

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
26 September 1979

The 12<sup>th</sup> 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 May 15th were approved with a correction in line 3, which 6  
should read: "Sylvia Fishman, Chairperson." 7

The Chair introduced the members of the Administrative Committee, and 8  
Prof. Charles Sherover as Parliamentarian. He then introduced President 9  
Shenker. 10

Report by the President: Dr. Joseph Shenker, Acting President of Hunter College, addressed the 11  
Senate. The following is a brief summary of his remarks: 12

Dr. Shenker told the Senate that he has come to Hunter as Acting 13  
President until a permanent President is appointed. He clearly stated 14  
that his first responsibility is to Hunter College, and what he would 15  
like to achieve is an atmosphere of mutual trust, respect, proper 16  
support, and that he would strive to make Hunter the best institution 17  
possible in working together with all members of the Hunter community 18  
for the benefit of Hunter College. 19

Dr. Shenker informed the body that the enrollment figure is slightly 20  
higher than last year with a head count of 18,700. He also informed 21  
the Senate that he is cautiously optimistic about resuming the 22  
construction of the buildings and that he had already taken steps to 23  
discuss this matter with the appropriate authorities. 24

Before answering questions from the floor of the Senate, Dr. Shenker 25  
remarked that he had spent the last days with a number of people 26  
discussing various issues, but that he would probably not yet be able 27  
to answer all questions that may be raised. He stressed, however, that 28  
anybody should feel free to direct questions and issues to his office, 29  
and that he would reply to any issues raised within 24 hours. However, 30  
in most cases he would refer problems to the appropriate persons who 31  
are responsible within Hunter's administrative structure. 32

Dr. Shenker concluded his report by answering questions from the 33  
floor of the Senate. 34

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The Chair, upon request and a time conflict because of the late hour 35  
asked the Ombudsman if he would yield the floor to Prof. Gordon Fifer 36  
for his report. The Ombudsman yielded the floor. 37

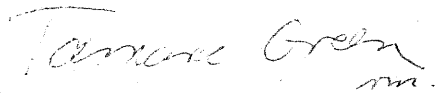
Report by the Hunter College Screening Committee for Presidential Search 38  
Prof. Gordon Fifer informed the Senate of actions that have taken place 39  
since his last report. A summary of his report is as follows: 40

The Hunter College Screening Committee, consisting of three faculty 41  
members, two students, and one alumni did the basic groundwork by 42  
going over some 120 vitae from February on through late May. The 43  
committee selected and approved 20-25 candidates. Because of the 44  
required approval by at least one Board member the list was stripped 45  
to 15 and then to 10 candidates, as some candidates withdrew. Ten 46  
were actually interviewed. Of the ten interviewed, four candidates 47  
were invited for on-campus visits, but one candidate withdrew the 48  
day before the scheduled visit. The three candidates interviewed 49  
by the various Hunter College groups were: Dr. Daisy Tagliacozzo 50  
from the University of Massachusetts, Dr. Jewell Cobb from Douglass 51  
College, and Dr. Robert Hirschfield, Chairperson of our Political 52  
Science Department. 53

After these campus visits there were meetings with the Board members of the Search Committee at which reports from campus groups to the Chancellor were considered, and then each member of the Search Committee wrote their preferences and reports of ranking to the Chancellor. This was accomplished in August. At the August Board meeting the Chancellor said he would make his recommendations regarding the Hunter Search in September, but no acting president was named for Hunter. An acting president for City College was named. At the September 4th Board meeting and as per letter from the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education it was recommended that the search for Hunter's presidency be extended. The interpretation of this is that the Search is reopened and that the two candidates are still in the pool of candidates. We will also go back and reexamine the entire list of 20-25 people that were positively identified by the Screening Committee (but not by Board members) who were not called for interviews. New candidates will also be considered. Anyone who wants to submit a name should do this quickly. Another advertisement will go into the New York Times a week from Sunday, with a closing date of November 1st for new candidates.	54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73
Prof. Fifer concluded the report by answering questions from the floor.	74
After lengthy discussion and debate the Chair reminded the body that Prof. Fifer had to leave because of another commitment, and that he had agreed to report further with more information if available at the next Senate meeting.	75 76 77 78
After further discussion Prof. Ken Sherrill moved to suspend the Agenda and to use the remaining time for discussion of Presidential Search procedures.	79 80 81
The motion failed, not having received the required number of votes.	82
The next order of business, therefore, was the Report by the Ombudsman.	83
Report by the Ombudsman: Prof. Charles Sherover delivered his final report as Ombudsman of Hunter College:	84 85
(a) Some 40-50 students used the facilities of the Ombudsman's Office during the summer session period; (b) although the new Charter amendment procedure has been approved by the Board of Higher Education, through some clerical confusion the restriction on that new authority for the Senate, which the Senate had made part of the amendment procedure, does not seem to have reached the Board's attention; therefore, the Senate Chair together with the present and new Ombudsman will consult on the most efficacious way in which to request the Board to approve it as well so that the new Amendment procedure will be precisely as the Senate voted it; (c) in summarizing this term of office note was made of the fact that the Ombudsman's Office has been used by members of all three constituencies--students, faculty, and administration; (d) acknowledgement was made of the important contribution to the effectiveness of the Office by Ms. Iris Stainback who has served not only as secretary but really as a functioning assistant; (e) concluding he thanked the administration of the College and the Senate for their cooperation and extended best wishes to his successor.	86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104
Prof. Allan Brick, Chairperson of the Senate thanked the Ombudsman for his last report and said: "I am sure that I speak for the members of the Senate and for the entire Hunter community in thanking Charles Sherover for his service as Ombudsman over the past three difficult years at Hunter. He has given us the full benefit of his long experience as a founder and a leader of the Senate. All of us--students, faculty, administration--are immeasurably indebted to him.	105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112

Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Tamara Green, Secretary of the Senate, presented the Report as distributed.	113 114
	a. <u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	115
	The following curriculum changes were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information:	116 117
	Items: UR-379, GR-147, US-376, US-378, US-367, US-368, US-373, US-375, GS-146, GS-148, GS-149.	118 119
	b. Because of the late hour, Prof. Green moved for approval of changing the order of the report by moving to Agenda Item 5. e.--nominations and election for Chairperson and members for the Nominating Committee--so that the Committee may function without delay.	120 121 122 123 124
	After discussion, Prof. Sherrill moved to hold over elections until the next Senate meeting, where they shall be the first item of business.	125 126 127
	The motion carried by voice vote.	128
	After further discussion a motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.	129 130

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:

Gail Gordon

Art:

Roy DeCarava  
Dennis McCarthy  
Richard Stapleford  
John Mac Wells "E"

Biology:

Richard Mawe

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Alfred Sears  
Jose Santiago

Chemistry: David Beveridge

Communications: Fulton Ross

Economics: Arthur Gruen  
Kenneth Smith

Educational Foundations: Vera Kwochka  
Hannah Schorr

English: Jane Benardete "E"

Geology & Geography: Roy Grossman

Health Sciences: Lee Margulies "E"  
Russell Sergeant "E"

Library: Milton Mittelman "E"

Nursing: Rita Wiczorek

Philosophy: William Bryar "E"

Political Science: Gil Elroy

Psychology: John Van Laer

Social Work: Ben Kazmerski  
Joel Walker

Sociology: Paulette Pierce  
Robert Perinbanayagam

Theatre & Cinema: Daniel Koetting  
Richard Tomkins

Urban Affairs: Stephen Johnston

Dean Gerald Freund  
Dean Walter Weiss "E"

STUDENTS:

Graduate Students:

Marie Schoeff  
Linda Meany  
Joanna Rogers  
Kenneth Molinari  
Charlotte Martin  
Luis Agustin  
Linda Prather

Seek Students:

Susan Vasquez  
Sharon Bailey

Day Session Students:

Richard Flores  
Adam Gerstein  
Gypsy Menor  
Adele Francis  
Anthony Palmieri

Evening Session Students:

Linda Bryant  
Jeri Beth Arzberger  
Marie Luci Brutus  
Patricia Donowski  
Alexandra Matusinka

"E" = Excused