

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
6 February 1980

The ¹³²128th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m. 1
in the Playhouse. 2

Presiding: Allan Brick, Chairperson 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in 4
Appendix I. 5

Professor Brick asked the Senate to rise for a moment of silence in memory 6
of Professor Rose Miranda, a deeply respected and loved member of the 7
Senate and the College community. 8

Report by the Provost Schneewind reported to the Senate in the absence of President 9
President: Shenker. A summary statement of the Provost's report is attached as 10
Appendix II. 11

Report by the The Chair informed the Senate that there would be no report at this 12
Ombudsman: meeting. 13

Report by the Prof. Tamara Green, Secretary of the Senate, informed the body that the 14
Administrative Overflow meeting on February 20th will be held as scheduled in order to 15
Committee: consider a report by the Committee on the Calendar. 16

Approved Curriculum Changes 17
The following curriculum changes were approved as per Senate resolution 18
and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GR-153 (Music), 19
UR-390 (Russian Division/Classics), UR-392 (Sociology). 20

Committee Nominating Committee 21
Reports: Prof. Richard Stapleford presented the report as distributed and moved 22
for approval of the entire slate as a whole. 23

No additional nominations were received from the floor. 24

The question was called and carried. 25

The motion carried by hand vote, and the following were elected: 26

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE 27
Student Alternate: Brian Seirup - Music - Day 28

GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE 29
Faculty: Mary Ramshorn - School of Nursing 30
Students: Linda Green - Social Research - at large 31
Flora Delisso - Education/Humanities 32

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE 33
Student: Susan Gowing - English - Day 34

GRADE APPEALS COMMITTEE 35
Student: Euphemia Huggins - Chemistry - Day 36

TEACHER EVALUATIONS COMMITTEE 37
Students: Christopher York - Computer Science - Day 38
Phillip Berg - Psychology-Day 39

BUDGET COMMITTEE 40
Students: James Carter - Undeclared - Day 41
Sylvina Sousz - Theatre & Cinema - SGS 42

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY 43
Students: Vito Rocchia - Graduate 44
David Green - Undeclared - Day 45

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| <u>COMMITTEE ON THE CALENDAR</u> | 46 |
| <u>Students: Jerrell Greene - Political Science - Day</u> | 47 |
| <u>Student Alternate: Sarah White - English - Day</u> | 48 |
| <u>REVIEW COMMISSION ON DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT</u> | 49 |
| <u>Student Alternate: Jean-Claude Romain - Day</u> | 50 |
| <u>CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE</u> | 51 |
| <u>Student: Deborah Bradzik - English - Day</u> | 52 |
| <u>COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF STUDENT RECRUITMENT PRACTICES</u> | 53 |
| <u>Students: Anthony Del Campo - Day</u> | 54 |
| Taj Malik - Biology - Day | 55 |
| Zef Sheri - Political Science - Day | 56 |
| Priscilla Scudder - SGS | 57 |
| <u>FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE</u> | 58 |
| <u>Student Alternate: Frances DeVito (Pre-Nursing) - Day</u> | 59 |
| <u>Committee on Proficiency in English Composition</u> | 60 |
| Prof. Tamara Green, Acting Chairperson of the Committee, presented | 61 |
| the report as distributed, and moved for approval of resolutions | 62 |
| 2 and 3 (resolution 1 was approved at the November 28th Senate meeting): | 63 |
| 2. The Undergraduate Course of Study Committee shall require that | 64 |
| all materials submitted for its consideration contain a state- | 65 |
| ment of the writing pre-requisites (other than 17.120 if any), | 66 |
| expectations, and requirements of the course(s) involved. | 67 |
| 3. A College Committee on Writing, including two representatives | 68 |
| selected by each divisional curriculum committee, at least one | 69 |
| of whom shall be a member of that committee, shall be | 70 |
| established to serve in an advisory capacity to the Under- | 71 |
| graduate Course of Study Committee. The first meeting of the | 72 |
| committee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the Under- | 73 |
| graduate Course of Study Committee, who shall afterwards serve | 74 |
| as an <u>ex-officio</u> member of the College Committee on Writing. | 75 |
| In its coordinating capacity, the College Committee on Writing | 76 |
| shall consider forwarding to the appropriate departments and | 77 |
| divisions recommendations regarding: | 78 |
| A. development of new courses which emphasize writing | 79 |
| B. revision of courses in order to increase emphasis on writing | 80 |
| C. recruitment and training of tutors, and the further | 81 |
| development of support services (including the Writing | 82 |
| Center) | 83 |
| D. Organization and funding of seminars and workshops for | 84 |
| faculty in the teaching of writing in the subject areas | 85 |
| E. the possibility of institutional support for research | 86 |
| related to the teaching of writing | 87 |
| F. such other matters related to writing as may come before it | 88 |
| G. the Committee shall review and reconsider the standards now | 89 |
| established for the present exit examinations for 17.120. | 90 |
| After discussion the question was called and carried. | 91 |
| The motion to approve resolutions 2 and 3 carried by hand vote with | 92 |
| 2 opposed and 6 abstentions. | 93 |

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| <u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u> | 93 |
| Prof. Peter Basquin, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the report as distributed and moved for approval of the following resolution: | 94 95 96 |
| BE IT RESOLVED, that with one exception, remedial courses be graded according to the standard system in effect in other college courses. That is, students will generally receive a letter grade (A, B, C, D, or F) according to the level of work achieved. An R grade may be given, where the teacher feels the student, while not yet up to the required level of proficiency, may reasonably be expected to reach that level by retaking the course in the immediately following semester. The student may opt to receive a grade on the CR/NC system if he or she is eligible to use it. | 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 |
| The only exception shall be the mathematics course 45.001, which is conducted on a self-pacing basis. This course shall be graded CR (for Pass), F (Fail), or R (Repeat). | 106 107 108 |
| After discussion, Prof. Clarkson moved that the resolution be amended by changing the last sentence to read: | 109 110 |
| "This course shall be graded CR (for Pass), R (Repeat), NC or F to be assigned by the instructor based on the rate of progress and attendance." | 111 112 113 |
| After discussion the motion to amend carried with 33 in favor, 4 opposed, and 3 abstentions. | 114 115 |
| The motion on the floor was the main motion as amended. | 116 |
| After discussion, and due to the late hour, further consideration was postponed to the Overflow meeting on February 20th. | 117 118 |
| The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. | 119 |

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Green
Tamara Green, *rm.*
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Anthropology: Lester Firschein "E"
Rena Gropper "E"
Daniel Gross "E"

Art: Roy DeCarava

Biology: Richard Mawe

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Edgardo Pratts Rivera

Chemistry: David Beveridge
Charles Hecht "E"
Louis Massa "E"

Communications: Fulton Ross

Curriculum & Teaching: Mae Gamble
John Niman

Geology & Geography: Roy Grossman

Health & Physical Education: Edward Gibbons

Health Sciences: Lee Margulies "E"

Library: Lucille Bailey "E"

Music: John White

Nursing: Mary Ranshorn

Physics & Astronomy: Leon Cohen

Political Science: Gil Alroy

Psychology: John Van Laer

Romance Languages: Carlos Hortas

Social Work: Joel Walker

Theatre & Cinema: Ian Calderon
Barbara Leaming "E"

Urban Affairs: Hans Spiegel
Donald Sullivan "E"

Dean Evelyn Handler "E"

Dean Hugh Scott "E"

Dr. Lewis Temares "E"

STUDENTS:Graduate Students:

Marie Schoeff
Linda Meany
Kenneth Molinari
Charlotte Martin
Linda Prather
Ramiro Nunez

Seek Students:

Susan Vasquez
Sharon Bailey "E"

Day Session Students:

Diane Cimino
Neal Matteo
Laura Bianchini "E"
Richard Flores
Brian Seirup
Adam Gerstein
Heike Jungblut
Christine Young
Anthony Palmieri
Thomas DePrisco
Louis Gonzalez

Evening Session Students:

Louise Bryant
Jeri Beth Arzberger
Jeff Olefson
Janet Joyce Belshi
Patricia Donowski
Antonia Perez
Alexandra Matusinka
Elena Muro
Karen Snyder
Stephen Smith
Gerry Savage

"E" = Excused

A P P E N D I X II

Provost Schneewind informed the Senate that the Governor has announced the budget. No complete information is available as yet, but the budget is very austere. Every State agency is facing a 2% cut in addition to the line cuts. For CUNY the additional 2% would mean a cut of over \$ 3M, which CUNY Central equates to about 210 positions.

The overall City University budget for Senior Colleges was cut by about \$ 10M. Offsetting this was a \$ 2.4M increase, which means that there is a net program cut of \$ 7.6M. Briefly, there will be a cut of about 188 faculty lines and 148 non-teaching positions, plus the 2% cut of about \$ 3M or about 210 positions, for a total drop of 546 positions. Offsetting this there is a recommendation for an increase of 95 positions, which amounts to a total decrease for CUNY Senior Colleges of 451 positions.

Hunter College estimates an enrollment for the current year of about 12,600 full-time equivalent students. During the 79/80 fiscal year the State assumed we had a budget for 13,200 students, which gives us a 17.7 to 1 student/faculty ratio. For 80/81 the State claims it is improving our student/faculty ratio to 17.2 to 1. The actual budget changes for Hunter amount to the following:

There is a net gain of \$ 845,000, over half of which will be for salary and inflationary increases, which will amount to \$ 471,000. We were given 8 additional positions: no teaching positions, two secretarial positions for Center for Life-long Learning, four positions for Library and audio visual, and two positions for Student Services (including 1 medical officer at an annual salary of \$ 11,000). There will be a slight increase in Temporary Services of about \$ 149,000, a minimal increase in OTPS funds of \$ 166,000 for inflationary costs, an increase of \$ 45,000 in the library budget (which is the largest increase in any college for book budget), and a trivial increase in the utilities budget. There are two decreases--both technical--amounting to \$ 167,000. Thus, the net increase for Hunter College, although it looks sizeable, will have little impact on the operation of the College. "We are where we were, and we will be where we are," which is a lot bleaker than we hoped it would be.

City College is losing 35 faculty lines in addition to a number of support lines; Brooklyn College is losing 30 faculty lines in addition to a number of support lines; the only College that gained faculty lines is Baruch.

None of these figures take into account the \$ 5.6M cut which will be divided up by 80th Street. This has not yet been allocated as negatives to the Colleges. We therefore do not know yet where we are in terms of the total budget for the coming year. One consolation that we have is that our student/faculty ratio is projected at 17.2 to 1. City College's after the cut is projected to be 14 to 1. Brooklyn College's after the cut is projected to be at 15.2 to 1. The State expects CUNY to aim at an overall ratio of 16.4 to 1.

The Governor's budget address contains a recommendation that, to the extent possible, further cuts should not be incurred by Hunter or Baruch College. City and Brooklyn College are losing students, Hunter is holding firm and Baruch is gaining students.

We will keep you informed on the budget as soon as there is anything further to report from 80th Street.

The enrollment for the current term for Hunter College is progressing. Registration went smoothly, and we have already registered well over 16,000 students and are heading towards 17,000 for the Spring term. This is somewhat lower than the Fall and somewhat lower than last Spring. We expect to come in with an annualized FTE of 12,580 students.

Provost Schneewind concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.