

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
5 April 1995

	The 319th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:20 P.M. in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Kenneth S. Sherrill, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
	The Agenda was adopted as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of the reports by President Blank and Provost Strumingher:	7 8
	President Blank said:	9
	"This will be very brief. I just want to tell you that I am now in very lively conversation with the new President, David Caputo. I have sent him scads of material so that he is going to know more about us than he ever wanted to know. He will be coming in for many reasons (for example, to make certain arrangements through 80th Street), but he will spend time with me. You must understand that I have not until now spent any time with him, because I was not involved in the process. But I will be spending time with him on Monday afternoon. I think this is a very important, because he has to know exactly the directions we are taking and be agreeable to them.	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
	For the rest of my report I am going to call on the Provost, because she has some hot tips fresh from 80th Street on how they are interpreting the budget. We all read <u>The New York Times</u> or its equivalent, and get to hear what the Senate is going to do, and what the Assembly is likely to do. But the important thing for us is how this is being distilled. So, I want to ask Laura to talk to you about that."	19 20 21 22 23 24
	Provost Strumingher said:	25
	"The meeting I came from is the meeting of the Academic Council of the Provosts. It took place this morning, and this news was to me real news. So, I am sharing it with you hot off the press. What they discussed are two packages, two draft plans as it were. One from the Senate and one from the Assembly with regard to what kind of restorations there might be to the proposed cuts in the Governor's budget. To start from point A, the proposed cuts for CUNY were \$162 million.	26 27 28 29 30 31 32
	The Senate's plan is to restore \$24M, and to put back into a pool for all students — not just for CUNY — \$21 million into the TAP budget. The Senate plan is a tiny drop in the bucket towards meeting the \$162 million shortfall. It does not at all address the issue of SEEK funding. In fact, it confirms the Governor's proposal. There is no specific funding for special programs at CUNY.	33 34 35 36 37 38
	The Assembly package is much more generous, but it is hardly generous. It offers three kinds of restorations to the budget. The first is an \$82 million restoration to CUNY, but that \$82 million is cut into two pieces which are non-fungible. The larger piece of the \$82 million is \$46 million, which is a direct response to the earlier line in the Governor's proposed budget of allowing CUNY to raise up to \$116 million by increased tuition. To reduce the need to increase tuition by \$1000 per student, this restoration puts \$46 million back into that piece of the budget. So, instead of \$116 million which CUNY would be able to raise by increasing tuition, they now need only raise \$70 million, which would mean approximately a \$700 tuition increase. If they went less than \$700 it would again hit our operating budget even further. So, the first piece of the restoration is \$46 million towards the tuition revenue enhancement objective. The second piece, the additional \$22 million in the Assembly package is directed to restore the operating budget	39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

which was supposed to be a \$46 million cut. They are now saying that a restoration of \$22 million to that \$46 million is anticipated. And finally, in the Assembly package they do hold out a proposal of an almost complete restoration of the SEEK budget. They aim to give back \$13.9 million out of the \$15.1 million cut.

No one thinks that either of these packages will be passed as is. Clearly some compromise will have to be worked out between the two. The most dispiriting news that I heard as a result of these discussions, was the strong possibility that we are not going to have a budget for several weeks. There is obviously the chance that something will be passed before the Passover/Easter Recess. If that doesn't happen people are talking about July. I personally cannot imagine that it would go on that long. I think it would be completely inexcusable, but we have had July budgets in the past. I am very hopeful that they will come to some kind of an agreement somewhere in between.

When I further discussed these very dollar amounts with Faculty and Staff Relations shortly after this meeting, I was told that, in retrenchment committee planning, the College would be very foolish if we only consider the best case scenario, because they believe that that is highly unrealistic, and that we should move from best case down the ways. I am giving you the information that I received this morning so that you could factor it into your thinking. One last thing on this, there have been very few takers university-wide on early retirement."

President Blank and Provost Struminger concluded the report by answering questions from the floor.

Report by the Administrative Committee: At this point it was suggested that election of panels for the Search Committee for Vice President for Administration be considered next. There having been no objection it was so ordered.

Election of Panels for Search Committee for V.P. for Administration
 Professor Sherrill presented the list of nominees for the Chair-Panel. He reminded the body that in accordance with Senate rules each voter must vote for three candidates.

- Dean Erwin Fleissner, Sciences & Mathematics
- Dean Evelyn Gioiella, School of Nursing
- Professor William Sweeney, Chemistry
- Professor Jeffrey Osleeb, Geology & Geography

Ballots were distributed.

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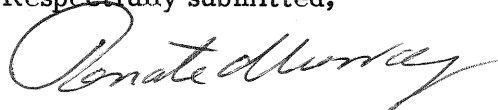
Professor Sherrill presented the list of nominees for the Member-Panel:

- | <u>FACULTY:</u> | <u>STUDENTS:</u> |
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| <u>Humanities & Arts</u> | |
| Pedro Lopez-Adorno (Black&Puerto Rican St.) | Nadine Hamilton |
| Joel Carreira (Art) | |
| Maria Paynter (Romance Languages) | |
| David Winn (English) | |
| <u>Social Sciences</u> | |
| Manfred Kuechler (Sociology) | |
| Avi Liveson (Economics) | |
| Timothy Bromage (Anthropology) | |
| Peter Salins (Urban Affairs) | |
| <u>Sciences & Mathematics</u> | |
| Laurel Eckhardt (Biological Sciences) | |
| Brian Shay (Mathematics & Statistics) | |

<u>Programs in Education</u>	107
Anthony Picciano (Curriculum & Teaching)	108
Henry Evans (Academic Skills)	109
Harry Clawar (Educational Foundations)	110
Tom Jennings (Library)	111
<u>Schools of Health Sciences, Nursing, Social Work</u>	112
Margaret Lunney (Nursing)	113
Gary Krasilovsky (Health Sciences)	Rudolph Small (Grad.) 114
Andrea Savage (Social Work)	115
<u>Staff from Areas Reporting to Vice President for Administration</u>	116
Yechiel Rosenrauch, Senior Registrar	117
John McGloin, Director of Computer Operations	118
Tina Salandra, Exec. Director of Finance & Business Affairs	119
Luis Rosa, Director of Budget	120
Stanley Sokol, Assist. V.P. for Admin. Serv. & Inform. Technologies	121
The Chair reminded the body that under the rules of the Senate, Messrs. Rosenrauch, McGloin, Rosa, Sokol, and Ms. Salandra were automatically elected as the number of candidates in this category did not exceed the number to be elected to the panel. The names will be forwarded to the President, as will the names of the two students.	122 123 124 125 126
However, the Senate must vote to elect its nominees from the four Divisions and the Professional Schools. Each voter may vote for up to six candidates. The highest vote-getter in each of the four Divisions will be declared elected to the panel. The two highest vote-getters from the Schools of Health Sciences, Nursing, and Social Work will complete the panel to be sent to the President.	127 128 129 130 131
From this panel the President will choose three faculty (including one faculty member from a satellite campus), three members of the staff from areas reporting to the Vice President for Administration, and 2 students to serve on the Search Committee for Vice President for Administration.	132 133 134 135
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<u>Report by the Chair re: Budget Developments</u>	140
Professor Sherrill reported that there were no major developments in Albany. He informed the Senate that he would go back to Albany on Monday to visit legislators, and urged senators to continue to call and visit their representatives.	141 142 143
<u>Announcement of Election Results:</u>	144
A total number of 65 ballots were cast for the election of candidates to the <u>Chair-Panel for Vice President for Administration</u> . The following three candidates were declared elected:	145 146 147
Dean Erwin Fleissner (Sciences & Mathematics)	148
Professor William Sweeney (Chemistry)	149
Professor Jeffrey Osleeb (Geology & Geography)	150
A total number of 68 ballots were cast for the election of candidates for <u>Member-Panel for Vice President for Administration</u> . The following candidates were declared elected:	151 152 153
Prof. Pedro Lopez-Adorno (Black & Puerto Rican Studies)	154
Prof. Laurel Eckhardt (Biological Sciences)	155
Mr. Tom Jennings (Library)	156
Prof. Gary Krasilovsky (School of Health Sciences)	157
Prof. Andrea Savage (School of Social Work)	158
A tie vote was reported for Professors Timothy Bromage (Anthropology) and Peter Salins (Urban Affairs). Both names will be submitted to the President.	159 160

Old Business:	After discussion, Professor Gilpatrick moved "that a Committee composed of the Hunter members of the Search Committee for President be constituted as a fact-finding committee with instructions to report back to this body with a statement that the Senate can endorse."	161 162 163 164
	After discussion the question was called and carried. The motion failed by hand vote.	165 166
	Dean Scott moved "that the Hunter College Senate extend its welcome and good wishes to our new President."	167 168
	The question was called and carried. The motion carried unanimously by hand vote.	169 170
New Business:	Professor Milgrim moved for approval of the following resolution which had been approved by the Faculty Delegate Assembly:	171 172
	WHEREAS, the summary cut-off of telephone service and the termination of college assistants, notably in the library, audio-visual services, and academic computing service, as well as other areas we deem to be essential to teaching, research, and professional life, have brought great hardship on the Hunter College community, and	173 174 175 176 177
	WHEREAS, these decisions were made without meaningful faculty consultation, and	178 179
	WHEREAS, these cuts in service threaten to be institutionalized,	180
	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate insists that: (1) these services be restored as quickly as possible; and (2) there be meaningful consultation — a full opportunity to initiate, modify, alter, or reject proposals — in the process of making said decisions; and (3) there be a sunset provision in said provisions, ending emergency cuts at the end of a given semester or budgetary period; and (4) that emergency cuts in services not be institutionalized or carried on to future academic years.	181 182 183 184 185 186 187
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	Failing to receive the required number of votes the motion carried over to the next meeting.	189 190
	It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.	191 192

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Roy Connell Jo-Ann Morgan Barbara Stanley "E" Mary Yepez Maria Rodriguez "E"	Social Work:	Jayne Silberman Charles Guzzetta George Getzel
Anthropology:	William Parry	Sociology:	Martin Warmbrand
Art:	Joel Carreiro William Agee Jane Roos	Student Services:	Madlyn Stokely Reva Cohen "E"
Black & P.R. Studies:	Joyce Toney	Theatre & Film:	Jonathan Kalb Dan Koetting Alkis Popoutsis
Chemistry:	Angelo Santoro	Urban Affairs:	Sigmund Shipp Stanley Moses
Classics:	Alex Alexander Tamara Green	Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Erwin Fleissner Dean Susan Lees "E"	
Communications:	Samuel Fleishman James Roman		
Computer Science:	Christopher Ward Thomas Wesselkamper	STUDENTS:	
Curriculum & Teaching:	Alene Smith Anthony Picciano	Jean Lemaitre Simon Kamara M. Johane Alexandre Sherry-Ann Smith Chris Goeken Gary Braglia Erica Petersen Allison Lavalas Alisha Ostacher Emmanuel Roy Lonny Paris Bianna Belfer Desiree Wilson Corina Vizhnay Anna Matkovic Mercedes Batista Miguel Muirhead	
Economics:	Howard Chernick Terence Agbeyegbe		
Educational Foundations:	Kimberly Kinsler Linda Perkins David Hodges		
English:	Floyd Horowitz		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Liebling		
German:	Annette Kym		
Health & Phys Education:	Nana Koch "E" Franklyn Greenberg		
Health Sciences:	Khursheed Navder "E"		
Mathematical Sciences:	Daniel Chess Sandra Clarkson Norma Moy		
Music:	James Harrison Peter Basquin		
Nursing:	Marie Mosely "E"		
Political Science:	Andrew Polsky "E"		
Psychology:	Gerald Turkewitz Peter Moller		
Romance Languages:	Marithelma Costa		