

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
8 March 1977

	The ^{93rd} eighty-eighth meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m. at the Playhouse.	1 2
Presiding:	Rena C. Gropper, Chair	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of February 15th were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	Provost Schneewind addressed the Senate in the absence of President Wexler. The following is a synopsis of the Provost's remarks regarding space and classroom problems:	7 8 9
	We are in the process of evacuating the Hunter-Midtown facilities, which have housed, among others, the Math Learning Center, Basic English, D.E.P., and Academic Skills.	10 11 12
	We are at present keeping 466 Lexington Avenue, as we cannot get out of this lease. The lease for Temple Emanuel could be terminated.	13 14
	There is a possibility that the City Department of Real Estate may not renew any leases. This would affect Temple Emanuel, the FBI Building, and 790 Madison Avenue.	15 16 17
	We could absorb a pull-out of Hunter-Midtown and Temple Emanuel if we make a wider ranging use of the rooms here, but do not know where to put the operations of 790 Madison Avenue and the FBI Building should this become necessary.	18 19 20 21
	We have approximately 70 hours per week per room of assignable time for classes if we start at 8 in the morning and continue through 10 o'clock at night. We are using only an average of 38 hours of assignable time.	22 23 24
	We have explored the option of moving the Math Learning Center to 466 Lexington Avenue. There are problems with this option (i.e., expensive electrical wiring which would have to be put in and could not be ready by September as it would have to be approved by the BHE, and plans of eventually moving our of this lease). If the Center is relocated here, it could be done for much less money and would be ready by September.	25 26 27 28 29 30 31
	Scheduling is proceeding. It is hoped that all students and faculty are aware that, if we could utilize our existing classroom space to a much larger degree of its potential schedulable time than is used presently, this would solve some of the classroom problems. Office problems would still remain.	32 33 34 35 36
	The Provost concluded the report by answering questions from the floor of the Senate.	37 38
Report by the Ombudsman:	The Ombudsman reported that (a) most student complaints are now concerned with either grade appeals and financial aid matters; (b) that he had met with the Provost, College Counsel and PSC Grievance Officer to develop guidelines to avoid conflict with grievance procedures; the draft developed will be submitted to the Ombudsman's Advisory Council and then be published.	39 40 41 42 43 44
Report by the President of the Day Session Student Government:	Mr. Eric Weissman, President of the Day Session Student Government, presented the following two resolutions to the Senate:	45 46
	1. The Hunter College Senate joins the Day Session Student Government and the Professional Staff Congress in supporting a Mass Rally/Lobbying Day on Tuesday, March 15, 1977, to be held in Albany under	47 48 49

	the sponsorship of the University Student Senate and the State University Student Union.	50 51
	We recommend that absences occur without penalty for all members of the Hunter College community.	52 53
	2. The Hunter College Senate joins the Day Session Student Government and the Professional Staff Congress in supporting a Mass Rally/Lobbying Day on Wednesday, March 23, 1977, to be held at City Hall under the sponsorship of the University Student Senate and the State University Student Union.	54 55 56 57 58
	We recommend that absences occur without penalty for all members of the Hunter College community.	59 60
	He then moved for Senate approval of resolution "1."	61
	After discussion the question was called, and the motion carried by hand vote.	62 63
	Mr. Weissman next moved for approval of resolution "2."	64
	The question was called and the motion carried by hand vote.	65
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Sylvia Fishman, Secretary of the Senate, presented the report as follows:	66 67
	1. Read a letter from Prof. Maynard informing the Senate that the Middle States Association Visiting Team will be available to meet with individual faculty members in the Faculty Lounge on March 28th, from 11-12 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on March 29th, from 9-10 a.m.	68 69 70 71
	A copy of this letter will be posted on the Senate Bulletin Board.	72 73
	2. Informed the body on behalf of Prof. Jane Matthews, Chairman of the Evening Session Council, that the resolutions and reports as distributed before the meeting have been adopted by the Evening Session Council.	74 75 76 77
	3. Presented the following resolution, and moved for Senate approval:	78
	The Hunter College Senate encourages all members of the College community to observe Thursday, March 10, 1977, as a Teach-In Day. Discussions and workshops will be held to alert students and faculty to the possible effects of severe budget cuts, to indicate legislative action that can and must be taken, to suggest ways in which we as individual citizens can oppose such budget cuts, etc.	79 80 81 82 83 84 85
	The Teach-In will start in the Assembly Hall at 1 p.m. and is expected to break up into separate meetings in Room 919 and 301, until about 4 p.m.	86 87 88
	The question was called and the motion carried by hand vote.	89
Report by the Sub-Committee on Elections:	<u>Sub-Committee on Elections</u> Prof. Alfred Bennick, Chairman of the Committee, presented the following resolution, and moved for its approval:	90 91 92
	The Governance Charter of Hunter College specifies that 17 seats "shall be reserved to Day Session departmental majors. Towards their election, each department of equivalent will elect, from nominations made within its own ranks, 2 nominees for these seats."	93 94 95 96 97
	<u>Resolution:</u> It is hereby moved that for the purposes of these nominations, the Special Honors Curriculum and the various inter-disciplinary	98 99 100

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	programs shall be considered the equivalent of departments.	101
	Students who are in any of these programs and who are also	102
	majoring in some department shall declare in which of these	103
	constituencies they will be members for purposes of these	104
	elections.	105
	After discussion the motion carried by hand vote.	106
Report by the	<u>Facilities and Services Committee</u>	107
Facilities &	Prof. Pierre Oberling, Chairman of the Committee, read a letter	108
Services	which he had received from Mr. John Smith, Business Manager,	109
Committee:	concerning the report.	110
	In view of this letter, Prof. Oberling moved that the report	111
	dated March 8, 1977, be postponed until a later date for considera-	112
	tion.	113
	The motion carried.	114
Report by the	<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	115
Undergraduate	Prof. Peter Basquin, Chairman of the Committee, presented the	116
Academic	report dated 8 March 1977, and moved for approval of resolution 1:	117
Requirements		
Committee:	BE IT RESOLVED, that each department set up an adequate depart-	118
	mental advising system which requires its majors to see a depart-	119
	mental advisor at least once each semester prior to registration.	120
	After discussion Mr. Weissman moved that the motion be amended by	121
	substituting the words "stringly encourages" for the word "requires."	122
	After further discussion Prof. Korn moved that the resolution be	123
	recommitted.	124
	The question was called and the motion to recommit carried by hand	125
	vote.	126
	Mr. Spector presented the Minority Report re: Course Repetition	127
	Rule as distributed, and moved for approval of the following	128
	resolution, which was seconded:	129
	BE IT RESOLVED, that when a course is repeated and the second	130
	grade is the same as before (D or less) only one grade will be	131
	used for computation of G.P.A. However, the student will be	132
	expected to pay for both courses.	133
	After discussion Dean Freund moved that the Minority Report be	134
	recommitted together with Resolution 1 of the Committee Report.	135
	After discussion the question was called and the motion to recommit	136
	was defeated by hand vote.	137
	After further discussion the question was called, and the motion	138
	(lines 130 to 133 above) carried by hand vote.	139
	Prof. Basquin moved for approval of Resolution 2:	140
	BE IT RESOLVED, that students in the Womens' Studies Program	141
	be exempted from completing the requirements for a minor, since	142
	these students are obligated to fulfill the requirements of a	143
	double major.	144
	The question was called and the motion carried by hand vote.	145
	Prof. Basquin next moved for approval of Resolution 3:	146
	BE IT RESOLVED, that faculty members be permitted to submit	147
	grade changes from "INC" and "ABS" without approval by their	148
	chairman or dean.	149

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After discussion Prof. Korn moved that the motion be amended to read 150
as follows: 151

that faculty members be required to submit grade changes from 152
"INC" and "ABS", with no need for approval to their department 153
chairman for transmission to the Registrar's Office. 154

This amendment was acceptable to the mover. 155

After further discussion, Prof. Korn moved that the amendment be 156
amended to read: 157

that faculty members be permitted to submit grade changes from 158
"INC" and "ABS" to the Registrar without approval by their 159
department chairman or dean, with a copy of the new grade sent 160
to the department office. 161

Prof. Sherover endorsed Prof. Korn's wording and moved to call the 162
question. 163

A motion to extend the meeting time for five minutes carried. 164

Mr. Richard Schulman, Vice Chairman of the Senate, took over the 165
the Chair. 166


The motion to call the question carried. 167

The motion to amend carried by hand vote. 168

The motion to approve resolution 3 as amended (see lines 158-161 169
above) carried by hand vote. 170

A motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was adjourned at 171
6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sylvia Fishman
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Seek: Garcia Milagros

Art: Richard Stapleford

Biology: Edward Balboni

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Mavis Campbell
Jose Manual Torres-Santiago

Chemistry: Angelo Santoro

Communications: Ruth Gonchar

Curriculum & Teaching: Mary Graeber

English: Richard Barickman

Library: Lucille Bailey "E"

Mathematics: Marina Cohen

Physics & Astronomy: Marilyn Rothschild

Psychology: Gerald Turkewitz

Romance Languages: Leonard Mades

Social Work: Joel Walker

Sociology: Celia Heller
Robert Perinbanayagam

Theatre & Cinema: Harold Levitt

Urban Affairs: Seymour Mann

Adult Education: Katherine Passias
Samuel Wallace

Vice President Michael McGarvey

STUDENTS:

Seek Students:

Debra Pinkston

Day Session Students:

Aida Luz Mendez

Denise Notice

Nina Cranton

Naomi Sawelson

Michele Mayer

Judith Fauvell

Edward Davila

Michael Wilson

Sam Catechis

Evening Session Students:

Stanley Sachs

Avram Gropper

Judy Powers

Monica Safford

Vincent Evans

Karen Brown

"E" = Excused