

Office of The Hunter College Senate

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Regular Meeting of The Hunter College Senate
March 12, 1974

The thirty ^{42nd} -seventh meeting of The Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:50 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.	1 2
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 5
Minutes: The Minutes of February 19th, 1974 were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President: President Wexler addressed the Senate, and the following is a summary statement of her report:	7 8
1. She informed the body of the final approval of building plans by the Board, and that the license agreement to turn over land to dormitory is signed. She further stated that the architect's projection for the completion of Building B & C is January 1977, but that her own projection is September 1977.	9 10 11 12 13
2. On the question of the Calendar, President Wexler stated that it should continue to be the responsibility of Hunter College to make decisions on the calendar, and that we should not be subject to university-wide agreements if it is in variance with internal decisions of this college. However, whenever the calendar deviates from the university calendar, we have to get the go-ahead from the University.	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
3. She then announced that the Search Committee for the Dean of Programs in Education will be named next week with the concurrence of the Senate Administrative Committee and the Faculty Delegate Assembly. The Committee will consist of 4 faculty members and 2 students; nominations for 2 of these faculty members and the 2 students will come from the Senate Administrative Committee and for the other 2 faculty members from the Faculty Delegate Assembly. A Search Committee for Dean of Students has scheduled appointments in which they will again look at the process. The Acting Dean is in office, but the search remains open.	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
4. President Wexler reported that the present state of budget for Senior Colleges is encouraging. The former mayor certified the Chancellor's budget for Senior Colleges, which compared to previous years, is a relatively good budget. Governor Wilson in his recommendation to the Assembly has re-certified the level of budget for Senior Colleges, and if this gets through legislature, Senior Colleges should be in a somewhat better fiscal position than they have been in for the last 2 or 3 years.	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
President Wexler concluded her address by expressing her interest in the kind of work the Ombudsman is doing and in the way the open hearings of the Charter Review Committee are conducted, which hopefully will produce documents on which we can get the kind of consensus that will be required.	39 40 41 42 43
Report by the Ombudsman: Ombudsman Louis Massa addressed the Senate along the lines outlined in this summary statement:	44 45
The Ombudsman reminded the Senate that it is his responsibility under the Charter to report to them periodically and that a recent resolution of the Senate was in accordance with that. He recently has been interviewed by the school newspaper PNEUMA and has accepted an invitation from the President of the Faculty Delegate Assembly to write an article for the FACULTY VOICE. He will continue to use whatever mechanisms are available to communicate with the community.	46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

The main responsibility of the Ombudsman in the coming semester is involved with implementing an objective review of the Hunter College Governance Charter. To this end, the Charter Review Committee has had eight executive sessions and seven open hearings to date. In the near future, the Committee will begin meeting on a weekly or bi-weekly basis in an attempt to bring the Charter review process to a conclusion, hopefully before the end of the semester. The number of cases which has been brought to the Office of the Ombudsman by way of a formal request is 43 in total. 17 of these have been resolved in a manner that has been considered satisfactory to all concerned, and 2 of these have not been resolved in a manner that has been considered satisfactory to all concerned, and 2 of these have not been resolved to the satisfaction of the party bringing in the case. 24 of them are still pending; many of these are long-range problems, involving information-gathering tasks and sometimes difficult legal questions to be pursued. Some examples of the kinds of problems that have been brought to the office are:	54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71
1. 5 cases involving promotion and tenure decisions;	72
2. 2 cases of students who have been shut out of classes due to the cancellation of a class;	73 74
3. Alleged discrimination in the distribution of funds through the Financial Aid Office;	75 76
4. Dissatisfaction with the basic prescription requirements;	77
5. 1 case of a student being denied matriculation even though the student met all the requirements;	78 79
6. 1 case of a handicapped student being dissatisfied with school counselling.	80 81
The Ombudsman made the following remarks concerning the policy adopted in running the office. Tradition and need dictates that the office react to any serious request for help or a problem of any sort. In pursuing such problems, the Office of the Ombudsman has no executive powers and relies solely on the use of moral suasion. One role developing within the office is that of facilitating communication between groups and individuals within the school. Finally, the Ombudsman expressed satisfaction with the degree of acceptance which has been accorded the office throughout the school.	82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91
The Chair asked for approval to change the Agenda and grant the freedom of the floor at this time to a representative of the Hunter College Veteran's Association.	92 93 94
It was so moved and seconded, and the motion carried by a two-third hand vote.	95 96
Mr. Warren Nagel, on behalf of the Hunter College Veteran's Association, then gave his report and asked that a motion be made to cancel all classes on Veteran's Day.	97 98 99
After discussion Mr. Ron Rizzuto moved that the school be closed on Veteran's Day, Monday October 22.	100 101
After further discussion the question was called, and the motion to close school on Veteran's Day carried without dissent.	102 103
It was moved that an alternate day for classes be selected by the body. The motion was seconded and carried.	104 105
Discussion followed as to the choice of dates.	106
The Chair then proposed a procedure to close discussion and to vote on all alternate suggestions separately. There being no objection it was so ordered. The two dates proposed from the floor are December 23 and January 2.	107 108 109 110

After further discussion the question was called and with a vote of 21 in favor for December 23rd and 53 in favor for January 2nd - Thursday, January 2, 1975 was declared to be the last day of classes. 111
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The Chair then asked unanimous consent for authorization for the Office of the Provost to re-adjust the examination and inter-session schedules. 115
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There being no objection, it was so ordered. 118

Administrative Committee Report: Prof. Margaret Magnus, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following report: 119
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1. Announced that the newly established ad-hoc Committee on Student Grievances (as per the Minutes of February 19, 1974, page 187, lines 80-92) is formed, and the following members have been appointed and agreed to serve: 121
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Ad-hoc Committee on Student Grievances

Faculty: Bernice Fleiss, Dean of Students 125
Karol Davis, Nursing Education 126
John Henry Clarke, Black & Puerto Rican Studies 127
James Williams, English 128

Students: Carole Sanford - Evening 129
George Sawicki - Evening 130
Douglas Goetz - Day 131
Joan Leinwand - Day 132

There being no objection it was so ordered. 133

2. Reported that preferential registration for undergraduate day session student senators will probably be on April 23, and for evening session student senators approximately one week later. Firm dates and times are not yet available, but we would hope to have them before the next meeting. In any event, notices will be mailed out just as soon as the information is received. 134
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3. Mr. Gary Confessore, Director of the Office of Institutional Research, presented their report on Senate election procedures. 141
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After discussion Prof. Korn moved and it was seconded to table any action on this report. 144
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After further discussion the motion carried with 31 in favor and 29 opposed. 146
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Graduate Course of Study Committee Report: Graduate Course of Study Committee 148
Prof. Joan Buxbaum, Chairman of the Committee, presented its report and moved for approval of the entire package, consisting of proposals G 57, G 58, G 59. 149
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The question was called, and the motion for approval of G 57, G 58, and G 59 carried unanimously by voice vote. 152
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Nominating Committee Report: Nominating Committee
Prof. Josephine Comito, Chairman of the Committee, moved for approval of the entire slate as presented. The motion was seconded. 154
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After discussion the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously. 157
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The following were elected: 159

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee 160
Faculty: Donald Zagoria - Political Science - Soc. Science 161

	<u>Graduate Course of Study Committee</u>	162
	Faculty: Elizabeth Beaujour - Classics - Humanities & Arts	163
	Student: John Savarese - Graduate - At-large	164
	<u>Committee on Departmental Governance</u>	165
	Faculty: Jo Ann McNamara - History - Social Sciences	166
	<u>Committee on Facilities and Services</u>	167
	Students: Mark de Riesthal - SGS	168
	Leila Thomas - SGS	169
Committee on Evaluation of Teaching:	<u>Committee on Evaluation of Teaching</u>	
	Mr. Ron Rizzuto, Chairman of the Committee, reported that his committee has not been able to conduct business at hand because of attendance problems.	170 171 172
	Prof. Comito, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, suggested that perhaps one way to solve committee attendance problems would be to empower the Nominating Committee to send a letter to committee members who are not able to attend, asking them to voluntarily resign.	173 174 175 176 177
	It was so moved and seconded.	178
	Dean Eisenberg then suggested the following, which was accepted as an amendment to the motion:	179 180
	"Nominations for removal of senators or non-senators from committees by reason of excessive absence be forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate so that the notifications of non-continuance on committees would come from the Chairman of the Senate and that there would be some regularity of system in deciding what constitutes uniformly an excessive absence record."	181 182 183 184 185 186 187
	After further discussion Prof. Comito stated that she would like to take this back to her committee to look into various aspects, and that she would like to report back to the Senate a carefully thought out resolution at the next Senate meeting.	188 189 190 191
	There being no objection, it was so ordered.	192
New Business:	Miss Sue Zucker moved that the freedom of the floor be granted to Miss Marcia Kannry and Mr. Frank Werth to present the proposal submitted on "Curriculum Revision for B.A. and B.S. Degree."	193 194 195 196
	There being no objection, it was so ordered.	197
	Miss Kannry and Mr. Werth presented their proposed "Curriculum Revision."	198 199
	At the suggestion of the Chair the floor was opened for questions.	200 201
	In the discussion that followed the question was raised as to the appropriateness of bringing this proposal directly to the Senate floor. It was also felt that it would be helpful to first find out where the hard points of the proposal are.	202 203 204 205
	It was moved and seconded to refer this proposal to the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee.	206 207
	Mr. Johnson moved, and it was seconded, that this motion be amended by adding "and that the Senate receive a report back at the next regular meeting."	208 209 210
	After further discussion a call for a quorum was made. With only 56 of the required 65 members present, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum.	211 212 213
	The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.	214

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Magnus, Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

Alaimo, Joanne	Hirschfield, Barbara
Arfa, Milton	Jambois, Thomas
Bain, Myrna	Keane, Mary
Barbieri, Steve	LaPointe, Rosemary
Ben-Cnaan, Dan	Leoff, Eve
Bennick, Alfred	Lisenco, Michael
Brett, Richard	Ludden, Mary
Broyles, Mary	Martin, Milton
Burke, Thomas	McManus, Anne
Butler, David	Ment, David
Carpenter, Floyd	Mirenda, Rose
Cavallero, George	Nahins, Todd
Chappell, Richard	Nuss, Joel
Chasen, Edith	Pagano, Nick
Chiang, Faye	Pandy, Amrit
Chiang, Janice	Patton, Robert
Chiang, Jean	Pecelli, Giampiero
Chilvers, Chris	Peterson, Catherine
Cohen, Mark	Pierce, Janet
Conant, Francis	Rieff, Rosanna
Cooper, Anita	Rogers, Herbert
Coss, Clare	Rosenfeld, Lawrence
Crispinelli, Steve	Russo, Barbara
Danna, Robert	Sanchez, Jose L.
Davis, Annette	Schneider, Bernard
DeFrancis, Eileen	Scott, Marvin
Diggs, Mary	Seiger, Marvin
Dobroff, Rose	Shields, Elizabeth
Early, Lawrence	Shull, Bernard
Erickson, Kenneth	Slater, Peter
Fishman, Sylvia	Sorscher, Esther
Gambaro, Eunice	Spierman, Michael
Geyer, Herbert	Todisco, Alexander
Gibbons, Gloria	Von Cseh, Irene
Gold, Milton	Wangler, Lynda
Gourevitch, George	Weiss, Joseph
Greenstein, Karen	Yarosz, Ed.