

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
16 May 1990

	The 254th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:30 p.m. in Room W714.	1 2
Presiding:	Jo Kirsch, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of April 18th were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	The following is a summary statement of President LeClerc's report to the Senate:	7 8
	He said: "These are complicated times in our City, in our State, and in our University. We have seen on television screens and we read in the newspapers about campus situations that are troubling. And we have experienced some disruptions at Hunter, although they have been handled in a way that is peaceful and decent in terms of human relations. One of the things we are all concerned about, and have been concerned about for the last 24 months, is the issue of the financing of public sector higher education in the State, and more specifically the funding of the City University and Hunter College. As you know, we have suffered budget cuts now for two years in a row. Last year we received a cut of \$800,000, and this year that is just concluding we absorbed another cut of between \$1.7M and \$1.8M. There are some numbers being tossed around having to do with cuts for senior colleges from the State for next year, and cuts for the community colleges coming from the City for next year, that cumulatively add up to an enormous amount of money. So we are all worried. Student concern over the impending budget cuts for the city university system manifested itself in a series of events at this campus and at three other campuses within the CUNY system—La Guardia, John Jay, and City College. The manifestation at Hunter began with a series of demonstrations in the streets a week ago on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The East Building was occupied, except for the Library which stayed open this year, and that lasted from about 7:00 on Thursday morning through 6:00 a.m on the following Tuesday at which time the building returned to full normal functioning. A period of cohabitation began during which students were permitted to stay in the building overnight, and some have been mounting a very peaceful and non-aggressive vigil in the area by the elevators outside my office. About a dozen students have been sleeping there and it has been a scene that is quite decent. I think that the Hunter way, if we can call it that, of handling the situation is, in my book at least, the correct one. The alternatives are sobering and are not really very appealing. Negotiations and discussions with students about local issues have ensued. They began last week and have continued this week. I would hope that local campus issues could be resolved in a climate of good faith and cooperation in the very near future.	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41
	I think that this college has been spared a lot of tragedy. One of the things that we have to bear in mind, and I wish to be quite explicit about this, is that the College really cannot control the actions of the police when it has to do with the intersection at 68th Street and Lexington Avenue. The police made it very clear to me last year that the intersection was theirs, and that it was their decision to either divert traffic should there be a student rally that spills into the intersection, or not to divert traffic. In other words, to clear the intersection. This year at Hunter the police let the intersection be occupied. It was their decision; it was not my decision. We had an understanding that were they not to tolerate that situation, were they to proceed to remove students and, in fact, arrest them that we would have ample time and an opportunity in which to advise students of that position on the part of the Police Department of the City. No confrontation of that kind occurred. So traffic was diverted on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The situation was a very peaceful one. You may know that at another campus police were asked to gain access to a building that was closed by students,	42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

and students were hurt in the aftermath of that decision. So, we at Hunter have been spared that kind of confrontation and I think we are lucky for that. A lot of cool heads and sensible spirits have been at work at the college on all parts and I think the best way for us to operate is where we talk with each other, where we sit down in good faith and reason with each other, and try to resolve whatever differences may occur. Those are my comments on the most recent events at the College.

There are some other things that I might share with you on the development side. It will be ever more important for us to raise money for Hunter in terms of bringing in new and non-tax levy resources. It is going to be a very important strategy in our desire to not only maintain the academic quality of the College, but indeed to increase it. Some gifts have come in that are very important. There is one very large gift to support the Music Department, \$400,000 in fact, and that is a bequest. It would be very nice if we had bequests of this size coming into all the departments and all the programs at the College. In addition, we had about a week ago our annual alumni luncheon celebration of the College's birthday at the ballroom in the Sheraton. Slightly more than a thousand people came this year, including five members of the class of 1920. One member of the class of 1945, Bess Myerson, gave me \$100,000 at that luncheon, which is a very nice gift. In addition, we are starting a phonaton as a major fund-raiser for us. We have done phonatons in the past, but we are really cranking this one up to be a big professional operation. Our goal is a million dollars. We have made an investment with a professional company in getting a very accurate database of graduates, their present names, and their present telephone numbers and addresses. Regina Resnick, the great Metropolitan Opera soprano and a graduate of Hunter College, signed the appeal letter that went out to about 70,000 alumnae, telling them that they would be getting a phone call and that when that call comes to be generous. We hope that the phonaton is going to be not only an annual event, but one that brings us an increasing amount of money every year."

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

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

Prof. Kirsch presented the report as follows: 91

Election of Senate Officers 92

Prof. Kirsch yielded the floor to Vice-Chair Cecil Mark. 93

Mr. Mark opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Hunter College Senate. 94
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Professor Jo Kirsch (School of Nursing) was nominated. 96

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. Prof. Kirsch was unanimously re-elected by voice vote. 97
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Mr. Mark yielded the floor to the Chair. 99

Prof. Kirsch opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Hunter College Senate. 100
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Mr. Daniel Wright (Political Science Major) was nominated. 102

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. Mr. Wright was unanimously elected by voice vote. 103
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The floor was open for nominations for Secretary of the Senate. 105

Professor Ruth DeFord (Music) was nominated. 106

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. Prof. DeFord was unanimously elected by voice vote. 107
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<u>Election of Search Committee for Dean of the School of Social Work</u>	109
Prof. Kirsch presented the list of nominees for Chair-Panel and Member-Panel as distributed. She reminded the Senate of the requirement to elect and submit to the President a Chair-Panel of 3, and a Member-Panel consisting of 8 faculty members and 6 students. From these panels the President will then choose a Search Committee consisting of 4 faculty members, 3 students, and a Chair.	110 111 112 113 114
A motion to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of each nominee carried by voice vote, and the following were elected:	115 116
<u>Chair-Panel:</u> Ruth Sidel (Sociology)	117
Hans Spiegel (Urban Affairs)	118
David Hodges (Educational Foundations)	119
<u>Member-Panel:</u>	120
<u>Faculty:</u> Michael Fabricant	121
Carmen Ortiz Hendricks	122
Elaine Marshak	123
Sylvia Ridlen	124
Angela Shen Ryan	125
Michael Smith	126
Joel Walker	127
Martha Haffey	128
<u>Students:</u> Zoia Sizgoric	129
Solveig Wilder	130
Bella August	131
Penny Schwartz	132
Marly Jeudy	133
Beatrice Maloney	134
<u>Senate Meeting Schedule for Fall 1990 and Spring 1991</u>	135
Prof. Kirsch proposed the following schedule for Senate meetings:	136
<u>Time: Wednesdays from 4:20 to 5:50 p.m.</u>	137
<u>Fall 1990:</u>	138
September 12	139
September 26	140
October 10	141
October 24	142
November 14	143
November 28	144
December 12	145
<u>Spring 1991:</u>	146
February 13	147
February 27	148
March 13	149
March 27	150
April 10	151
April 24	152
May 1	153
May 8	154
May 15	155
It was moved that the meeting schedule be amended by changing the meeting time to Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.	148 149
After discussion the question was called and carried.	150
The motion to amend was defeated by voice vote.	151
The motion to approve the meeting schedule as presented carried by voice vote.	152
<u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	153
The following curriculum changes as submitted in the two-part report dated 16 May 1990 were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-750 (Economics), US-751 (Political Science), US-754 (Computer Science), GS-310, GS-311 & GS 313 (Geology & Geography), GS-316 & GS 317 (School of Nursing), GS-318 (Economics), US-752 (Women's Studies Program).	154 155 156 157 158 159
Committee Reports:	
<u>Advisory Committee on the Library</u>	160
Professor Richard Franck, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 16 May 1990 as submitted, and recommended Senate approval of the following resolution:	161 162 163

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills:	Athlyn Sawyer Robin Soto Milagros Garcia	Romance Languages:	Alex Szogyi Michael Perna "E" Alvin Figueroa "E"
Anthropology:	John Oates Josh DeWind	Social Work:	Roberta Graziano
Art:	Wayne Dynes	Sociology:	Ruth Sidel "E" Mary Curry
Biology:	Marvin Friedman	Special Education:	Marsha Smith-Lewis Thomas McIntyre "E" Ana Rossell "E"
Black & Puerto Rican St.:	Pedro Lopez-Adorno	Theatre & Film:	Ellen Sumter
Chemistry:	Ed Barrett Michelle Broido "E" Jack Day	Urban Affairs:	Stanley Moses William Milzarsky
Communications:	Tom Mader Serafina Bathrick Sam Fleishman	Dean Carlos Hortas Dean Erwin Fleissner Provost Laura Struminger	
Computer Science:	Eric Schweitzer		
Curriculum & Teaching:	Dick Smolens		
Economics:	Howard Chernick	STUDENTS:	
Educational Foundations:	Linda Scheffler Caroline Adkins "E"	Kian Frederick Eulela Swinton Evan Camp Wendy Chin Allison Miller Gus Karistinos Michelle Goffe Letitia Hazel Amy Kossoy Sandy Lee Dyannah Barthold Brenda Hernandez Josh Gilchrist Eric Lee Evan Lazarus Lucia Sternberg John Willis Hossam Galal "E" Charles Glasser Christopher Burns Sergio Caceres Estelle Sauerstrom Tanya Isalguez Dorothy Waters Judi Powers "E" Dragan Milanovic Barbara Murray	
English	Karen Greenberg "E" Sybil Brinberg		
Geology & Geography:	Richard Liebling Sara McLafferty		
German:	Annette Kym Eckhard Kuhn-Osius Gabriela Von Zon "E"		
Health & Phys. Education:	Bob Schleihauf		
Health Sciences:	Deborah Blocker "E" Jack Caravanos Jan Edwards Carol Silverman		
History:	James Harrison Leonard Wallock "E"		
Library:	Jean Jacques Strayer "E"		
Mathematics:	Daniel Chess Sandra Clarkson "E"		
Music:	Paul Mueller "E"		
Political Science:	Ken Sherrill Michael Jaworskyj Peter Rajsingh		