

M I N U T E S

"Overflow" Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
15 May 1979

	The ¹²⁵ 120th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:40 p.m. in the Playhouse.	1 2
Presiding:	Sylvia Fishperson, Chairman	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of April 24th were approved as submitted.	6
	The Minutes of May 1st were approved with the correction in Appendix I: that Prof. E.F. Hoffmann attended the meeting.	7 8
	The Chair welcomed the new Senators to this meeting.	9
	On behalf of the Administrative Committee, she thanked President Wexler for her continued support, interest, and belief in this type of government.	10 11 12
Report by the President:	A summary of President Wexler's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	13 14
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Tamara Green, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following Report:	15 16
	1. As per Senate request at the April 24th meeting, the Administrative Committee of the Senate recommends the following structure for the <u>Standing Committee on the Calendar</u> :	17 18 19
	<u>Faculty Representation:</u>	20
	1 faculty member from the Day Session	21
	1 faculty member from the Evening Session	22
	1 Graduate faculty member from School of Social Work	23
	1 faculty member from School of Nursing	24
	1 faculty member from School of Health Sciences	25
	<u>Student Representation:</u>	26
	1 student from Day Session	27
	1 student from Evening Session	28
	1 graduate student	29
	2 students at-large	30
	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	31
	Dean of Students, or designee	32
	Associate Dean for School of General Studies	33
	Director of Academic Administrative Services	34
	Director of Financial Aid	35
	After discussion the question was called and carried.	36
	The motion to approve the composition of the Standing Committee on the Calendar carried by hand vote.	37 38
	2. Informed the Senate that the Senate Administrative Committee would be prepared to submit to the Senate at the first meeting in the Fall nominations for membership on the Calendar Committee, if the Senate so desired.	39 40 41 42
	There having been no objection, it was so ordered.	43
	3. Informed the Senate that a meeting on the "Rights, Needs, and the Responsibilities of the Handicapped" would take place on Wednesday, May 16th, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Playhouse, and that everybody is invited to attend.	44 45 46 47

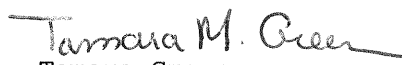
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4. <u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	48
The following curriculum changes were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information:	49
Items US-371 (School of Nursing), and US-372 (Interdisciplinary-- Social Sciences).	50
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5. Yielded the floor to Prof. Jane Matthews, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.	53
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Prof. Matthews nominated Prof. Sam Korn to fill the vacant seat on the Charter Review Committee.	55
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The motion to elect Prof. Korn to the Charter Review Committee carried by hand vote.	57
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<u>Report by the Hunter College Screening Committee for Presidential Search</u>	
Prof. Gordon Fifer reported that the Committee has been working diligently and that over 80 applications for Hunter's presidency have been received. The pool of candidates submitted for Hunter far outshined the pool for Brooklyn and City College. It is an impressive pool.	59
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The Committee recommended 12-15 candidates for interviews, which will be the next step. From this group a smaller select number will be invited for on-campus visits. The procedure is that at least 2 Board members and 2 members of the Screening Committee agree on the recommended names. Prof. Fifer informed the Senate that the committee expects to start interviews next Monday or Tuesday. The time schedule is not definite at this point, and it is also not certain if the present Board will go out in June. In any case, it is hoped that the work that has been done will continue within the same structure.	64
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Prof. Fifer further informed the Senate that applications are still being accepted up to next week, and will be considered if received.	73
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<u>Progress Report by the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	75
Prof. Michael Escott, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the Progress Report dated 15 May 1979 as submitted, and asked that the Report be accepted.	76
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There having been no objection, it was so ordered.	79
The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. for the <u>election of the Senate Administrative Committee.</u>	80
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The Chair informed the Senate that the fourth member of the Administrative Committee, the Chairperson of the Evening Session Council, would be elected at the next Evening Session Council meeting on May 22nd.	82
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The Chair then proposed the rule that nominating speeches be limited to 3 minutes each.	85
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There having been no objection, it was so ordered.	87
The Chair appointed four tellers: Prof. Michael Escott, Ms. Diane Cimino, Mr. Brett Landow, and Mr. Neal Matteo.	88
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The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Chairperson.</u>	90
After nominations of, and brief statements by the two candidates, the result of votes by written ballot was:	91
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Prof. Alfred Bennick -- 25 votes	93
Prof. Allan Brick -- 51 votes	95
Prof. Allan Brick was elected Chairperson of the Senate.	96

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The Chair opened the floor for nominations for <u>Vice-Chairperson</u> .	97
Mr. Gil Ehrenkranz (Day student) was nominated.	98
No further nominations having been received the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Mr. Ehrenkranz.	99 100
There having been no objection, it was so ordered and Mr. Ehrenkranz was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Senate.	101 102
The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Secretary</u> .	103
Prof. Tamara Green (Classical & Oriental Studies) was nominated.	104
No further nominations having been received, the Chair instructed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Prof. Green.	105 106
There having been no objection it was so ordered, and Prof. Tamara Green was elected Secretary of the Senate.	107 108
New Business: Provost Schneewind expressed his thanks to the present Administrative Committee for organizing hectic Senate agenda items during a very busy year in exemplary fashion, and leading the Senate through a large number of very intricate and important matters with dispatch and fairness and openness. He especially thanked the Chairperson, and all the members of the Administrative Committee.	109 110 111 112 113 114
Prof. Allan Brick thanked Prof. Fishman for having given the Senate remarkably strong and sensitive leadership this year and in that sense he remarked, it is sad she has to leave the role of Chairperson after only one year. He said: "She is to become Dean of Students, and the decision to make her Dean of Students is the most intelligent personnel decision that has been made during my years at Hunter. I think she will serve us remarkably well and will provide us in that post with the sensitivity to people and the administrative insight that those of us in the Senate who came to know her value so highly."	115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123
All business having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.	124

Respectfully submitted,


Tamara Green,
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Seek: Ruth Rose

Anthropology: Lester Firschein "E"

Art: Roy DeCarava
Dennis McCarthy

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Alfred Sears
John Motley
Jose Santiago

Chemistry: Charles Hecht

Classics: Murray Lichtenstein

Communications: Stewart Ewen
Max Goldstein "E"
Fulton Ross "E"

Economics: Kenneth Smith

Educational Foundations: Hannah Schorr "E"

English: Jane Benardete
Linda Kunz

Geology & Geography: Anna Gavasci
Roy Grossman "E"
Russell White

Health Sciences: Laurie Selman

Library: Lucille Bailey "E"

Music: Ruth DeFord
Herbert Rogers

Philosophy: William Bryar "E"

Political Science: Juliam Baim
Ken Sherrill "E"

Psychology: John Van Laer

Romance Languages: Carlos Hortas
Mary Parker

Social Work: Joel Walker
Barbara Morrison

Sociology: Robert Perinbanayagam

Student Services: Florence Hartstein

Dean Tilden LeMelle
Mr. Lewis Temares

STUDENTS:

Graduate Students:

Marie Schoeff "E"
Linda Meany
Joanna Rogers "E"
Paula Tedesco
Kenneth Molinari
Charlotte Martin
Jo Steele
Luis Agustin "E"
Linda Prather "E"

Seek Students:

Serena Walker "E"
Susan Vasquez
Sharon Bailey

Day Session Students:

Richard Flores
Brian Seirup
Florence Rahner
Joanna Ney
Adam Gerstein
Gypsy Menor
Heike Jungblut
Annette Tonsingh
Adele Francis
Anthony Palmieri
Thomas DePrisco

Evening Session Students:

Jeri Beth Arzberger
Laura Bernya
Patricia Donowski

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A P P E N D I X II

REMARKS OF PRESIDENT JACQUELINE WEXLER

In this month of fond farewells, I am pleased to have this opportunity to talk to this renewed Senate as new members join the Senate and some move off, at least for a time, to bring you just that: a very fond farewell.

Your agenda indicates that you will have a report from your Search Committee a little later. I do want to clarify one point that seems to have been misunderstood as was reported to the faculty late last week. When I first talked to the Chancellor about my retirement I told him I was prepared to try to stay on until a new president was found. I corrected that about three months ago and told him that for all kinds of reasons I believed August 31 was the outside date that I would serve in the presidency. It just is not possible to put together one's next professional life with a completely open circuit. But equally important, I think it is best for me and best for you that your president doesn't peter out on the job. That is not the way I've tried to do the job. And I think it is not the way that I should wrap it up. I have therefore informed everyone that they should give me whatever papers I need to take me off the payroll on the 31st of August so that you can be sure that there is an unencumbered line. That at least is one line that can be counted on. It seemd important to clarify this point. If a decision on the presidency is not reached at that time, there will have to be some provision for an acting president for whatever period of time is necessary.

Let me take just a few minutes to speak to you about this organization. I have often told you and others that I believe that this body, formed out of the ashes of controversy, has been a working body and one of the more supportive elements in our retaining an academic set of standards in this college. I think that is no mean achievement. The fact that it was and is a faculty/student senate made the legislation to protect standards much more effective. You know and I know that it has sometimes been cumbersome, but we must also remember that faculty organizations were sometimes cumbersome. It is very important and I hope to some degree symbolic that the Board of Higher Education will, I believe, at its final meeting in May, pass your resolution to give you a better, simpler way of amending your by-laws. Once you have that ability you will be prepared in a procedural way, as I believe you are prepared in a rational way, to take the next steps towards sophistication and towards substance in involving the broader and deeper base of this community in the deliberations on this academic agenda. Those next steps are important and needed. I wanted very much to get that legislation for you while I was still your president. I see absolutely no reason that it will be held up any longer. In many ways I see that achievement as my parting gift to you. We had to go over the strict laws of the BHE to do it, but they have the power to revise whatever they or their predecessors put into form. They were very impressed by the fact that this was a unanimous vote of this faculty/student body that requested the right to modify its by-laws in a less cumbersome way.

I wish you very well. I believe that you need not in any way be defensive. If you are not defensive, you will continue to put more and more of your energies in a more and more forceful way into being a mature, sophisticated and all-embracing legislative senate. If that happens in the next ten years, it will really be a quite formidable achievement for an institution of this caliber, of this long-term continuity to have achieved a serious legislative body in a fused faculty and student senate. And so I do bid you one of my fondest farewells. I count you as one of the important beginning achievements of this college. I will be supportive of this senate from the wings. I will be supportive from the wings of this college as I am of no other institution on the east coast.

Thank you very much.