

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
22 September 1993**

	The 297th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:35 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
Report by the President:	There was no report.	6
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Professor Sherrill opened the floor for nominations of <u>Chair for Nominating Committee</u> .	7 8
	Dr. Marilyn Rothschild (Physics & Astronomy) was nominated.	9
	It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.	10
	It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by voice vote.	11 12
	The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Chair of Master Plan Committee</u> .	13
	Professor Victor Goldsmith (Geology & Geography) was nominated.	14
	It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.	15
	It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by voice vote.	16 17
	The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Chair of Budget Committee</u> .	18
	Professor George Stauffer (Music) was nominated.	19
	It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.	20
	It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by voice vote.	21 22
	The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Faculty Alternate for the Nominating Committee</u> .	23 24
	Ms. Barbara Barone (Mathematics & Statistics) was nominated.	25
	It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.	26
	It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The motion carried by voice vote.	27 28
	The floor was opened for nominations for <u>Students for the Nominating Committee</u> .	29 30
	It was moved that nominations be tabled until the next meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.	31 32
Items Carried Over From Last Meeting:	The motion on the floor was the following resolution:	33
	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate communicate to the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor our desire that the Acting President be chosen from within the Hunter community.	34 35 36
	After discussion it was moved that debate be closed. The motion carried by hand vote.	37 38
	The motion was overwhelmingly approved by hand vote.	39

Departmental Governance Committee Report 40
Professor Al Bennick, member of the Committee, presented the Revised By-laws 41
of the German Department for Senate approval. 42

The Revised By-laws were approved by hand vote. 43

Reports: **Report by the Ombuds Officer** 44
Professor Giuseppe Di Scipio, Hunter College Ombuds Officer, presented the 45
following report: 46

He said: "From January 1993 to September 1993, the Ombuds Office handled 47
one hundred and sixteen cases. Approximately 20% of those cases required 48
several meetings and went on for an extensive period of time. The majority 49
of complaints or requests for assistance came from students (circa 90%), 50
7% from faculty and 3% from staff. 51

Students requested assistance mostly for grade dissatisfaction, racist or 52
homophobic practices, conflicts with professors, financial aid, and miscel- 53
laneous problems with the various departments or offices, including the 54
Registrar's Office, Bookstore, Medical Office, Business Office, etc. Faculty 55
and Staff requested assistance because of alleged unfair practices by their 56
superiors, as well as racist and homophobic practices. 57

Most faculty members and departments are very cooperative. Some depart- 58
ments are the favorite target of students or some students are the favored 59
targets of some departments. I am not going to identify any, but of some 60
of them I myself am weary. At times one senses rigidity, bureaucratic stub- 61
bornness and lack of sympathy. 62

I urge the Hunter College community to respond to students' needs with a 63
greater sense of awareness and of fairness. Their task is not an easy one 64
given the present harsh social conditions. I sense from the many complaints 65
that some faculty members should reach out more. 66

At the same time I urge some departments or large units of the College to 67
treat its staff with more professionalism and fairness. 68

I take this opportunity to thank the Office of Student Services and the Re- 69
gistrar, among many others, for its cooperation with the Ombuds Office. 70

The work of Ms. Judith King, my assistant, is invaluable. She is a top pro- 71
fessional without whom the Ombuds Office would not function properly. 72
She is responsible for publicizing the Ombuds Office services in an unprece- 73
dented way. The Chair of the Senate, Professor Sherrill and the Executive 74
Assistant, Ms. Murray have always been cooperative and helpful in all 75
matters. 76

The work of the Ombuds Office is appreciated by most, but it could be 77
viewed more positively in some quarters. We will continue to provide as- 78
sistance, advice and an attentive ear to all those who need it at Hunter, for 79
many times people come to us in a state of frustration and leave with a 80
sense that someone is willing to listen and that we care." 81

Report by the Chair 82
Professor Sherrill reported that the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Senate, 83
and Brooklyn College's Faculty Council, voted to adopt the resolution of the 84
CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders, which was included in the mailing 85
for this meeting. The Council of Governance Leaders will be meeting with the 86
Chancellor on September 24th. Next Tuesday, September 28th, there is a mee- 87
ting of the University Faculty Senate at which Chancellor Reynolds and Assemb- 88
lyman Ed Sullivan are expected to speak. 89


New Business: Professor Sherrill yielded the floor to professor Sylvia Roshkow (English). 90

Professor Roshkow moved for approval of the following resolution: 91

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate urges the University administration to 92
find funds to pay adjuncts before the October 14th pay period, and that the 93

Senate review circumstances surrounding this issue to advise the University administration of steps to be taken to prevent the recurrence of prolonged delay in issuing paychecks to adjunct faculty.	94 95 96
She then introduced Alice Sebold, who made a statement on behalf of the adjunct faculty of the English Department.	97 98
After discussion, at 5:05 PM, the Senate moved into a Committee-of-the-Whole for 15 minutes.	99 100
The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:20 P.M.	101
Professor Press moved that the motion be divided into two parts.	102
After discussion the question was called and carried. The motion to divide carried by hand vote.	103 104
The first paragraph ending with the word "period" was on the floor.	105
Professor Bennick moved that the first paragraph be amended to read as follows:	106
"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate urge the University administration to find funds to pay adjuncts before the October 14th pay period, or to arrange interest-free advances to them."	107 108 109
The question was called and carried. Professor Bennick's amendment was approved by hand vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.	110 111
The question was called and carried.	112
The motion to approve the first paragraph, as amended, carried by hand vote.	113
The second paragraph was on the floor.	114
Professor Bennick moved that the second paragraph be amended as follows:	115
"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate review the circumstances surrounding this issue and demand that the University administration take steps to prevent the recurrence of prolonged delay in issuing paychecks to adjunct faculty."	116 117 118 119
The question was called and carried. Professor Bennick's amendment was approved by voice vote and became part of the main motion on the floor.	120 121
Professor Beaujour moved that the motion be further amended as follows:	122
"The Senate wishes to express its outrage that Adjuncts are not being paid until six weeks after the beginning of the semester, and urges the CUNY Central Administration and the PSC/CUNY to take steps so that such an iniquitous situation does not reoccur."	123 124 125 126
After discussion it was moved that the following be added:	127
"WHEREAS, we of the Hunter College Senate are appalled that so important a part of the Hunter faculty as its adjuncts should have its pay delayed without even planning for dealing with likely hardships caused by such a delay, BE IT RESOLVED..."	128 129 130 131
After discussion it was moved that the Administrative Committee be empowered to flesh out the resolution, taking into consideration proposed amendments and recommendations made during discussion.	132 133 134
The question was called and carried. The motion carried by hand vote.	135
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.	136

Respectfully submitted,


Khursheed Navder,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Academic Skills: Janice Montague
Phyllis Rubenfeld
Jo-Ann Morgan
Bernice Baxter "E"
Willie Wimberly

Anthropology: William Parry

Art: Joel Carrera
Juan Sanchez
Emily Braun

Biological Sciences: David Foster
Ed Balboni

Classics: Adele Haft "E"
Alex Alexander

Communications: Samuel Fleishman
James Roman
Fulton Ross "E"

Curriculum & Teaching: Adele Smith

Economics: Howard Chernick
Avi Liveson
Terence Agbeyegbe

English: Sylvia Tomasch

Geology & Geography: Richard Liebling

German: Annette Kym "E"

Health Sciences: Beth Richie "E"
Khursheed Navder "E"

Mathematical Sciences: Daniel Chess
Norma Moy "E"

Political Science: Rosalind Petchesky
Tom Flanegin "E"

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz

Social Work: Jayne Silberman

Sociology: Ruth Sidel "E"
John Cuddihy "E"

Special Education: Marsha Smith-Lewis
Marsha Lupi

Student Services: Howard Tarragon

Theatre & Film: Ellen Sumter

Dean Carlos Hortas "E"

STUDENTS:

Rita Sabini
Yorel Francis
John Geida
Jeanette Surita
Chris Goeken
Timothy Lee
John Pastor
Antonio Lopez
Stacey Bell
Andrea Scibelli
Jessica Indri
Edilberto Soriano
Damaris Nunez
Rebecca Perez "E"
Susanah Taylor
Julide Gokcebay
Hema Sareen
Moriah Eskow "E"
Josiah Klebaner
Debbi Sutton
Melissa Uber
Armin Patel
David Asencio
Angela Brisnovali