

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
19 May 2004

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3 The 442nd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:10 PM in Room W714.
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5 **Presiding:** Joan Tronto, Chair
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7 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.
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9 **Agenda:** The revised agenda was adopted as distributed.
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11 **Report by the** A summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate is as follows. She said:
12 **President:**
13 "I want to thank everybody for the discussion about restructuring the School of Arts and Sciences.
14 People have been extraordinarily thoughtful and dedicated in grappling with what is a very
15 important question for all of us. I am impressed with how engaged people are and with the depth
16 of thought that went into examining all the issues and the options in the past and the future. I will
17 look closely at the Senate's report this summer, and if anyone still has other comments please e-
18 mail me.
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20 I want to thank everyone who participated, and I think we all owe Liz Beaujour a debt of
21 gratitude. I know it took a lot of time, a lot of hard work, and a lot of passion. I commit to giving
22 all that energy, commitment, and passion to the report as well this summer, and will come back
23 with a report about where I believe we should move when people return in September.
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25 It was very good to have Senior Vice Chancellor Allan Dobrin on the campus. It is always good
26 when people come out and talk about some of the issues that are affecting us, as people did on
27 budgetary and capital planning issues, and to let him know that."
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29 The floor was open for questions.
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31 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
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33 **Committee:** Election of Senate Officers
34 The Chair yielded the floor to the Vice Chair.
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36 Mr. Taylor opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Senate.
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38 Professor Joan Tronto (Political Science) was nominated.
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40 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.
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42 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
43 The motion carried and Professor Tronto was re-elected Chair of the Senate.
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45 Mr. Taylor yielded the floor to the Chair.
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47 The floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair of the Senate. The following were nominated.
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49 Charles Davi
50 Anthony Avenoso

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57 After a brief statement by each candidate written ballots were distributed

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59 While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of
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62 The floor was open for nominations for Secretary of the Senate. The following were nominated:

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64 Professor Anthony Picciano
65 Ms. Carmen Lopez
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67 After a brief statement by each candidate written ballots were distributed

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69 While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of
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72 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Evening Council of the Senate.

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74 Professor Michael Turner was nominated.
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76 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
77 The motion carried and Professor Turner was re-elected.
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79 **List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees**

80 Professor Tronto moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees
81 to be awarded in June 2004. The motion was approved by hand vote.
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83 **Senate Meeting Schedule for Fall 2004 and Spring 2005**

84 The Senate meeting schedule for the following Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:25 P.M. was approved:

<u>Fall 2004</u>	<u>Spring 2005</u>
85 September 8	February 9
86 September 22	February 23
87 October 13	March 9
88 October 27	March 23
89 November 3	April 6
90 November 17	April 20
91 December 1	May 4
92 December 8	May 11
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96 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

97 The following curriculum changes, as listed in Parts I, II, and II of the Report dated 19 May 2004,
98 were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GS-
99 615 (English), GS-609B (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-620 (School of Health Sciences/Physical
100 Therapy), GR-624 (Film & Media Studies), US-1392 and US-1394 (German), US-1396 and US-1401
101 (Mathematics & Statistics), US-1387 (Psychology), US-1391 and US-1402 (Sociology), US-1397
102 (Music), US-1363/GS-621 (Mathematics & Statistics), US-1385/GS-617 (Biology), US-1403 and US-
103 1404 (Geography), US-1406 (Religion Program), US-1410 (Dance Program), US-1411, US-1412, and
104 US-1413 (CUNY Honors College).
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106 **Announcement of Election Results**

107 Voting by written ballot produced the following results:

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109 Mr. Charles Davi was elected Vice Chair of the Senate
110 Professor Anthony Picciano was elected Secretary of the Senate.

UARC Re: Proposal to Limit Enrollment for Students on Probation

Professor Jason Young, Chair of the Committee, presented the following resolution as carried over from the last meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that any non-SEEK student on probation must limit their course load to 12 credits per semester until he/she is off probation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proposal will become effective in Fall 2004 for a period of two years, at which time its effectiveness will be assessed by the Senate.

Professor Matthews moved that the motion be amended to read as follows: "...12 credits per semester unless given special permission by an academic advisor up to 13 ½ credits." The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Dean Schachter moved that the motion be tabled. The motion carried by voice vote.

Progress Report by the Committee on Computing and Technology

Professor Mario Kelly, Chair of the Committee, informed the Senate that during this spring semester the Committee worked with faculty members of the Technology Fee Committee to iron out a number of issues that they had raised over the past year. It worked with ICIT on the Technology Fee Awards and on policies concerning Blackboard, in particular, archiving of courses on Blackboard and the transition to Blackboard 6. The Committee also worked with the Provost's Office to develop criteria for evaluating the Faculty Development Awards.

UARC RE: College Proficiency Exam (CPE)

Professor Jason, Young, Chair of the Committee, presented the Report dated 19 May 2004. The following resolutions were on the floor:

A. Resolution Re: students who have failed the CPE three times

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College administration enable students who have not passed the CPE after having taken it three times to be provided one semester of intensive instruction prior to their taking it a fourth time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CUNY Central Administration provide funding for this initiative.

B. Resolution Re: Validity of the CPE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urge the CUNY Board of Trustees and Central Administration to provide a more detailed accounting to the Hunter community of the validity of the CPE as an assessment instrument. If requests for data are made of the College, sufficient funding should be provided to prepare this report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urge the CUNY Board of Trustees and Central Administration to provide the Hunter community with an annual report indicating both student benefits and problems (e.g., does it lead to students graduating with higher GPAs?, how many students withdraw—whether by choice or due to 3 failures of the CPE—from the College each year?). Again, sufficient funding should be provided to the College to prepare this report.

C. Resolution Re: Administrative and Financial Aspects of the CPE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urge the CUNY Board of Trustees and Central Administration to provide a more flexible CPE schedule than the one now in place, which conflicts with mid-term exams and assignments during the semester, and that the Board institute a schedule that gives students a better chance to prepare for and pass the examination, preferably to be given at the beginning of each semester and during the summer; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urge the CUNY Board of Trustees and Central Administration to provide additional financial support for addressing the added staffing requirements posed by the CPE, especially in the Hunter Reading/Writing Center; and, finally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urge the Board of Trustees to place a moratorium on the administration of the CPE if these problems cannot be corrected.

D. Request for Action by the UFS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urge the University Faculty Senate to encourage comparable governing bodies at other CUNY campuses to send resolutions on the CPE to the CUNY Central Administration.

It was moved that the question be divided. The motion carried by voice vote.

The motion on the floor was approval of Resolution A.

After discussion the question was called and carried. The motion was defeated by voice vote.

The motion on the floor was resolution B.

After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by striking the last sentence from each paragraph. The amendment was approved by voice vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.

It was moved that the motion be further amended by striking the word "more." The amendment was approved by voice vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.

The question on the main motion as amended was called and carried. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The motion on the floor was resolution C.

After discussion Provost Pizer moved that the motion be amended by striking the last "Be it further resolved." The motion carried by hand vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.

The question on the main motion as amended was called and carried. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The motion on the floor was resolution D. The motion was approved by voice vote.

It was moved that the Report by the Budget Committee and the Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements Committee be tabled. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Picciano,
Secretary