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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
23 March 1988

	The 233rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:05 PM in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	F. Fulton Ross, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of February 17th and February 24th were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President LeMelle's report:	7
	The President reported a number of items which have come from the Board of Trustees as a result of the last Board meeting. One item addresses the definition, clarification and codification of the University's policy on the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—on AIDS. For the last two years the Board has been collecting information and advice, and established an advisory committee. There now is a CUNY policy on AIDS which applies to the entire university. Copies of the policy statement will be distributed to deans and chairs, who will be asked to discuss the policy at divisional and department meetings, and to other parts of the college so that everyone will know what the policy is. President LeMelle urged everyone to read the statement carefully. He informed the Senate that the Board is providing a summary of the policy statement and has developed a very useful question-and-answer guide.	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
	The Board has also approved a policy statement on Pluralism and Diversity, which approaches the issue of affirmative action in a broader context. There are some recommendations for action that colleges in CUNY are being asked to address. For example, the appointment of a university level task force to review and make recommendations concerning the breadth of distribution of minority students across all undergraduate and graduate degree programs. A mechanism for the recruitment of faculty and staff exists and can be implemented across the university, as we have already done at Hunter, where the President certifies that a search is appropriate, which means that departments meet with the affirmative action officer of the college before the search begins, to develop a search plan. We have taken a positive approach, whereby we are not just collecting data, but are planning beforehand and getting assistance on just how one goes about searching for faculty and staff in under-represented groups.	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
	The final item of particular interest to the Senate, has to do with the Board proposal on curriculum reform in the preparation of teachers, which caused some consternation when it was initially submitted. At the public meeting last week some 140 people from all units of CUNY testified before the Board. The result was a resolution which clearly differentiates between the responsibility of the Board to establish broad policy, and the responsibility of the faculty with regard to the development of curriculum and academic programs.	36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43
	President LeMelle concluded his report by answering questions from the floor. He then yielded the floor to Pat Falk.	44 45
	Pat Falk, Director of Community Relations, reported that there is not much news from Albany as yet on the budget, and that the little news there is is not terrific. She said that she is not too optimistic that there will be much of an increase. One important item for CUNY is that the legislators seem to have accepted the importance of additional funding for graduate education. All the letters that were sent over the last couple of years have helped to get our message across. She then thanked those who wrote letters this year.	46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Bill Mayer, Secretary of the Senate, presented the report as follows:	54
	<u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	55
	The following changes as listed in the report dated 23 March 1988, were approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-683 (Black & Puerto Rican Studies), UR-690 (Music), US-641 (Academic Skills), US-678 (Communications), US-679 and US-680 (Biological Sciences).	56 57 58 59 60
	<u>Asbestos Watch</u>	61
	The following is a summary statement of the report presented by Professor Jack Caravanos and Vice President Anthony Picciano:	62 63
	Prof. Caravanos reported on behalf of the Environmental Safety Committee which, over the last three years, has dealt with issues such as ventilation, moisture, chemical safety, fire, new smoking policy, and the issue of radioactive materials—where they should go and the purchase of them. The asbestos issue including the development of an approach for addressing the asbestos problems which are centered in the North Building, Playhouse, and Brookdale, has taken a lot of the committee's time. The approach was to set up a policy concerning Hunter's role in doing asbestos abatement. Initially the Committee agreed that we should get involved only in emergency situations where asbestos is contaminating an area by sending in a response team to clean up small areas. The Committee is in the process of drafting a policy, a manual on procedures, which would lay out the proper procedures for doing the cleanup, the reporting, the paper work, and the air monitoring. At the moment activities are on hold until the committee's reevaluation is completed.	64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78
	Vice-President Anthony Picciano added the following points to the report: He said that large asbestos abatement projects are going out to firms on contract, and that we have entered into contracts to the tune of \$ 450,000 for 5 different locations in the North Building. We have also done a substantial amount of training. We have one architect on staff who is trained as an asbestos surveyor, and he does the evaluations. We also have six maintenance people who were trained as asbestos removers. Vice President Picciano said that his offer of last year to air sample any area upon request, was taken up by several individuals, and that tests were done in about 20 to 25 different locations. The tests have consistently shown up below any dangerous level, and typical air samples on the inside have shown the same level of asbestos comparable to that on the outside on Lexington Avenue. It is time now to review and reevaluate. He said that the dilemma is not with large jobs nor with the small emergency jobs. The questions arise with jobs in between, and whether they should be done in-house or contracted out. CUNY is reviewing their policy on asbestos abatement and they have this dilemma as well. Another problem is the unanswered question of what is the position of the trade unions in terms of their people doing this work. Right now there is no objection. By the same token we do not require staff to work with asbestos. Our group is made up strictly of volunteers.	79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99
	A question-and-answer-period followed.	100
Committee Reports:	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	101
	Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 23 March 1988, as distributed.	102 103
	The floor was open for further nominations.	104
	A motion to close nominations, and to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of each nominee carried by voice vote, and the following were elected:	105 106 107
	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	108
	Student: Simon Campbell (Poli.Sci.)	109
	<u>Review Commission on Distribution Requirements</u>	110
	Student Alternate: John Orlando (Poli.Sci/Honors)	111
	<u>Grade Appeals Committee</u>	112
	Faculty Alternate: Avi Liveson (Economics)	113
	Student Alternate: Robert Wright (Communications)	114

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<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u>	117
Prof. Shirley Raps, Chair of the Committee, presented the following resolution for Senate endorsement:	118
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BE IT RESOLVED, that there shall be a moratorium of one (1) year on proposals for the Distribution requirement from departments with course listings now in the Distribution Requirement.	120
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the moratorium does not apply to departments without such offerings or to new interdisciplinary course proposals which are being developed in accordance with Senate initiated recommendations for curriculum innovation.	123
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After discussion Prof. Polsky moved that the motion be amended by adding the following sentence to the first paragraph: "The moratorium will be in effect during the 1988/1989 academic year."	127
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After discussion the question was called and carried. The amendment was defeated with 26 opposed, 23 in favor, and 4 abstentions.	130
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After discussion Prof. Gropper moved that the motion be amended by adding the following sentence to the first paragraph:	132
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"The moratorium would commence on April 1st this year and end on April 1st, 1989."	134
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This amendment was accepted by the mover and became part of the main motion on the floor.	136
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After discussion Prof. Matthews moved that the second part of the motion be amended to read as follows:	138
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"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the moratorium does not apply to <u>courses that have already passed the challenge date for consideration for the Distribution Requirement</u> , or to departments without such offerings or to new..."	140
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After discussion the question was called and carried. The amendment was approved by hand vote.	144
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The question on the main motion as amended was called and carried.	146
The resolution, as amended, carried by hand vote.	147
The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.	148

Respectfully submitted,



William Mayer,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:		Dean Evelyn Gioiella "E"
		Dean Carlos Hortas
Academic Skills:	Marilyn Daley-Weston	Dean Erwin Fleissner
	Maria Rodriquez	Dean Everlena Holmes
Anthropology:	Sally McLendon	STUDENTS:
	Sally Uhl	Don Weiner
Art:	Richard Stapleford	Chris Kikis
	Anthony Panzera	Irene Hanna
	Susan Peterson	Simon Campbell
Black/P.R. Studies:	Henry Jackson	Dennis Bianco "E"
Chemistry:	Klaus Grohmann	Ghennady Khareyn
Communications:	Larry Shore	Amy Kossoy "E"
	Tom Mader	Maureen Walls
Economics:	Laura Randall	Allison Miller
Educ. Foundations:	Joan Buxbaum	James McKeever
	Sherry Graves	Leila Sharma
English:	Sybil Brinberg	Bernie Jones "E"
	John Stone "E"	Renuka Uma-Shanker "E"
German:	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius "E"	Karl Rutter
Health & Phys Educ:	Tom Burke	Francesca Amendolia
History:	Dolores Greenberg	Nina Katzander
Health Sciences:	Russell Sergeant "E"	Leatrice Richardson
	Karen O'Brien "E"	Nadine Rochler
Library:	J. Thomas Jennings	Sophia Muirhead
Mathematics:	Thomas Jambois "E"	David Mirtz
	Barbara Barone	John Willis
Music:	Marcia Eckert "E"	Karin Koehn
Nursing:	Diane Rendon	Norma Moy "E"
Philosophy:	Gerald Press	Chris Littleton
	Sue Weinberg "E"	Peter Gallert "E"
Political Science:	Michael Jaworskyj	Barbara Hughes
	Priscilla Handelman	Tomas Fabregas
	Sumit Ganguly	Aleza Ross
Romance Languages:	Alex Szogyi	
	Giuseppe DiScipio	
	Leonard Mades	
Social Work:	Yvonne Asamoah	
	Judith Rosenberger	
	Gary Anderson	
Sociology:	Vladimir Nahirny	
	Mary Curry	
Special Education:	Roberta Arrigo	
Theatre & Film:	Everett Aison	
Urban Affairs:	William Milczarski "E"	