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**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
18 May 1994**

	The 309th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:30 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 revised Agenda was adopted as distributed.	6
Minutes:	The Minutes of April 20th were approved as distributed.	7
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Blank's report to the Senate is as follows:	8
	She said: "I want to call to your attention that this is the season of many wonderful parties. I experienced a few yesterday, including a terrific athletic dinner. I think this is good news, because it expresses that there is a lot of spirit here at the college that you should know about.	9 10 11 12
	The last thing I will tell you is that I did put together the Campus Climate Response Report. You will recall that you were very upset with me because I asked that responses be submitted by March 1st. You will be interested to know that as recently as this morning I was still getting responses, and may continue to get them. I still read them with interest, but, of course, I had to have a cut-off moment. So, I put it all together, and made a response which will be made available by early next week. This five page response will be delivered to departments and put in other reasonably accessible places, so that everybody who wants to see it can. I will also put out an Open Line announcing its arrival. Thank you."	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
	Professor Carter moved that the Senate commend Acting President Blanche Blank for her excellent service to the College.	23 24
	The motion passed by acclamation. President Blank received a standing ovation.	25
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Professor Sherrill presented the report as follows:	26
	He informed the Senate that Professor Margaret Magnus, President of the Faculty Delegate Assembly and the General Faculty, had the good fortune of going on sabbatical next year. He extended best wishes, and thanked her for her cooperation on a number of issues.	27 28 29 30
	On behalf of the Senate he extended the College's best wishes to Wayne Wilson, former Vice Chair of the Senate, who is graduating.	31 32
	Professor Sherrill yielded the floor to Professor Khursheed Navder.	33
	<u>Election of Senate Officers</u>	34
	Professor Navder opened the floor for nominations for <u>Chair</u> .	35
	Professor Ken Sherrill (Political Science) was nominated.	36
	It was moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by hand vote.	37 38
	Professor Navder yielded the floor to the Chair.	39
	Professor Sherrill opened the floor for nominations of <u>Vice-Chair</u> .	40
	Mr. Chris Goeken (Political Science Major) was nominated.	41
	It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by voice vote.	42 43
	The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Secretary</u> .	44

Professor Khursheed Navder (School of Health Sciences) was nominated. 45

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by hand vote. 46
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Senate Meeting Schedule 48

Professor Sherrill presented the Senate meeting schedule for Fall 1994/Spring 1995 as distributed, with meetings to be held on the following Wednesdays from 4:10 to 5:40 PM. 49
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<u>FALL 1994</u>	<u>SPRING 1995</u>	
September 21 and 28	February 8 and 22	52
October 12 and 26	March 8 and 22	53
November 2, 16, and 30	April 5 and 12	54
December 7	May 3, 10, and 17	55 56

The meeting schedule was approved by hand vote. 57

Approved Curriculum Changes 58

The following curriculum changes, as listed in Part I and Part II of the Report dated 18 May 1994, were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-915 (Music), US-901 (Health Sciences/-Physical Therapy), US-913 (Music), US-914 (Communications), US-911 (Curriculum & Teaching/Educational Foundations), GS-382 (Music/Education). 59
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List of candidates for diplomas and degrees to be awarded June 1994 64

The next item of business was the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degree to be awarded in June 1994. 65
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The list was adopted by hand vote. 67

Establishment of Senate Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS 68

Professor Sherrill presented the proposal to establish a Senate Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS for Senate approval (see Appendix II). 69
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The proposal was approved by hand vote after brief discussion. 71

Professor Sherrill concluded the report by informing the Senate that the election of a Search Committee for Dean of Social Sciences is scheduled to take place at the September 28th Senate meeting. 72
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**Items Carried
Over From Last
Meeting:**

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee 75

Professor Joan Tronto, Chair of the Committee, presented the remainder of the report dated 11 May 1994 for Senate approval. 76
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The motion on the floor was approval of Resolution 3, as follows: 78

RESOLVED: That the following regulation govern transfer students' completion of the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement: 79
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Work done at previous colleges may be counted toward the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement. When a student is given course equivalence for a course that counts towards pluralism and diversity, that student will also be deemed to have met the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement EXCEPT in the following cases: BIOLOGY 100/102, SOCIOLOGY 101. In these exceptional cases, students must see the department to receive pluralism and diversity credit. 81
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After discussion the question was called and carried. Resolution # 3 was approved by hand vote. 88
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The motion on the floor was approval of Resolution 4, as follows: 90

RESOLVED: That the name of the Senate's Review Commission on Distribution requirements be changed to "**Review Commission on Distribution and Pluralism & Diversity Requirements**," and that all appeals of whether students have met the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement be referred to this Commission. 91
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After discussion the question was called and carried. Resolution # 4 was approved by hand vote.	96 97
The motion on the floor was approval of Resolution # 5, as follows:	98
RESOLVED: That the Senate direct the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee to report to the Senate the results of an assessment about how effectively the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement is working.	99 100 101
This report, which shall be done in four years, should include the following steps:	102 103
a. consulting with academic departments to see how well they believe that the requirement is working.	104 105
b. conducting a survey, with the office of institutional research, of graduating seniors and other students to assess what they have learned; and	106 107
c. analyzing transcripts of transfer students.	108
d. using whatever other means seem useful in making an assessment.	109
After discussion the question was called and carried. Resolution # 5 was approved by hand vote.	110 111
The next item on the agenda was discussion of contingency plans concerning the Chancellor and the appointment of a President for Hunter College.	112 113
Professor Gilpatrick moved for approval of the following resolution:	114
WHEREAS, the Senate of Hunter College is the primary governance body dealing with academic affairs of Hunter College;	115 116
WHEREAS, the appointment of a president for Hunter College is a crucially important matter for the academic well being of Hunter College;	117 118
WHEREAS, that appointment may well take place between the last regular session of the Senate in May 1994 and its first meeting of the school year in September 1994; and	119 120 121
WHEREAS, the Senate wishes to be able to respond to any unforeseen contingencies regarding the appointment of a president;	122 123
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrative Committee of the Senate shall call an extraordinary session of the Hunter Senate to respond to any contingencies it deems serious and in need of Senate action related to the appointment of a President of Hunter College. The call shall be made by campus mail, mail to home addresses, and phone calls to members of the Senate.	124 125 126 127 128 129
After discussion Dean Scott moved that the resolution be amended to read as follows:	130 131
"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrative Committee of the Senate shall call an extraordinary session of the Hunter College Senate if all members of the Hunter College Presidential Search Committee are in agreement that there has been a violation in established procedures related to the appointment of a president of Hunter College. The call shall be made by..."	132 133 134 135 136
Professor Cuddihy moved that the amendment be amended by changing the words "all members" to "one member."	137 138
At 5:25 PM the Senate dissolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for 15 minutes, in order to work out the wording for the resolution.	139 140
At 5:40 PM the Senate reconvened in formal session.	141

After discussion, Professor Polsky moved the following substitute motion:	142
Upon a finding by the Administrative Committee that the accepted procedures for the Hunter College presidential search have been violated, the Administrative Committee shall call an extraordinary session of the Hunter College Senate. The call shall be made by campus mail, mail to home addresses, and phone calls to members of the Senate.	143 144 145 146 147
The motion to substitute was approved by hand vote, and Professor Polsky's substitute motion became the main motion on the floor.	148 149
The motion was approved by hand vote.	150
Committee Reports: <u>Departmental Governance Committee: Revised Bylaws of the Library</u>	151
Professor Maria Paynter, Chair of the Committee, presented the Report dated 18 May 1994, and moved for Senate approval of the Revised Bylaws of the Library, as distributed.	152 153 154
The motion carried by hand vote.	155
It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.	156 157

Respectfully submitted,



Khursheed Navder,
Secretary