

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
24 April 1996**

	The 331st meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 PM in Room W714.	1 2
<b>Presiding:</b>	Barbara L. Hampton, Chair	3
<b>Attendance:</b>	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
<b>Agenda:</b>	The agenda was adopted as presented.	6
	Professor Hampton reminded the Senate that Senate meetings will be held on May 1st and May 8th as previously scheduled. The May 15th meeting will be the first meeting of the new Senate.	7 8 9
<b>Minutes:</b>	The Minutes of March 27th were approved as distributed.	10 11
<b>Report by the President:</b>	The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate:	12 13
	<u>Re: Retrenchment</u>	14
	He said: "There are several matters. One matter that I am sure is weighing on everyone's mind is the question of retrenchment. The Retrenchment Committee has been formed, as you saw in <u>Open Line</u> , and has started its meetings. Look for an announcement around May 10th for several public discussions of the retrenchment plan that is going to be submitted. These are very difficult decisions for the committee, and I am sure for the entire community.	15 16 17 18 19 20 21
	<u>Re: Searches</u>	22
	I have been told by the Search Committee for Chief Librarian, as they are ending their first round of interviews, to expect a list of finalists by some time next week I have been informed by the Search Committee for Vice President for Administration, and I was not aware of that fact, that the usual practice was to publicize the three finalists. I will do so as soon as the finalists give me permission. One individual expressed some concerns and I will try to have that information as soon as I am able to reach this individual. If any of the candidates are invited back to campus for a visit it will be a full visit, and I will ask representatives of the Senate, the FDA, and others to be part of that visit.	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
	<u>Re: Budget</u>	33
	Your guess is as good as mine as to what is happening in Albany and when. All indications are that there has been no substantial progress, and nothing has improved our situation since the last time we spoke. There is no reason to think that there will be a quick resolution to this. Rumors are anything from there will be a budget in the next few days to there will be no budget until January. The one thing that we can do, which we must do, and which I would again encourage everybody sitting here to do, is for you to write, call, and visit members of your legislative delegation. If you have not done it do so, and if you have done it more than a couple of weeks ago do it again. It is very important that we continue to make sure that people understand the significance of these cuts, and what they mean to us as a college and as individuals, and what they mean to the students that we are attempting to educate. So, anything that you can do would be appreciated.	34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
	In the past few weeks I have made a series of phone calls to a variety of people in Albany, I have visited legislators, and I have given testimony before a Senate Committee that held hearings. We hope to have a delegation on campus in the next few days, and we have invited representatives of this body and other appropriate bodies to meet and talk with them. We are doing everything that we can, and you need to do everything that you can in terms of bringing political pressure to bear by calling, writing, and visiting our legislators. Again, I want to stress that. I have heard from some legislators that they are surprised that they have not heard more from CUNY and Hun-	47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

ter. So, let's get those letters out. I believe the Senate has sent about 5,000 letters to date. That is a good beginning, but think of it as a beginning. Anything that you can do would be very much appreciated.

I have been meeting with alumni clubs. I will be going to New Haven later this week, down to the Washington D.C. area over the weekend, and to Nassau on Saturday. In talking with the alumni and trying to make them understand the significance of our current budget situation, it is interesting that most of them are very startled. I like to point out to them that their education at CUNY was totally free, and even more subsidized in the sense that for many of them their books were actually provided. Most of them are very surprised to learn what the current tuition rate is, and about the retrenchment that has taken place. They have been encouraged to write and to do what they can in bringing public pressure to bear. They are very sympathetic, they feel very strongly, and they have very strong attachments to the school.

The last thing that I want to mention is a bit of nostalgia. A person recounted the story to me of how he was on his way to high school when Nikita Kruzchev was in town prior to the UN speech in 1960 or 1961. He recalls Kruzchev on the balcony of the old Soviet Consulate over on Park Avenue and 68th Street, talking to a group of Hunter College students -all of whom at that point were women. He was haranguing them about why they would want to go and get their education in a capitalist society, and how it would not lead to anything for them. I thought that was an interesting piece of history which I enjoy sharing when I talk with different groups, and I thought you should know. There is a very real link between our alumni of the past, the alumni who are recently graduated, and the alumni of the future. It is a sense of continuity that we should not lose, and it is one reason why we are fighting to try to stem retrenchment and to reduce the amount of the budget cuts that this Governor has proposed and which, it appears, the Legislature is in agreement with. It is absolutely critical that we do everything possible, in a positive and constructive way, to reduce that cut."

President Caputo concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.

**Report by the  
Administrative  
Committee:**

Professor Hampton presented the report as follows:

**Approved Curriculum Changes**

The following curriculum changes, as listed in the revised Report dated 24 April 1996, have been approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-957 (English), US-956 A (School of Health Sciences/Medical Laboratory Sciences), and GS-406 (Nursing).

**Announcement of Election Results for Nominees for Retrenchment Committee**

Written ballots cast at the last Senate meeting produced the following list of nominees, which was submitted to the President:

Faculty: Richard Barickman (English) 97  
Elizabeth Beaujour (Classics) 98  
Tamara Green (Classics) 99  
Frank Kirkland (Philosophy) 100  
Pamela Mills (Chemistry) 101  
Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching) 102  
Roger Persell (Biological Sciences) 103  
Ken Sherrill (Political Science) 104

HEO's: Camille Rodriguez (Centro) 105  
Madlyn Stokely (Student Services) 106

**Resolution Re: Committee on Computing and Technology**

Professor Hampton presented the following resolution, as submitted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the current Advisory Committee on Computing & Technology, as approved by the Senate on 25 October 1995, be established as a Standing Committee of the Senate.

The question was called and carried. The motion was approved by hand vote.

<b>Items Carried Over from Last Meeting:</b>	The following resolution was on the floor:	113
	The Senate recommends that the Administrative Committee draft a resolution for the next Senate meeting, indicating political opposition to the procedures followed in declaring a state of fiscal exigency and the leadership of the Chancellor.	114 115 116 117
	The question was called and carried. The motion carried by hand vote.	118
	<b><u>Committee on Computing &amp; Technology</u></b>	119
	Professor Anthony Picciano, Chair of the Committee, presented the draft report dated 29 March 1996, in response to the President's initiative "Can Hunter's information technology needs be better met by a single Office of Information Technology."	120 121 122 123
	There was brief discussion.	124
	<b><u>Student Standing Committee</u></b>	125
	Ms. Barbara Barone, Chair of the Committee, presented the Student Standing Committee's response with regard to the President's initiative #3 on student retention, as submitted.	126 127 128
	It was stated that the Committee would consider all comments and suggestions before issuing a final response.	129 130
<b>New Business:</b>	Professor Press requested that Professor Dan Koetting expound on a statement that he presented earlier in this meeting about discussions to restructure the Departments of Theatre & Film and Communications and the transfer of faculty who teach Film courses to the Communications Department.	131 132 133 134
	The Chair proposed, and it was so moved, that the Senate go into a quasi committee-of-the-whole for the purpose of informal discussion.	135 136
	The question was called and carried. The motion carried.	137
	The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:40 P.M.	138
	The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M. because of the late hour.	139

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Sherrill  
Secretary

**APPENDIX I**

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

**FACULTY:**

Anthropology: William Parry  
Ida Susser  
Marc Edelman  
Nancy Flowers

Art: Joel Carreiro  
Emily Braun  
William Agee

Black & P.R. Studies: Joyce Toney

Chemistry: Max Diem

Classics: Robert Koehl

Communications: Gregory Morris

Curriculum & Teaching: Dolores Fernandez  
Nana Koch

Economics: Avi Liveson  
Howard Chernick  
Terence Agbeyegbe  
Nashwa George

Educational Foundations: Kimberly Kinsler  
Linda Perkins

English: Karen Greenberg  
Trudy Smoke  
Marcia Lipson "E"  
Richard Barickman

Geology & Geography: Jeffrey Osleeb  
Richard Liebling

German: Dorothy James "E"  
Heidi Singer

Health Sciences: Beth Richie

History: Marta Petruszewicz "E"

Library: Pamela Wonek  
Polly Thistlethwaite

Mathematics & Statistics: Ada Peluso  
Sandra Clarkson  
Roy Connell

Music: Melinda Wagner

Philosophy: Laura Keating

Physics & Astronomy: Martin den Boer "E"

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz  
Peter Moller

Romance Languages: Paolo Fasoli "E"

Social Work: Irwin Epstein  
Eleanor Bromberg  
Malka Sternberg

Special Education: Marsha Lupi

Student Services: Reva Cohen "E"

Dean Carlos Hortas  
Dean Susan Lees  
Chief Librarian Tom Jennings

**STUDENTS:**

Michael Hernandez  
Diana Fryda  
Maria King-Schiro  
Michael Reyes  
Marva Constantine  
Ursula Gunther  
Shantih Brando  
Ruth Couch  
Patrick Soobrian  
Danira Munari  
Hyon K. Kim  
Mary Ann Dolan "E"  
Gary Braglia