

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
11 October 1989**

	The 246th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:00 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Jo Kirsch, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President LeClerc's report:	6
	President LeClerc said: "I'll take only a few minutes of your time this afternoon to make some announcements and then to answer questions. These announcements fall into the category of good news at Hunter, and I hope that they are as pleasant to hear as they are to say.	7 8 9 10
	First, in spite of the difficulties that we had with major areas of our budget last year, it was nonetheless a good year in terms of fund-raising. Directly or indirectly through efforts out of my office, about \$24M of new monies came into the College. You already know that we were successful in getting \$20.1M for rehabilitation of important spaces in the North Building. Another very, very important challenge that faced me when I came to the College had to do with the Hunter Playhouse, which is desperately in need of repair and restoration. \$2M had already been received to begin that work. \$1M of that came from Mrs. Sylvia Kaye, the widow of Danny Kaye, and the other \$1M from the State of New York. But the cost for the entire renovation project was \$6.38M, and it fell to the new president to start putting together a package of funding for over \$4M for the Playhouse project. We were successful in getting another \$2M from the State, and we received \$1M out of the Manhattan Capital Budget monies from Borough President David Dinkins and Councilman Robert Dreyfus, with the blessing of other friends in the political arena of New York City. In addition, Mrs. Kaye has given us another half million dollars, and we brought in about \$200,000 through various fund-raising efforts. So, we are now within about \$500,000 of completing that campaign. That gives me very great pleasure because the Playhouse will be an exceedingly important facility for us, and will help us lead a rich and flourishing cultural life. We are beginning the last phase of the budget campaign for renovating the Playhouse this Saturday evening with a Benefit Performance of a reading by Claire Bloom of texts by Shakespeare. Over one hundred people have bought expensive tickets, \$250.00 a piece for this benefit, and the gross receipts for this Saturday evening should be in excess of \$50,000. I am told that this will be the single most successful benefit of any kind that we have had in Hunter's history. We will now appeal to specific foundations to put us over the top of this project, and I am quite confident that we will be able to bring the Playhouse budget in on target within the course of the next twenty-four months or so.	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
	Some of you may know that last Spring the College received what I think is the single largest corporate gift in our history from the Burroughs Wellcome Corporation. Gertrude Elion, our distinguished alumna and recent Nobel laureate, who works for the corporation, helped shape the nature of this gift. It is a quarter of a million dollars for the support of scholarships for women students of science at Hunter. These may be Hunter women undergraduates who are studying science here and who will pursue a doctorate in the sciences with us, or they may be Hunter women who take scholarship support into doctoral level programs elsewhere. It is a very, very nice gift, and we are delighted to have received it. In addition to that, as you know, we received last December a Mellon grant for another quarter of a million dollars.	41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52
	Eugene Lange, who is the brother of a Hunter alumna and the son of a Hunter alumna, and who is a very important philanthropist, has consistently funded over the course of the last year a faculty development program for junior faculty in the pre-tenure years. He gave us \$15,000 last year, and he is interested in continuing that program. We have been able so far to fund about 10 faculty in their pre-tenure years, and to help them with their research. Mr. Lange is also contributing \$100,000 to the College to help in the cost of renovating the recital hall in the North Building, which will be named after his mother.	53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

Last year the faculty and staff of the College registered an increase in excess of 11% in the amount of funded research and sponsored programs that have come into Hunter. We were close to \$14.5M, making us the second largest institution in terms of grants and contracts within the CUNY system, second only to City College.

Also on the positive front, two individuals or groups of individuals have joined the Hunter community this year, and I think it is important that you know about them. One is Alan Lomax, who is probably the most distinguished musicologist in all of America, and one might say as well in the entire world. Alan Lomax is the man who is responsible almost single-handedly for recording American folk music back in the 30's and 40's. He has one of the most important collections of ethnic music from around the world, which is now housed at one of our facilities, the Vorhees Building. This building, which used to belong to New York City Technical College, is located behind the Port Authority Bus Terminal. It is the site of our MFA program in the Fine Arts, and we can now boast of some of the best facilities of any urban, public or private institution. Alan Lomax will be an enormous asset to us, particularly in the development of our graduate program in ethnomusicology. He will be of assistance to students and faculty from the fields of music, communications, anthropology, as well as sociology.

The other academic entity that has joined us is the American Social History project, which used to be housed at the Graduate Center and needed some space. The Communications Department was generous in offering a modest amount of space. The project director, Steve Briar, and his colleagues are a group of individuals that have made important documentaries having to do with American history, American Social history, and American labor history. We are now working out relationships with several departments at the College in the Divisions of Humanities and Arts, Programs in Education, and Social Sciences, so that the work of Steve and his colleagues will be nicely rooted at no cost to us at Hunter.

Finally, let me say that I read with interest the resolution that was passed at the last Senate meeting, having to do with the hot topic of paychecks being mailed and who pays the postage. I think that for the remainder of this year we should revert to the practice that existed previously, and consider what our options are and what the best policies should be with regard to how much of this cost we absorb or don't absorb in the future. So, for the remainder of this academic year we will continue to mail checks to employees homes or banks, and I will ask the Acting Vice President for Administration to confer with colleagues from throughout the College as to what the best policy for us should be in the future. If that means that individuals pay a modest fee of about \$8.00 a year for paychecks to be mailed, we will consider doing that, but I will look to him and others for some recommendations in this regard. Those constitute my comments, and I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have."

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

Prof. Kirsch presented the report as follows:

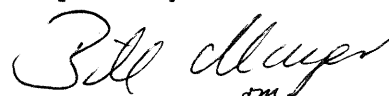
- a. She informed the Senate that the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee is reviewing its report concerning proficiency testing of non-degree students, taking into consideration questions raised by the Evening Session Council. The Committee will report to the Senate as soon as possible, probably in November.
- b. Approved Curriculum Changes
The following curriculum changes, as listed in the report dated 11 October 1989, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Item GR-300 (School of Health Sciences).
- c. Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate—Fall 1989
Prof. Kirsch presented the list of nominees as submitted.

A motion to approve the nominations as a package carried by voice vote and the following were elected:

- Faculty: Prof. Thomas McIntyre (Special Education)
Prof. Stan Davis (Theatre & Film)

	Prof. Eleanor Gilpatrick (School of Health Sciences)	122
	Prof. Athlyn Sawyer (Academic Skills)	123
	Prof. Milagros Garcia (Academic Skills)	124
	Mr. Robin T. Soto (Academic Skills)	125
	Mr. Dennis Paoli (English)	126
<u>Students:</u>	Karen Morita (Honors/History) Evening	127
	Evan Camp (Evening)	128
	Michelle Goffe (Computer Science) Evening	129
	Wendy Chin (Psychology) Day	130
	Lisa Conklin (Physics/Chinese) Day	131
	Letitia Hazel (Psychology/PreMed) Day	132
	Amy Kossoy (Sociology/Philosophy)	133
	Sandy Lee (Day)	134
	Joan Winkfield (Communications) Day	135
	Woei-Ming New (Economics) Day	136
	Dynnah Barthold (Psychology) Day	137
	Voting cards were distributed to the newly elected senators.	138
Committee Reports:	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	139
	Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the committee's slate to fill seats currently vacant on Senate committees.	140 141
	The floor was open for further nominations, but none were received.	142
	A motion to approve the slate as presented carried by voice vote. The following were elected:	143 144
	<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	145
	Faculty Alternate: Prof. Pamela Mills (Chemistry)	146
	Student: Ms. Erica Chinha (Poli. Sci.)	147
	<u>Budget Committee</u>	148
	Student: Ms. Sandy Lee (Freshman) Day	149
	<u>Departmental Governance Committee</u>	150
	Prof. Al Bennick, Chair of the Committee, presented the new Bylaws for the School of Health Sciences as submitted.	151 152
	After brief discussion, the Bylaws for the School of Health Sciences were approved by hand vote.	153 154
New Business:	<u>Draft proposal for Asbestos Control Program</u>	155
	Prof. Kirsch presented the proposal as submitted, and opened the floor for discussion.	156 157
	Vice President Barry Kaufman and Prof. Jack Caravanos, members of the Hunter College Environmental Safety Committee, answered questions from the floor, and noted concerns and recommendations for review by the committee.	158 159 160
	In response to a question from the floor concerning Con Edison steam pipes in the vicinity of Hunter College, Vice President Kaufman replied that this point had been made and that the situation would be reviewed with Con Edison.	161 162 163
	Mr. Camp asked if it would be possible for the Senate to host a town meeting with representatives from the Environmental Safety Committee, Con Edison, student government leaders, and other appropriate individuals, including a doctor from Mount Sinai Hospital.	164 165 166 167
	Prof. Kirsch replied that the Administrative Committee would consult with Vice President Kaufman and look into the possibility of scheduling a meeting.	168 169
	A motion to adjourn carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.	170 171

Respectfully submitted,



William Mayer,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Athlyn Sawyer
Phyllis Rubinfeld
Robin Soto

Anthropology: John Oates

Art: Wayne Dynes
Richard Stapleford

Biology: Ezra Shahn
Katherine Lyser

Chemistry: Angelo Santoro
Jeff Wijnen

Communications: Thomas Mader "E"
Serafina Bathrick

Computer Science: Eric Schweitzer

Curriculum & Teaching: Richard Smolens

Economics: Avi Liveson
Howard Chernick

Educational Foundations: Joan Buxbaum "E"

English: Neal Tolchin
Sybil Brinberg

Geology & Geography: Richard Liebling

German: Dorothy James

Health & Physical Educ: Franklyn Greenberg

History: James Harrison

Library: Tom Jennings

Mathematics: Daniel Chess
Sandra Clarkson

Music: Jana Feinman "E"

Political Science: Ken Ericksen
Carolyn Somerville
Rosalind Petchesky
Vincent Tirelli

Psychology: Sam Korn

Romance Languages: Juan Gonzalez-Millan

Social Work: Roberta Graziano
Marsha Martin
Elizabeth Landing

Sociology: John Cuddihy
Charles Green

Student Services: Madlyn Stokely

Theatre & Film: Ellen Sumter
Dan Koetting
Stan Davis

Urban Affairs: Stanley Moses

Dean Erwin Fleissner
Dean Carlos Hortas

STUDENTS:

Blaise Hancock
John Nilsen
Joseph Weiss
Kian Frederick
Michelle Goffe
Dennis Bianco
Shannon Gibney
Keisha Gaither
Sandra Maxwell
Simon Campbell
Michael Lazzarotti
Beatrice Vides
Lisa Conklin
Letitia Hazel
Michael Hewitt
Rick Rozos
Francis Quilang
Prem Isaac
Erick Lee "E"
Cecil Mark
Christopher Burns
Wayne Hodge
Constance Simmons
Woei-Ming New
Dynnah Barthold
Estelle Sauerstrom "E"
Kim Ray
Dorothy Waters
Adria Quinones
Mark Windley
Guy Conti
Norma Moy
Rudolph Gianaccia
Teresa Forte
Evelyn Li
Dragan Milanovic
Olga Pajovic
Barbara Murray