

M I N U T E S

"Overflow" Meeting of The Hunter College Senate  
20 May 1975

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The forty-eighth meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:50 p.m. at the Playhouse. 1

Presiding: Charles M. Sherover, Chairman 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those noted by the Secretary as listed in Appendix I. 4

The Chair advised the body that this is the first meeting of the new Senate year and welcomed all new Senators. 5

Minutes: The Minutes of May 6th were approved as distributed. 6

Report by the President: A summary statement of President Wexler's Report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II. 7

Report by the Ombudsman: The Chair informed the Senate that in order to save time, Ombudsman Louis Massa has distributed his report in writing, and was present for any questions (see Appendix III). 8

Report of the Administrative Committee: Prof. Elie de Comminges, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following resolution, which carried by acclamation: 9

WHEREAS, Provost Douglas Maynard has rendered outstanding service in the Office of the Provost of Hunter College, and WHEREAS, in this capacity he has set high academic standards and personal example for the students and faculty of the College, and 10

WHEREAS, he has raised the office of Provost of Hunter College to one that is held in great respect, 11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate express its thanks to Provost Maynard for his contributions to the College. 12

The Chair announced the new Presidents of the constituency organizations and introduced those present; he extended to them, in the name of the Senate, an invitation to attend Senate meetings and speak in Senate discussion: 13

Mr. Frank Reis, President, Day Session Student Government 14  
Mr. Frank Werth, President, SGS Student Government 15  
Mr. John Fink, President, Graduate Student Association 16  
Prof. Charles Landesman, President, Faculty Delegate Assembly 17

The Chair advised the Senate that elections could not take place until after 5:30 p.m. to enable Evening Session Senators to be present. 18

He then proposed that the Agenda be changed accordingly. There being no objection, it was so ordered. 19

After discussion concerning facets of the Evening Session Council elections, Prof. Gonchar moved: 20

In view of a previous Senate precedent established in May 1972, and in order to solve the problem of maintaining Evening Session Council representation despite incomplete election results, the six Evening Session Council seats that have not be refilled shall be held over until the end of September. 21

After discussion the question was called. 22

The motion to hold over the six Evening Session Council seats to the end of September carried by hand vote of 78 to 6. 23

The Chair instructed the staff to give voting cards to: 148

Mr. Bob Daly 49  
Mr. Thom Burns 50  
Ms. Marcia Erickson 51  
Ms. Ellen Kaufman 52  
Ms. Patricia Herrman 53  
Ms. Theresa Mantenfel 54

Undergraduate  
Course of Study  
Committee  
Report:

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Report

Re: Basic Prescription

Prof. Nancy Dean, Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of  
Study Committee, proposed three resolutions on "Implementation  
of Basic Prescription Resolutions." She then asked Dean  
Freund to explain the first proposal: 60

Whereas, the revised Foreign Language requirement of the  
Basic Prescription includes a provision for a Proficiency  
Examination as an alternative means of satisfying the  
requirement, the Hunter College Senate hereby authorizes  
the Dean of Humanities and Arts, Gerald Freund, and the  
Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee,  
Professor Nancy Dean, to select and convene a student/faculty  
committee for the purpose of selecting appropriate  
Proficiency Examinations in each of the foreign language  
offerings of the College and to establish the level of  
proficiency to be attained by students to satisfy the  
Foreign Language requirement. Dean Freund and Professor  
Dean are hereby instructed to accomplish these tasks in time  
to implement the Proficiency Examination alternative during  
the Fall Semester 1975, and to report on the examinations  
selected and on the proficiency levels established to the  
Hunter College Senate at its meeting on 30 September 1975. 77

After discussion, Mr. Rizzuto moved that the motion be amended  
as follows: 78  
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"that Dean Freund, the Chairman of the Undergraduate Course  
of Study Committee, together with all members of the  
Administrative Committee, select three faculty members and  
three students to serve on this Committee." 83

The amendment was accepted by Prof. Nancy Dean and Dean Gerald  
Freund, and became part of the main motion. 84  
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After further discussion, the question was called, and the  
motion, as amended, carried unanimously by a hand vote of  
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It was moved and carried that item # 4. A. of the Agenda, the  
election of the Administrative Committee be the next item on  
the floor. 89  
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Prof. Levine asked that a brief statement be made by all  
nominees. 92  
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The Chair pointed out that all candidates would be given an  
opportunity to make a statement. 94  
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Mr. Johnny Johnson, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair and opened  
the floor for nominations for Chairman. 96  
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After nominations and a brief statement by the two candidates,  
118 ballots were cast; the result was: 98  
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Prof. Charles Sherover--76 100  
Prof. Peter Basquin--39 101

Prof. Sherover returned to the Chair and opened the floor for  
nominations for Vice-Chairman. 102  
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After nominations and a brief statement by the two candidates,  
114 ballots were cast; the result was: 104  
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Mr. Johnny Johnson--81  
Mr. Jonathan Block--30

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The floor was opened for nominations for Secretary.

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After nominations and a brief statement by the two candidates, 109  
106 ballots were cast; the required majority of 54 votes not 110  
having been received by either candidate, a re-vote was called. 111

97 ballots were cast for the re-vote; the result was:

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Prof. Elle de Comminges--50  
Prof. Antonio Simoes--42

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Re: Basic Prescription

The following resolution was introduced by Prof. Nancy Dean,  
Chairman of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, for  
Senate approval:

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In accord with the general procedure outlined on Page 7  
(items 2-8) of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee  
Report of April 8, 1975, the Senate charges the Under-  
graduate Course of Study Committee to prepare and initiate  
interdisciplinary courses for Spring 1976, as possible  
alternate components of the Distribution Requirement.

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After discussion the question was called, and the motion  
carried by a hand vote of 62 to 7.

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Prof. Dean then moved for acceptance of the following  
resolution:

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Alternative D

The Department of English is requested to submit directly  
to the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee for submis-  
sion to the Senate on November 18th its proposal for  
Alternative D (Undergraduate Course of Study Committee  
Report dated 8 April 1975, page 5), so that the Senate  
may consider alternative ways of handling the English  
literacy requirement, in addition to the regular require-  
ment in English literature.

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Dean Seiger moved to amend the motion by substituting the  
words "representatives from the Division of Humanities and  
Arts" for "Department of English" on the first line of the  
resolution.

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This amendment was accepted by Prof. Dean and became part of  
the main motion.

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Dean Weyl proposed that the motion be further amended as  
follows: "that the Deans of the Divisions of Science and  
Mathematics, and Social Sciences be included.

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This amendment was accepted by Dean Seiger and Prof. Dean, and  
became part of the main motion.

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Prof. Tannenbaum moved that the motion be further amended by  
including a faculty member from the School of Health Sciences  
and the Division of Programs in Education.

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This amendment was accepted by Dean Weyl, Dean Seiger, and  
Prof. Dean, and became part of the main motion.

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Mr. Weisman moved that the motion be further amended by  
adding 1 SGS student, 1 Graduate student, and 1 Day Session  
student, to be appointed during the summer.

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Mr. Rizuto moved that Mr. Weisman's amendment be amended  
by adding 1 student from Education and 1 student from School  
of Health Sciences.

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This was accepted by Mr. Weissman and became part of his proposed amendment. 160  
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Dean Freund appealed to the Senators and asked that the amendments be withdrawn until everybody could come to a meeting of the minds. He moved that the issue be postponed until the first Senate meeting in September. 162  
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The motion to postpone carried by voice vote. 166

Prof. Tannenbaum moved, and it was seconded, "that the new language requirement (see lines 28 to 64 of the Minutes of May 13th) be adopted as the new foreign language requirement in the Basic Prescription effective September 1st." 167  
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The Chair pointed out that this had implicitly been done by Dean Freund's motion (see lines 61 to 77 above) which was passed by a unanimous vote. 171  
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Prof. Tannenbaum, however, urged that an explicit adoption was in order, and it was pointed out that this would involve a procedural motion changing the rules under which we had been proceeding by adopting part of a "package" subject to later ratification. 174  
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After discussion, Prof. Bryar requested a quorum count. 179  
A quorum being present, the meeting continued. 180

After further discussion a motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. 181  
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Respectfully submitted, ' .

  
~~Elie de Comminges,~~  
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following people were noted as absent from the meeting:

Margulies, Lee-School of Health Sc.  
Martin, Marjorie-School of Nursing  
Martin, Robert-Mathematics  
McNeill, Juanita  
Megale, Michael  
Mirenda, Rose-Home Economics  
Moylan, Thomas-Anthropology  
Neubart, I.J.  
Olefsen, Jeff  
Pasternak, Burton  
Pietersen, Marianne  
Piscitello, Bernadette  
Polisky, Milton-Theatre & Cinema  
Quinn, Kathleen  
Rondell, Steve  
Rooks, Deborah  
Sawicki, George  
Serrano, Elizabeth  
Slesinsky, Theresa  
Smith, Carole  
Suib, Leonard-Adult Education  
Thibodeau, Andre-Curric.&Teaching  
Tomkins, Richard-Theatre & Cinema  
Yeung, Julia  
Amico, David  
Benksik, Gabriella-Curric.&Teaching  
Brand, Christine  
Brown, Irtis  
Burke, Thomas-Health&Phys.Ed.  
Carney, Linda  
Ceccarini, Constante-Biology  
Chin, Agnes  
Clark, Constance  
Fenstermacher, Randy-Physics  
Franklin, Carole  
Fried, Robert-Psychology  
Friedman, Rivka-German  
Garcia, Milagros-Academic Skills  
Grant, Robert-Biology  
Gross, Jeff  
Hecht, Miriam-Mathematics  
Heller, Celia-Sociology  
Hodges, David-Educ.Foundations  
Johnson, Morris  
King, Nadine

APPENDIX II

The following is a summary statement of President Wexler's Report to the Senate:

President Wexler began her report to the Senate by encouraging the new members to continued, dedicated service to the College. She pointed out that the Senate has truly grown into a deliberate, rational and still caring body.

The President expressed her gratitude for the inclusion of the Report of the President in each monthly agenda and voiced her confidence in the abilities of each of the candidates for executive office. Mrs. Wexler discussed the present budget situation, expressing the hope that some definite word should reach us by the end of July, and calling for continued cooperation among the various budget committees when that information is received. Even with contingency budget II, we are reasonably certain that we can honor our personnel commitments. "If we have to live with a cut, we will live with it but not by cutting people whom our legislative bodies have approved."

President Wexler voiced her personal appreciation that consensus motions have been adopted by the Senate with regard to the basic prescription, and that the Senate Committee will continue to look at and study the whole question. She praised the members of the Senate for the patience and care exercised in considering this question. In closing, she wished everyone a good summer and a good year ahead.

APPENDIX III

OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CHARTER REVIEW

The Charter Review Committee met last on Monday, May 19, 1975. At that meeting the Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed new Charter. The draft consists of 15 articles of which 5 of these articles contain important changes from the present charter. The Committee has so far reviewed 8 of these articles and intends to complete its review of the remaining 7 articles at its last scheduled meeting of the semester on June 3, 1975.

The principal factors embodied in the draft are these:

1. We have retained the essentials of the present governance structure including as the legislative body of the College a College Senate composed of faculty, students, and administration in the same proportion as exists in the present Charter. Alumni are given one seat on the College Senate.
2. Faculty representation has been modified so that all full-time faculty form one electorate (previously, full-time lecturers were part of an electorate that included part-time faculty).
3. 10 ex-officio positions have been created with voting status in the college. These are: the President and Vice-President of the General Faculty, the President, Academic Affairs Commissioner, and Student Welfare Commissioner of the Day Session Student Government, the President and Vice-President of the Evening Session Student Government, and the President, and the President and Vice President of the Hunter College Association. In addition, an omission in the previous Charter has been corrected to give voting status to the Chairman of the Evening Session Council.
4. The entire election process for all senators has been made considerably more practicable.
  - a. all requirements for petitions have been eliminated;
  - b. all requirements for affiliation forms have been eliminated;
  - c. all two-stage elections have been eliminated.
5. The structure of the standing committees has been improved in the following ways:
  - a. we have created a 16-man Steering Committee which will control the agenda of the Senate. The Committee includes the present Administrative Committee of the Senate and the heads of the College constituencies; in addition, 8 members will be elected at-large from the floor of the Senate;
  - b. increased flexibility and responsibilities is envisioned for the Divisional and Departmental Curriculum Committees;
  - c. the overlapping responsibilities now carried by the Academic Requirements and Standards and Student Standing Committees have been separated in such fashion that all policy matters are assigned to Academic Requirements and Standards, and all implementation functions are assigned to the Student Standing Committee. In addition, the Faculty Sub-Committee of Academic Requirements will hear appeals on decisions of the Student Standing Committee;
  - d. we have created an Elections Committee which will oversee the conduct of all elections to the Senate. The Committee will be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate in consultation with the General Faculty and the Student Government. The Committee will see to appropriate election advertising and notification.

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