

M I N U T E S

Special Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
9 May 1984

The ^{17th} meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:40 p.m. 1
in Room W615. 2

Presiding: Richard Stapleford, Chairperson 3

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in 4
Appendix I. 5

Announcement: Prof. Stapleford informed the Senate that this special meeting was called 6
to enable the Senate to complete all pending business which carried over 7
from the last meeting. He reminded the Senate that the motion on the 8
floor was the resolution proposed by the Evening Session Council (see 9
Minutes of May 2, lines 211 to 228. 10

Prof. Clarkson, Chair of the Evening Session Council, provided a brief 11
summary. 12

In response to a question as to whether the position of Associate Dean 13
for the Evening Session was still open, Vice President Fishman replied: 14

"Yes. The position has not been filled. If Assistant Dean Polly 15
Breland chooses to leave that position, the position would be 16
advertised as Associate Dean for Evening Session." 17

It was requested that the above statement be recorded in the Minutes. 18

After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by substituting 19
the words "retain" for "reinstate," and "for" for "to." 20

The motion to amend carried by hand vote and became part of the main 21
motion on the floor. 22

The question was called and carried. 23

The following motion, as amended, was approved by hand vote with no 24
opposition and 7 abstentions: 25

RESOLVED, that the Senate request the President to retain the title 26
of Associate Dean for Evening Session for this position. 27

Committee Graduate Academic Requirements Committee 28
Reports: Prof. Stapleford presented the following report in the absence of the 29
Chair of the Committee: 30

The Graduate Academic Requirements Committee submits the following two 31
letters for Senate approval. These letters are in accordance with the 32
previously approved policies concerning the academic standing of 33
graduate students at Hunter College. The letters do NOT reflect new 34
standards; rather, they provide a "means to an end" for existing and 35
published procedures at Hunter College (see Hunter College Graduate 36
Catalogue, 1983-85). The Committee wishes to emphasize that both letters 37
recommend to students that they contact their graduate advisor. The 38
proposed letters merely allow for a uniformed mailing through the Records 39
Office to increase the probability that all appropriate students are 40
notified in writing of their academic standing. The department will be 41
notified. 42

1. Dear _____: 43

In accordance with Senate approved academic policies of Hunter 44
College--CUNY, we are informing you that your cumulative grade 45
point average (GPA) for the Fall/Spring Semester, 19__, is less 46
than 3.0. Thus, you have been placed on academic probation for 47
one semester during which time you must raise your cumulative 48
GPA to 3.0 or greater. The probationary period is in effect 49
whether or not you register for or attend classes. If by the 50
end of the probationary period (one semester) you have NOT 51

raised your cumulative GPA to at least 3.0, you will NOT be 52
permitted to register for the following semester. It should be 53
emphasized that grades of "IN", "W", "ABS", and "AU" will not 54
increase your GPA. Failure to increase your cumulative GPA to 55
at least 3.0 by the end of the probationary period will result 56
in your dismissal from Hunter College. 57

We suggest that you schedule a meeting with your graduate advisor 58
to correct any errors as well as discuss any concerns and 59
questions. 60

Graduate Academic Requirements Committee 61
Hunter College--CUNY 62

2. Dear _____: 63

Earlier in the semester you were notified that you have been 64
placed on academic probation. We strongly urge you at this time 65
to meet with your graduate advisor to review your progress and 66
academic standing. We remind you that if by the end of the 67
probationary period (the end of this semester) you have NOT raised 68
your cumulative GPA to at least 3.0, you will be dismissed from 69
Hunter College. 70

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The question was called and carried. 73

The report was approved by voice vote. 74

Student Standing Committee 75
Prof. Carol Gramse, Chair of the Committee, presented the following 76
report for Senate approval: 77

At a December 1983 meeting, the Student Standing Committee decided to 78
prepare a statement considering a January Review of Appeals. At 79
meetings held in February and March of the Spring 1984 semester, the 80
Student Standing Committee reviewed the processes necessary to conduct 81
a January review of student appeals, regardless of their status (SEEK 82
or Non-SEEK). 83

We are submitting the following resolution for formal endorsement by 84
the Senate: 85

WHEREAS, the time available to students for pursuit of appeals to 86
dismissals during the period in January between the issuance of 87
Fall grades and the beginning of Spring registration was inadequate 88
to the appeals process, it is this committee's opinion that mid- 89
year dismissal of students is not a viable option. Therefore, 90

BE IT RESOLVED, that students' interests are best served by con- 91
tinuing the policy of academic review only at the end of the Spring 92
semester. 93

The present process of reviewing academic probation records at the end 94
of the Fall semester and of notifying all students placed on or continued 95
on probation for the Spring semester would, of course be continued. 96
These students would, in addition, continue to receive invitations to 97
come in to discuss their problems with an advisor/counselor in the Office 98
of Student Services. 99

After discussion it was moved that the resolution be tabled indefinitely. 100

The motion to table carried by hand vote. 101

Report by the Up-date on Summer Session Bell Schedule. 102
Administrative Prof. Stapleford informed the Senate that the President's office had 103
Committee: promised a response to the document they had received on April 20th. 104
The written response was received late yesterday, May 8. There are 105
clear differences of opinion in terms of the responsibilities of the 106
President in relation to the responsibilities and authority of the Senate. 107
These should be worked out and the Administrative Committee is in the 108

process of formulating a response, but more time is needed. An up-to- 109
date report will be forthcoming at the next Senate meeting. In the mean-110
time, the Administrative Committee feels that it is important that the 111
Senate act in its best interests. He presented the following resolution 112
for Senate approval: 113

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate, in order to insure 114
the orderly working of the College and to preserve an educational 115
environment necessary to our students, chooses not to interfere 116
with the Administration's decision to implement a summer session 117
Bell Schedule contrary to the Bell Schedule approved by Senate 118
resolution of 11 April 1984. However, the Senate strongly disapproves 119
of the President's actions in circumventing the established College 120
procedure for setting the Bell Schedule. 121

Prof. Flashner moved that the motion be amended by substituting the 122
following: 123

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate, faced with time 124
constraints which make it impractical at this late date to interfere 125
with the Administration's decision to implement a Summer Bell Schedule 126
contrary to the Bell Schedule approved by the resolution of 11 April 127
1984, has decided that it has no alternative but to accept the 128
Administration's decision. However, the Senate is outraged by the 129
President's actions in circumventing the established College pro- 130
cedures for setting the Bell Schedule. 131

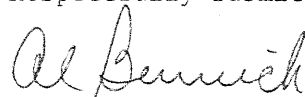
After discussion, Prof. Flashner withdrew her motion to amend. 132

It was requested, however, that the amendment be recorded in the 133
Minutes. 134

The motion on the floor was the resolution proposed by the Administrative 135
Committee (lines 114-121 above). 136

A quorum count was requested. The required number of 65 members not 137
being present, the motion carried over to the next meeting, and the 138
meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. 139

Respectfully submitted,



Al Bennick,
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Linda Morris
George Manley
Bernice Baxter
Maude Robinson

Anthropology: Lester Firschein
Edward Bendix
Carol Cambas

Art: Lisa Vergara
Anthony Panzera

Biology: David Lush

Black & P.R. Studies: Ana Zentella
Jose Hernandez

Chemistry: William Sweeney
Maria Tomasz

Classics: Adele Haft

Communications: Ruth Ramsay
Serafina Bathrick

Computer Science: Robert Tannenbaum "E"

Curriculum & Teaching: Maureen Herman
Mae Gamble
Elaine Block

English: Louise De Salvo

German: Mary Sullivan "E"

Health & Physical Education: Thomas Burke
William Taussig

History: Robert Seltzer
Edith Link

Health Sciences: Olga Benitez
Ronald Sweitzer
Eleanor Gilpatrick

Mathematics: Jane Matthews
Miriam Hecht

Music: William Siegenfeld
Russell Oberlin

Nursing: Carol Gilbert
Gail Robinson Smith
Marjorie Duncan

Philosophy: Charles Sherover

Political Science: Robert Hayton

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz
Toby Klass

Romance Language: Cecile Insdorf "E"

Social Work: Elizabeth Dane
David Feldstein

Sociology: Naomi Kroeger
Charles Green
Ruth Sidel
Jody Carlson

Special Education: Katherine Garnett "E"
Ellis Barowsky

Student Services: Sandra LaPorta "E"

Urban Affairs: Stanley Moses

Dean James Settle
Prov. Tilden LeMelle
Dean Richard Mawe

STUDENTS:

Kathleen Douris
Lori Sbordone
Kenneth Walker
Jimm Zipp
Julia Aguilera
Alcaly Diouf
Obed Cintron
Cecile Manners
Claude Moorehead
Carla Cordova
Mary Beth Slevin
Beth Weiselberg
Kirk Callender
Natalie Gomez
Rosa Amatulli
Barbara Reisman
Cathy Lesko
Krista Jo Merget
David Reed
David Newstein
Ana Gomez
Helene Weinbaum
Daniel Fine
Michael Alix
Stefanie Simon
Elizabeth Price
Tanya Parker
Ruth Michael
Austin McBean
Victor Batista
Athanasios Boutis
Antionette Foster
Helene Reisman
Po Y Sit
Zipporah Portis
Garth Roberts
Jose De La Rosa
Joseph Adamson
Karen Johnson
Laurie Lashley
Mary Young
Gerry Savage
Merna Eatmon
Roger Pudlin "E"
Dolores Sanchez