

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
25 October 1995**

	The 323rd 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 with the deletion of agenda item 3.a.	6
Minutes:	The Minutes of October 11th were approved as distributed.	7
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate:	8 9
	He said: "I have several brief comments and then several issues which you should be aware of. First, I hope many of you had the opportunity to hear Costa Rican President Jose Maria Figueres in the Assembly Hall last Monday. His presentation and visit was simply outstanding, and a real tribute to Hunter. He actually stayed longer and decided to pass on the Lincoln Center festivities. He answered every single question that was asked and every person wanted to ask him a question. It was most impressive.	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
	This coming Friday there is an important environmental conference for which you should have received a notice. If you have a chance to get to the Kaye Playhouse, I am sure you will find this very informative.	18 19 20
	<u>Re: Committees</u>	21
	I believe I mentioned that I was in the process of appointing several committees. Since then, based on nominations from Professor Hampton and several other people, the Strategic Plan Committee, the Communications Committee, the Aesthetics Committee, and a Fall Convocation Committee have all been appointed. Letters are either in the process of going out, or have been sent out.	22 23 24 25 26 27
	I want to reiterate something that I mentioned at the last meeting. Any recommendations for change, coming especially from the Strategic Plan Committee, will be brought to the floor of the Senate for full discussion. I want to make sure that there is no misunderstanding there.	28 29 30 31
	Since I am busy appointing people to various committees, I want you to know that I, too, have been appointed to a committee. For the next year I will be serving on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Council of Presidents.	32 33 34 35
	<u>Re: Budget</u>	36
	I want to bring you up to date on just how dire the budget situation is. As you know, our Temp Services and OTPS budgets have been very sharply cut. The only way this could have been avoided would have been to make much sharper personnel cuts last year during the time of retrenchment. Since personnel services cover so much of the budget any decrease there has to be deep in order to offset other decreases.	37 38 39 40 41 42
	Now, hopefully, the good news may be that we will not have a mid-semester or an additional mid-year reduction, although that remains unclear. Also unclear is what is going to happen to the various colleges that have failed to meet their enrollment goals. We still have an opportunity to meet ours at Hunter for the second semester. Hopefully, we will be able to do that.	43 44 45 46 47 48
	I mentioned last time that a hiring freeze will be imposed for any resignations after November 1st. It means that there is a very strong probability that positions will not be filled. This should help in case we do end up with a mid year cut and also if there are further cuts next year.	49 50 51 52

In terms of next year -- again we fully expect a very difficult budget year. 53
There are various rumors coming out of Albany, but it is my hope that 54
we can avoid further retrenchment next year. We will not know that until 55
we hear exactly what the Governor is proposing and have a better feel 56
for what is going to happen politically in terms of the budget debate in 57
the Legislature. I would say at this point that there is no reason to be 58
optimistic that next year is going to be better than this year. Everyone 59
must understand that the bottom line in all of this is that it is not business 60
as usual, and that we are going to have some very difficult decisions to 61
make this coming spring unless the budget situation should change drasti- 62
cally. 63

We will have to have full discussions. One of the things that has been 64
clear as I have talked with people over the past few months, is that there 65
has been a widespread feeling that across the board cuts are not the way 66
to go. Instead we need to focus on some basic reorganization. I will have 67
some proposals related to that at the beginning of the second semester 68
to form a basis for discussion in the spring. 69


Re: SEEK 70
Another matter about which you may be hearing some rumors, and which 71
I want to clarify, is concerning the SEEK Program. A two-part proposal 72
was sent from this campus to the Board of Trustees late in Spring, and 73
then followed up during the summer. The proposal abolished the SEEK 74
Department, reassigning some of the faculty in that department to various 75
academic departments, and assigning those who are largely faculty invol- 76
ved with counseling and others to the Student Services. The first part 77
has been approved by the Board and that will not change. However, we 78
have been told by 80th Street that we have received tentative approval 79
for the second part of the plan and that the remaining SEEK faculty and 80
others have to be transferred into a program that has a faculty planning 81
and budgeting unit. We are in the process of figuring out what the best 82
way of doing that is. We will be talking to SEEK faculty as soon as we 83
get some clarification from 80th Street as to exactly what the various 84
possibilities are that the Board is willing to approve. There will be further 85
discussion about that. 86

Comments: 87
I want to point out something that has a direct impact on us, and perhaps 88
a very damaging impact on a number of our students. There are provisions 89
in both the House and Senate Welfare legislation that would severely re- 90
strict the access legal immigrants to the United States would have to- 91
wards a variety of federal education loan programs. It appears from the 92
analysts that CUNY students would be the largest group impacted by this. 93
It is again a piece of legislation that I think is another example of the 94
shortsighted policy and a failure to realize that a dollar invested in educa- 95
tion pays both individual and societal dividends if not immediately, then 96
certainly during the lifetime of that individual. The Senate version is par- 97
ticularly onerous and the House version is only partly onerous, which 98
means that chances are very good that something onerous will be passed. 99
Now, the question is whether or not the President is going to veto it as 100
he has indicated. But he has also indicated that he could live with certain 101
provisions, especially if some of the education aspects were changed. It 102
is up in the air as to what will happen. If you have any desire to write 103
on behalf of the students that would be affected, this would be a good 104
time to do so. It could have a very damaging impact on the students' abil- 105
ity to borrow money to finance their education. 106

Last thing, and closing on a positive note. Friday, November the 3rd is 107
going to be the beginning of a new Hunter tradition that will permit you 108
to engage in something that is relaxing as well as environmentally 109
rewarding. We are going to be planting bulbs in the planters on the vari- 110
ous terraces throughout the college from 11 to 4 PM. Bulbs will be provi- 111
ded as well as the appropriate utensils. We hope that you will take a few 112
minutes and encourage your colleagues to take a few minutes. Next 113
spring we will be able to see the results of our handiwork when things 114
bloom. It is a low cost alternative to the things that we would like to do, 115

	but we think that this will have some very positive benefits in terms of us getting a chance to better the community environmentally and ecologically, as well as getting a chance to interact a bit."	116 117 118
	President Caputo concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.	119
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:	120 121
	<u>Special Election to fill vacant Senate seats</u> There were no nominations.	122 123
	<u>Establishment of New Senate Committee</u> Professor Hampton presented the revised proposal dated 25 October 1995 for the establishment of a new Senate " Computing and Technology Advisory Committee. "	124 125 126 127
	After discussion, Professor Wallach moved that the motion be amended by adding the following #8:	128 129
	"8. college efforts to raise external funds for enhancing the college's capabilities in this area."	130 131
	After discussion, Professor Gilpatrick moved that the amendment be amended by changing the word "Raise" to " obtain, " and the word "funds" to " resources. "	132 133
	After discussion the question on Professor Gilpatrick's amendment to the amendment was called and carried.	134 135
	Professor Gilpatrick's amendment was approved by hand vote.	136
	The question on the amendment as amended was called and carried.	137
	The amendment as amended was approved by hand vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.	138 139
	The question on the main motion as amended was called and carried.	140
	The motion was approved by hand vote. (The entire proposal, as amended and approved, is reproduced in Appendix II.)	141 142
Items Carried Over From Last Meeting:	<u>Ratification of University Faculty Senate Charter</u> Professor Hampton presented the revised "Charter of the University Faculty Senate of the City University of New York" as distributed.	143 144 145
	Professor Kurzman moved that the "Charter" be ratified as presented.	146
	After brief discussion the motion carried with 36 in favor, none opposed, and one abstention.	147 148
	It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.	149 150

Respectfully submitted,


Kenneth S. Sherrill,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Anthropology:	William Parry Ida Susser Marc Edelman	Romance Languages:	Diana Conchado "E" Paolo Fasoli "E"
Art:	Joel Carreiro Emily Braun William Agee	Social Work:	Irwin Epstein Eleanor Bromberg Malka Sternberg
Biology:	Roger Persell Shirley Raps "E"	Sociology:	Jack Cuddihy Ruth Sidel "E"
Chemistry:	Jack Day Max Diem Nambi Krishnamachari	Special Education:	Marsha Lupi "E"
Classics:	Robert Koehl Tamara Green	Theatre & Film:	Alkis Popoutsis
Communications:	Gregory Morris	Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp
Computer Science:	Marilyn Rothschild	Dean Carlos Hortas Acting Dean Susan Lees "E" Dean Hugh Scott	
Curriculum & Teaching:	Dolores Fernandez Nana Koch	STUDENTS:	
Economics:	Avi Liveson Howard Chernick Terence Agbeyegbe Nashwa George	Miguel Muirhead Johane Alexandre Emmanuel Roy Lonny Paris Alisha Ostacher Diana Fryda Cheri Appel Kimberly Baxter Allison Lavalas Jesse Ambers Maureen Lane Tanya Brown Hiro Komatsubara Shantih Brando Desire Wilson Tamara Gayer Mercedes Batista Carin Horowitz Mary Ann Dolan "E" Anna Matkovic Corina Vizhnay Gary Braglia Michael Avrut	
Educational Foundations:	Kimberly Kinsler Linda Perkins David Hodges Caroline Adkins "E"		
English:	Allan Brick Karen Greenberg Trudy Smoke Marcia Lipson		
Geology & Geography:	Jeffrey Osleeb Richard Liebling Ine Miyares		
German:	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius		
Health Sciences:	Beth Richie		
History:	Bernadette McCauley		
Mathematics:	Ada Peluso Sandra Clarkson Jane Matthews Roy Connell		
Music:	Melinda Wagner		
Physics & Astronomy:	Martin den Boer Robert Marino		
Political Sciences:	Andrew Polsky "E"		
Psychology:	Gerald Turkewitz Peter Moller "E"		

A P P E N D I X I I

NEW SENATE COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Hunter College Senate shall establish a **Computing & Technology Advisory Committee**, consisting of one faculty member from each of the divisions, the School of Social Work, the Library, and one faculty member at-large who conducts research that depends on computers and who complements and diversifies the knowledge base of the committee; and one student. Two members of the staff and the Director of Academic Computing Services shall serve without vote. The chair shall be a faculty member elected by the voting membership of the committee.

The Committee shall both propose and review computing technology plans and strategies as they impact on the instructional, research, and administrative functions at the College. The committee will consult with all affected communities before issuing proposals or review documents. Goals of this committee would include using technology to improve all aspects of the College functioning in a manner which enhances productivity for all members of the College community and spreads both the benefits and costs of these technologies equitably among the members of the community.

Specifically, the Committee shall be asked to address:

1. strategies to assure full Internet and World Wide Web access for students, faculty, and staff including part-time faculty and staff from both on-campus and remote locations;
2. the use of computing to enhance the instructional mission of the College, with particular focus on the use of multimedia, WWW and e-mail.
3. the means to provide computer-based student services and administrative functions including:
 - a. providing up-to-date instructional information such as phone directory, campus map, special events
 - b. responding to the need for individual information such as electronic transcripts
 - c. providing electronic services such as Bookstore purchases, class registration and information
4. the expansion of staff training and faculty seminars
5. staff access to appropriate hardware and software
6. student access to hardware and software through either lease or purchase of hardware or software.
7. allocations and expenditures of college resources intended for computing and technology.
8. college efforts to obtain external resources for enhancing the college's capabilities in this area.

Committee Membership:

Faculty:

Sciences & Mathematics: Roger Persell (Biology)
Social Sciences: Manfred Kuechler (Sociology)
Humanities & Arts: George Yudice (Romance Lang.)
Education: Anthony Picciano (Curric. & Teaching)
Health Professions: Khurshheed Navder (HealthSci.)
School of Social Work: Harriet Goodman
Library: Pamela Wonsek
At-large: Christopher Ward (Computer Science)
Alternate: Louis Massa (Chemistry)

Students:

Douglas Williamson (Geol. & Geog.)
Alternate: Brett Gilman (Geol. & Geog.)

Ex-officio:

Marc Eichen, Director, Acad.Comp.
Yechiel Rosenrauch, Registrar
Howard Tarragon, Student Services