joel Bassin (A)
Urban Affairs	Stanley Moses (A)

Lecturers and

Part-Time Faculty

Barbara Sproul (Religion)
Barbara Barone (Math&Stat)
Aubrey Ewaroo
Geraldine Marrocco "E"
Jeffrey Mongrain (Art)
Stuart Ewen (Film) "E"

Administration

Dean Laurie Sherwen (A) "E"

Ex-Officio

Jason Ares, CLT Council President
Nadine Young, HEO Forum Pres.
Sarit Levy, GSA Pres.
Al Peterson, USG Pres.
Agnes Violenus, Alumni Assoc. Pres.

Students

Karen Busani-Halevi
Tithi Ghosh
Jonathan Alexandratos (History)
Tin Thu (Sociol.)
Dulguun Maidar (Poli Sci)
Theodora Telfort (Economics)
Ezra Serrar
Nicole Odom
Tonia Tiewul (THH)
Ingrid Deborah Francois
Jean-Kenson Dorlouis (Biochem)
Josef Bresko (Honors/Econom)
Siobhan Cawley (Psych)
Senna Fan Ye (Nurs.)
Oluwatobi Jaiyesimi
Destimona Anokye
Renelyn Joy Carino
Isaiah Negron
Ho Young Hung (Poli Sci & Sociology)
Tina Galvez
Yevgeniy Milman (Math&Stat, Grad)
Jenny Alcalde (undeclared)
Ricardo Jute
Steven Perchikov
Wanda Anderson
Sara Reinstein
Greta Rojas (Psych&Nursing)
Israel Burns
Tamon Charles (Biochem)
Dominitza-Carmen Belecchiu (Grad.Math)
Joseph Eastman (Poli Sci)
Sofia Farquharson (Urban Plan.)
Bawo Ebigbeyi (Account.)