

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
12 May 1982

The ¹⁶157th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:40 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

Minutes: The Minutes of April 14th were approved as distributed. 6

Report by the President: The following is a summary statement of President Shalala's report to the 7
Senate: 8

Regarding the budget President Shalala reported that it is not 9
anticipated that the legislature would override the governor's veto. 10
This means that the budget allocated by the State stands and that the 11
College would have to absorb a cut of over 1M dollars. We believe that 12
we will be able to allocate basically the same amounts as last year. 13
Adjunct money will be tight, but there will be no serious reduction 14
in adjunct money and OTPS funds. We expect an increase in regular 15
faculty appointments and some new hirings on open lines. However, 16
there are no new support lines and some support lines have actually 17
been cut. For example, three lines were cut in Student Services 18
because of the State's recalculation of our base allocation, and no 19
replacement lines were granted in the new allocations. We will be 20
operating with the money we will actually have without speculating on 21
possible restorations in the fall. We anticipate no retrenchment, no 22
firings, and a budget on approximately the same level as last year. 23
We are merely holding the line and this does nothing for us in our 24
attempt to enhance the quality of education at Hunter. However, other 25
City University units were hit more severely. 26

Regarding the new buildings, the State has allocated 85 positions, 27
which will enable us to open the new buildings. The new Library is 28
expected to be open in the fall, and other moves will be scheduled 29
throughout the fall. We have not yet been notified by the Dormitory 30
Authority as to who moves when. 31

The issue of wordprocessing equipment was brought up by the Senate. It 32
was the State's ruling that we could not buy anything that was computer 33
related from the capital budget allocation. We appealed that decision. 34
Although we will not be able to buy freestanding computers or any other 35
kind of computer equipment, we believe now that there is some chance 36
of being able to buy wordprocessing equipment. A committee was formed, 37
headed by John McGloin. A survey has been distributed and based on 38
that survey and in consultation with an expert from one of the large 39
insurance firms, we will make recommendations as to what kind of word- 40
processing equipment to buy. Anticipating a question, the President 41
said that we will probably buy from more than one firm because dif- 42
ferent departments have different needs. President Shalala said that 43
she will report the findings to the Senate at the first meeting in the 44
Fall. A major training program is planned to retrain people on the 45
machines. 46

President Shalala reported that Dr. Karen McCarthy was appointed 47
Director of the Campus Schools. The appointment of Dr. McCarthy was 48
the outcome of an extensive and thorough search. She was the choice 49
of a committee which consisted of faculty, students and parents, as 50
well as all the administrators who interviewed her. 51

During a question-and-answer period the President recommended that the 52
Director of Security, Mr. Desmond Eaton, come before the Senate in the 53
Fall to answer questions on security. 54

President Shalala concluded her report by wishing everyone a nice 55
summer. This was followed by an ovation from the floor. 56

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Report by the Ombudsman:	The Ombudsman reported on some issues raised by the Provost's memorandum of May 7, 1982 (Final Examinations and Grade Reporting). Some teachers have attempted to change the dates scheduled for Final Examinations. This is contrary to College rules and often imposes additional hardship on students. However, we do have an "unwritten rule" that a student should not be expected to take three Final Examinations on the same day. This is an unreasonable demand that is an extraordinary accident of the Final Exam Schedule. We have no formal procedures for handling such an extenuating event. The students must ask one of the instructors involved to permit a make-up examination on another date. We trust that the students and faculty will handle such matters in a courteous and friendly manner. The alternative of an ABS grade in one of the courses is not without additional burdens--the student will not be eligible for the Dean's List and will also have to pay \$15 for the administration of the examination during the following semester.	57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
	A question was raised whether an instructor may give a final examination on the last day of the term, rather than during the final examination period. This is contrary to the Provost's memo and the rule approved by the Faculty Council in 1965.	73 74 75 76
Report by the Administrative Committee:	<u>Announcement</u> Prof. Brick announced that organizations and individuals who are interested in participating in the planning for the June 12th March and Rally on Disarmament should come to the meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Friday in Room 626.	77 78 79 80 81
	<u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u> The following changes were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-485 (Anthropology), UR-486 (Political Science), UR-487 (Sociology), GR-193 (Urban Affairs).	82 83 84 85
	<u>Procedures for Nomination and Election of Ombudsman</u> Prof. Brick presented the proposed "Procedures" as distributed, and moved for approval.	86 87 88
	After brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.	89
	The "Procedures for Nomination and Election of Ombudsman," as approved are attached as Appendix II.	90 91
	Prof. Brick then read the list of individuals who have formally declared their candidacy for Ombudsman:	92 93
	Prof. Sam Korn, incumbent	94
	Mr. James Montalvo, Supervisor of Operations of the Mathematics Learning Center and Adjunct Lecturer	95 96
	He opened the floor for further nominations.	97
	A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote.	98
	Prof. Brick next yielded the floor to Prof. Barickman.	99
	Prof. Barickman, Chairperson of the Committee on the Calendar, informed the Senate of the following changes in the Spring 1983 College Calendar, due to the designation to observe Lincoln's Birthday on Friday, February 11, 1983:	100 101 102 103
	Spring term classes will begin on <u>Monday, February 7</u> , and the last day of classes is Tuesday, May 17th when classes will meet according to Friday's Schedule.	104 105 106
	Final examinations will start on Wednesday, May 18th, and will end on Wednesday, May 25th.	107 108
	A motion to approve these changes carried by voice vote.	109

Committee	<u>Progress Report on the "R" grade resolution</u>	110
Reports:	Prof. Peter Basquin, Chairperson of the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee, presented the progress report. The following is a summary statement:	111 112 113
	Prof. Basquin reported that the Committee met with advisors of the various remedial programs involved, including a number of advisors from the Department of Academic Skills, in order to reconcile the different policies on the use of the "R" grade. Most remedial programs permit the use of the "R" grade only once, but some SEEK students and faculty had challenged the validity of that rule. Arguments for restricting the use of the "R" grade at that meeting included that students need the "motivation" of a possible grade of "F" and that they should not be strung along; monies for student aid runs out; college resources could be strained.	114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123
	Arguments against the restriction included that unprepared students should be given a maximum amount of time, and "R" grade is non-punitive, whereas "F" is in some sense discriminating and falls more heavily on SEEK students.	124 125 126 127
	Without passing judgment, the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee felt it needed more definite information on the results of the ruling, particularly as it affects SEEK students. The present situation is that (a) the UAR Committee has not changed its recommended resolution, (b) course coordinators should continue to follow rules established by past policy, and (c) the Senate, through its Administrative Committee and Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee, has requested a study on progress of SEEK students as basis for a more carefully articulated policy based on statistical and other information.	128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137
	Prof. Basquin concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.	138 139
	A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara M. Green
Tamara Green,
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Robert Newton "E"
Biology: Richard Piccioni
Chemistry: Klaus Grohmann
Horst Hoyer
Communications: Larry Shore
Arnold Gibbons
Max Goldstein "E"
Thomas Mader "E"
Special Education: Nicholas Anastasiow
Economics: Andrew Kaye
Educational Foundations: Marvin Wayne "E"
Alfred Pasteur
Geology & Geography: Peter Rigotti
Health & Physical Education: Bill Taussig
Frances Allen
History: Naomi Miller
Library: William Omelchenko "E"
Mathematics: Janet Wittis
Barbara Barone
Nursing: Cynthia Sculco
Catherine Wondolowski "E"
Political Science: Ken Sherrill
Psychology: Toby Klass
Romance Languages: Julius Purczinsky
Giuseppina Welsh "E"
Nancy Horneffer
Social Work: Mildred Allen
Sociology: Jody Carlson "E"
Theatre & Film: Ian Calderon
Barbara Leaming "E"
Urban Affairs: Hans Spiegel "E"
Dean Joyce Hope "E"
V.P. John Tesoriero "E"
Dean Hugh Scott "E"
Prov. Tilden LeMelle "E"
Dean Walter Weiss "E"

STUDENTS:

Doris Chee
Susan Miller
Cecile Manners
Alexander Ilan
Margaret Ferrara "E"
Scott Pomales
Serena Walker
Terry Gavin
Anita Allen "E"
Connie Granieri
Victoria Rankin
Natalia Cherney
Wayne Anderson
Gessie Agnant
Lynda Tucker
Ronald Brown
Darryll Pennenberg
Debra Katz
Elaine Bow "E"
Liese Hull
Miriam Pedrayas "E"
Louise Bryant "E"
Michael Lisi
Janis Sharkey
Daylon Johnson
Vikas Patel "E"
Mary Gomez "E"
Dolores Sanchez
Pauline Alexander
Blaise Latriano
Angela Benjamin

"E" = Excused

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NOMINATING PROCEDURE:

1. Nominations for Ombudsman may be made by any member in good standing of the Hunter College community, and all members of the community are eligible for election. Self-nominations are permitted.
2. Nominations shall be made: (a) by filing nominations with the Senate Office (before May 12th), or by announcement on the Senate floor at the May 12th Senate meeting. There will be no nominating speeches on the floor of the Senate.

DOCUMENTATION:

All candidates who accept nomination are asked to submit to the Senate Office (i) a signed agreement acknowledging the Agreement with the President and the definition of the Office as stated in the Hunter College Governance Charter (see reverse side), (ii) a resume, and (iii) a statement of platform or intent not to exceed 500 words.

TIME-TABLE FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

May 12 Senate Meeting

Senate Secretary reads list of validated candidates, and list of those candidates who have partially completed necessary documentation. The floor will then be open for further nominations (the agreements may be filed later). There will be no nominating speeches on the floor of the Senate.

May 14th 5 p.m. -- Mailing Deadline

All aforementioned documentation received in the Senate Office in final form by 5 p.m. on May 14th, will be mailed to the Senate membership for the May 26th Senate meeting.

May 19th 5 p.m. -- Absolute deadline for receiving documentation

No documentation will be accepted after 5 p.m. on May 19th, and no candidacy may be entered which is not filed in this manner. Documents received between May 14th and May 19th shall be distributed together with voting cards, etc., at the Senate meeting of May 26th.

May 26th Senate Meeting--Election of Ombudsman

The first item of business after the election of Senate officers shall be the election of Ombudsman. A list of all candidates will be distributed to the Senate members. The Senate Secretary or the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee (Elections Committee) will read off the list of candidates for the last time. At that point, when his or her name is called, the candidate will rise if (s)he so chooses to be physically identified, and may give a short presentation. The voting will proceed according to the rules as set out in Article XIII, Section 2, of the Hunter College Governance Charter; the winner will be determined in the same manner. We have planned for any number of rounds necessary to elect an Ombudsman, but in no case will nominations be accepted from the floor of the Senate at this meeting.

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AGREEMENT:

The Senate Elections Committee and President Shalala have reached the following agreement regarding the Office of the Ombudsman:

We share a concern for the importance of the independence of the Ombudsman in his or her functioning in that position. We recognize at the same time the interdependence of the person in that position on and with the larger Hunter community.

The President will ensure the following so long as the Charter language in Article XIII remains unchanged:

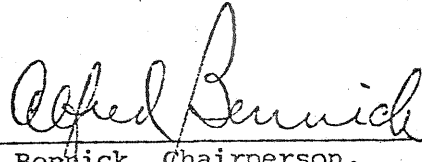
1. Adjunct replacement money for 1/2 program for a faculty member elected to office.

Payment according to the schedule established by the Board of Trustees if a student is elected to office.

2. When the budget is received by the College, the President will examine it carefully and make every effort to provide adequate secretarial help to the Ombudsman.
3. All future agreements between the President and the elected Ombudsman shall be made public.
4. In the event that the Ombudsman cannot arrive at a satisfactory agreement with his or her Chairperson or supervisor regarding services during non-released time, the President will use her good offices to help resolve the situation.



President Donna Shalala



Al Bennick, Chairperson,
Elections Committee

19 April 1982

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 4 OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE GOVERNANCE CHARTER

The Hunter College Ombudsman shall consider complaints and grievances that are brought to him by any member of the Hunter College community, concerning a condition or problem in the College. He may investigate the conditions giving rise to such complaints and may refer cases to others when the usual appeals procedures seem adequate. He will undertake independent investigations, in general, only if the usual procedures have proved inadequate or have been exhausted. He shall be empowered to recommend action to any officer or to any committee or organization of the College. He shall from time to time report on his work to the Hunter College Senate; and he may otherwise publicize the results of his investigation.