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**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
2 October 1996**

	The 335th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Barbara L. Hampton, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate, with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Agenda:	The agenda was adopted as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	7 8
	President Caputo yielded the floor to the Vice President for Administration, Dr. Evangelos Gizis.	9 10
	A written statement by Vice President Gizis summarizes his report is as follows:	11
	<u>"Repair of Chillers"</u>	12
	Of the two chillers that provide air conditioning to the East and West Buildings, one is non-operational and has been replaced by a rental unit; and the other is in operation, but in need of repair.	13 14 15
	During the Columbus Day weekend, DASNY will test the two chillers to determine the scope of repairs. The College's chiller that is currently operational will be placed off-line after October 15, 1996. DASNY has prepared a repair schedule that assumes that the repairs to both chillers will be completed by April 1997 when the chillers will be needed.	16 17 18 19 20
	<u>Planning for a New H.V.A.C.(Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning) Plant</u>	21
	The University, DASNY and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) are considering building a central cooling and heating plant for Hunter College (North, East, and West Building). The new plant will be funded, if the project is approved, from energy savings.	22 23 24 25
	Burns and Roe Enterprises, Inc. has been contracted by the University to evaluate recommendations made by NYPA.	26 27
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:	28
	<u>Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate</u>	29
	In accordance with Article IV, 2.H.i & ii of the Hunter College Governance Charter, Professor Hampton presented the list of nominees as distributed.	30 31
	It was moved that the student nominees be approved as a slate. The motion carried by hand vote, and the following were elected to the Senate:	32 33
	E. Tony Berkel (History/Intern. Affairs)	34
	Shannon T. Richards (Psychology/MARC)	35
	Orlando Rodriguez (Media/English)	36
	Marie Benoit (Honors/Communications)	37
	Marco Tomaschett (Philosophy)	38
	David Siroonian	39
	It was moved that the faculty nominees be approved as a slate. The motion carried by hand vote and the following were elected to the Senate:	40 41
	Dana E. Waltzman (SHS/Communications Science)	42
	Giuseppe Di Scipio (Romance Languages)	43
	Phyllis Rubenfeld (SEEK)	44
	William Wimberly (SEEK)	45

Reactivation of Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement 46
 Professor Hampton presented the following proposal as distributed: 47

On October 8, 1986, the Hunter College Senate declared the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement inactive, but not dissolved. The Administrative Committee proposes the immediate reactivation of the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement in relation to the educational goals of Hunter College. 48
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The Administrative Committee and the Nominating Committee recommend that the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement be reconstituted with the following membership: 53
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Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement 56

Chair: Andrew Polsky (Political Science) 57

Faculty 58

Dorothy James (German) 59
 Pamela Mills (Chemistry) 60
 Kimberly Kinsler (Educ. Found.) 61
 Jason Young (Psychology) 62
 Bill Williams (Mathematics & Stat.) 63
 David Kotelchuck (Health Sciences) 64

Students 58

Greer Ann Boyd (B&PR St.) 59
 Samantha Farinella (Film/Wom. St.) 60
 Cassandra Ritas (Honors Prog.) 61

Ex-officio: Chair, Undergraduate Course of Study Committee 65

The Committee shall report back to the Senate at the meeting of 19 March 1997. 66
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After discussion the question was called and carried. 68

It was moved that the Select Committee on the Distribution Requirement be reactivated in accordance with the above proposal. 69
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The motion carried by hand vote with no opposition. 71

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee 72

Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the Report dated 10 October 1996 as distributed. 73
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It was moved that nominations be accepted as a slate. The motion carried, and the following were elected: 75
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Undergraduate Course of Study Committee 77

Faculty Alternate: George Gonzalez (C&T) 78

Grade Appeals Committee 79

Faculty Alternate: Sandra Clarkson (Math.) 80

Review Comm. on Distribution and Pluralism & Diversity Requirements 81

Student Alternate: Hannah Craven (German) 82

Graduate Course of Study Committee 83

Faculty from Education: David Hodges (Educ. Found.) 84

Committee on the Library 85

Faculty from Education: Frank Gardella (C&T) 86

Student: Miriam Fettman (Honors) 87

Student Standing Committee 88

Faculty Alternate: Marilyn May (Nursing) 89

Calendar Committee 90

Faculty from Education: Ira Kanis (C&T) 91

Student: Hannah Craven (German) 92

<u>Departmental Governance Committee</u>	93
Faculty from Education: Alene Smith (C&T)	94
<u>Charter Review Committee</u>	95
Faculty from Education: Ruth Rose (C&T)	96
<u>Computing & Technology Committee</u>	97
Faculty from Humanities: Ian Calderon (Theatre & Film)	98
Faculty from Sciences & Math.: Godfrey Gumbs (Physics)	99
Faculty from Health Professions: Steven Baumann (Nursing)	100
New Business: <u>Re: Doctoral Program Planning and Doctoral Faculty Replenishment</u>	101
Professor Hampton recommended that the Senate go into a quasi committee of the whole to discuss the Draft Report of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Doctoral Program Planning and Doctoral Faculty Replenishment that was distributed.	102 103 104
It was so moved, and the Senate dissolved into a quasi committee of the whole.	105
The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:30 PM.	106 107
Professor Press recommended that we advise the President of the following:	108
1. That we repudiate the report on the grounds of process.	109
2. That we would like the President to communicate to the Committee a number of concerns, (e.g., the particular choice of departments for inclusion; the peculiar and distorted relationship between hiring at the college and hiring at the graduate center; the point about equal opportunity; quality control)	110 111 112 113 114
3. That we look forward to future discussions at which time additional concerns will be made known, so that it is clear that this list is not intended to be comprehensive.	115 116 117
Professor Sherrill moved that we adopt Professor Press' recommendations today, and entertain an additional motion at a subsequent meeting.	118 119
After discussion the motion was approved by voice vote.	120
It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.	121 122

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Sherrill *tm*
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Anthropology:	William Parry Ida Susser Nancy Flowers	SEEK:	Maria Rodriguez Phyllis Rubenfeld William Wimberly
Art:	Jeffrey Mongrain Emily Braun William Agee Peter Dudek	Social Work:	Eleanor Bromberg Malka Sternberg
Biological Sciences:	Ezra Shahn	Sociology:	Jack Cuddihy Ruth Sidel
Black & P.R. Studies:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno	Theatre & Film:	Ricahrd Tomkins
Chemistry:	Charles Michael Drain Lynn Francesconi Richard Franck	Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp Stanley Moses
Classics:	Alex Alexander "E"	Vice Pres. Sylvia Fishman "E"	
Communications:	Peter Parisi Stewart Ewen		
Curriculum & Teaching:	Dolores Fernandez Anthony Picciano Rosa Boone	STUDENTS:	Clarissa Canadas David Wallach "E" Ramiro Campos Michael Hernandez Diana Frye E. Tony Berkel Ruth Couch Danira Munari Hyon K. Kim Gary Braglia
Economics:	Avi Liveson Howard Chernick Terence Agbeyegbe Nashwa George		
Educational Foundations:	Kimberly Kinsler		
English:	Trudy Smoke Sylvia Roshkow		
Geography:	Peter Combs		
Health Sciences:	Beth Richie		
History:	Barbara Welter "E" Marta Petruszewicz "E" Bernadette McCauley "E"		
Library:	Pamela Wonsek "E"		
Mathematics & Statistics:	Barbara Barone		
Music:	Susan Gonzalez		
Nursing:	Margaret Lunney		
Physics & Astronomy:	Robert Marino Martin DenBoer		
Political Science:	John Wallach Joan Tronto "E"		
Psychology:	Robert Fried Phil Ziegler		
Romance Languages:	Julius Purczynsky		

APPENDIX II

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's Report to the Senate. He said:

"I have several comments that I would like to make this afternoon. First, I would like to congratulate Professors Nicholas Freudenberg and Genie Birch on the HUD funding of their three year community partnership proposal. It is an outstanding proposal and it is the first major grant that was started under the Urban Outreach Initiative and there will be more publicity about it. It involves a partnership with a variety of community organizations in the South Bronx area.

Second, I would also like to congratulate Professors Dorothy Helly of our History Department and Marina Wang of Baruch's English Department, who will be receiving the American Association of University Women's Progress in Equity Award for 1997 for their program "Balancing the Curriculum for Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Class." This is the New York City's Chapter Award and they will also be entered in the national competition. So, congratulations there.

Third, I am pleased to tell you that our undergraduate enrollment is up. In fact between 5 and 10% based on the different calculations, full-time equivalents, and so on. Across the university there is a small decline. Some colleges have a more precipitous decline, but we are up. I believe two other senior colleges, John Jay and Lehmann are also up. Unfortunately, our graduate enrollment is continuing to decrease. I will be asking the Provost to consider ways to change that. The decline is gradual but it is very distinct. So we need to be concerned about that.

I am also pleased to announce two things related to undergraduate student aid. One is that the Gertrude Orcut Loan Fund has been established on a bequest provided us. This fund will make additional loan funds available to our students. The president's office hopes to have other announcements in the near future concerning the availability of increased student aid funds primarily derived from gifts that the college is receiving. And then, related to that I would like to point out to everybody in this room, and I think most of you are probably familiar with the work being done in the Hunter community by the Scholarship and Welfare Fund. This is a group of committed supporters who raised nearly \$800,000 this past year in terms of their basic endowment, and awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships and grants to more than 750 Hunter students. Without the continued dedication and hard work of groups such as this many students would not find it possible to attend Hunter. I would like to read an excerpt from a student thanking the Scholarship and Welfare Fund for their support. And I quote: "I was a recipient of a Hunter Scholars Award from 1986 through 1990. I am delighted to inform you that in January 1996 I completed the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology at Stanford University. I can not begin to describe how grateful I am to your organization. Your generosity to this poor kid from Coney Island ten years ago made it possible for him to get his bachelor's degree. Over the years to come I hope to be fortunate enough to be able to invest at least that much in Hunter scholars in the future. Thank you for helping me attain the education at Hunter College that has served me so very well." I think that it is important that not only did an individual take the time to send thanks, but he also committed himself to repaying and trying to help other students in the future. That is one of the themes that I know Tim Harwood and others in Development are trying to stress as we work with individual donors this year.

I also want to mention one thing that came up at Monday's Trustees meeting. At that meeting the Chancellor circulated a list of grants of \$100,000 or more that were received since the last Board meeting in June. You will be pleased to know that City College had 13 such grants, Lehmann had 2, Queens had 5, and Hunter had 41. I would like to offer my congratulations to everyone who is responsible and I also am sure that everyone would join me in thanking Bob Buckley and all in his office for the support that they provide.

Now, I know you have heard me mention on more than one occasion a series of proposals concerning restructuring and so on. I will have those at the next Senate meeting on the 23rd. This is taking a fair amount of time and obviously a great deal of thought and, hopefully, you will agree on the thought process when I present them on the 23rd for discussion. Related to that are two matters. First, I would like to

encourage the faculties and administrative leadership at Health Sciences and Nursing to continue to move towards their proposed merger. I would like to see that discussion completed and the final recommendation brought to the appropriate bodies in both schools, and to the appropriate bodies in the college as soon as possible. And then, you will remember the discussion in this body last year regarding Theatre & Film and Communications. I have asked the Provost to have a recommendation regarding these changes after both departments have had a full discussion and have expressed their collective opinions. I would encourage full and open discussion by all parties involved and I am sure that will be the case.

I would also like to bring to your attention something that you should have received in the mail, and that is a brochure on the fall celebration. The Millennium Speaker for Friday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. is Carl McCall, Comptroller of the State of New York, who will be making a major address on the future of higher education. So we are encouraging you to attend a variety of things, including the afternoon speech, but we also encourage you to do what you can to have your students come also. We will have as much publicity out as possible but this promises to be an important address. There are also a variety of other things at work. I would like to thank the faculty who are going to be part of the back-to-class sessions on Saturday morning. You are certainly free to come and hear what your colleagues are saying about a variety of issues of importance. So we are looking forward to this. We think it will be a very nice break, and we hope that you will have as many students there. We also hope to have some prospective students on campus during this time so they get a flavor for what Hunter is and what we stand for.

The last thing I want to mention is that Cindy Heilberger is passing out to you now a voter registration form. We are actually going to give you forms, making it as easy as possible for those of you who live in the City of New York to register to vote. If you have already registered to vote, please take the form and give it to somebody else who has not. These can be mailed in until the 11th or so. It has to be postmarked by then. It involves a simple matter of filling out a form. This will make you eligible to vote and so please do so. We will be talking in future meetings about the need to make sure that you do in fact vote, because this particular election is very important for those of us who believe in public higher education."