

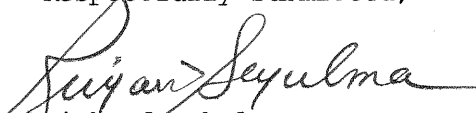
M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
12 April 1977

	The <sup>95th</sup> <del>ninetieth</del> 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 March 8th were approved as distributed.	6
	The Minutes of March 22nd were approved with the following correction: "lines 117-118 are to be deleted."	7 8
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Wexler's Report to the Senate is attached as Appendix II.	9 10
Report by the Ombudsman:	The Chair informed the Senate that the Ombudsman has nothing to report at this time.	11 12
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Mr. Richard Schulman, Vice-Chairman of the Senate, presented the following resolution regarding the 1977-1978 College Calendar, and moved for approval:	13 14 15
	WHEREAS, the Board of Higher Education will not endorse the proposed 1977-1978 Calendar for Hunter College because of a one-class deficit for the SGS session; therefore,	16 17 18
	BE IT RESOLVED, that, for SGS classes (and for classes in the Graduate session that meet after 4 p.m.), regular classes after 4 p.m. shall be held on Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day).	19 20 21
	After brief discussion, the motion carried by hand vote.	22
	Mr. Schulman then yielded the floor to Ms. Lorraine Kaufman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.	23 24
	Ms. Kaufman presented the Committee's slate for seats currently vacant on Senate Committees, as distributed, and moved for approval of the entire slate.	25 26 27
	No further nominations having been offered from the floor, the motion carried by hand vote, and the following were elected:	28 29
	<u>Teacher Evaluations Committee</u>	30
	<u>Student:</u> Jennifer Bentsen - Humanities - Day	31
	<u>Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee</u>	32
	<u>Student Alternate:</u> Kathleen Maciag - Day	33
	<u>Faculty:</u> Jean Bram - Classics - SGS	34
	<u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	35
	The following curriculum changes were approved under the "New Procedure" and submitted to the Senate for information:	36 37
	UR-288 (Academic Skills)	38
	US-281 (Anthropology)	39
	<u>Coordinating Committee for College Restructuring</u>	40
	Prof. Elizabeth Beaujour, Chairman of the Committee, presented a set of 4 resolutions, dated 12 April 1977, for Senate consideration.	41 42
	After discussion, Mr. Weissman moved to table the resolution on the floor for the purpose of dealing with the Committee Report first.	43 44

The motion was defeated by hand vote with 33 in favor, 39 opposed, and 5 abstentions.	45 46
After discussion, Prof. Sherover moved the following procedural motion:	47 48
that resolution # 1 be passed over as it is out of order at this point, and that resolution 2, 3, and 4 be handled as a divided question.	49 50 51
The elimination of resolution # 1 was accepted by the Committee.	52
After discussion, Prof. Korn moved the following 3-part motion:	53
(a) that resolution # 2 be deleted because of its redundancy;	54
(b) that resolution # 3 be amended to read as follows:	55
"RESOLVED, that the Senate will exercise its responsibility to recommend the abolition or curtailment of a program or programs, when, in its judgment, this is appropriate."	56 57 58
(c) that resolution # 4 be amended to read as follows:	59
"RESOLVED, that the Senate does consider that its proper province is also the review of recommendations for such cuts initiated by the Administration."	60 61 62
The 3-part motion was accepted by the Committee and became the main motion on the floor.	63 64
After discussion, the question was called, and the motion to approve resolution # 3 as amended (lines 56-58 above) carried by hand vote.	65 66
The motion on the floor was resolution # 4, as amended.	67
The question was called, and the motion to approve resolution # 4 as amended (lines 60-62 above) carried by hand vote.	68 69
After discussion, Prof. Barowsky moved to reject the Committee Report dated 22 March 1977.	70 71
After further discussion, Prof. Korn moved the following substitute motion:	72 73
"that the report be recommitted to the Committee."	74
Prof. Basquin moved that the substitute motion be amended as follows:	75
"that the Committee be charged to look at Part I of the Report in terms of cost effectiveness, feasibility, and return Part I with comments to the Senate."	76 77 78
This was accepted by the mover and became part of the substitute motion.	79 80
After discussion the motion to substitute carried by hand vote.	81
The motion to recommit with charge to the Committee (see lines 74-78) carried by hand vote.	82 83
A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.	84

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard Schulman,  
Vice Chairman

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Anthropology: Lester Firschein

Biology: Edward Balboni

Chemistry: Angelo Santoro  
Richard Wiley  
Horst Hoyer

Classics: Albert Juszczak "E"

Communications: Thomas Mader "E"  
Fulton Ross "E"

Curriculum & Teaching: Mary Graeber

Educational Foundations: Jonathan Levine

German: Rivka Friedman

Health & Physical Education: Thomas Burke  
Sylvia Fishman "E"

Library: Smith Garrett Robinson

Mathematics: Marina Cohen

Nursing: Margaret Magnus "E"  
Mary Tomaselli

Social Work: Joel Walker

Sociology: Aubrey Bonnet

Adult Education: Katherine Passias  
Samuel Wallace

Dean Joachim Weyl "E"

STUDENTS:

Seek Students:

Debra Pinkston

Day Session Students:

Aida Luz Mendez

Denise Notice

Nina Cranton

Mitch Imberman

Naomi Sawelson

Michele Mayer

Judith Fauvell

Alvin Winters

Violet Whiteman

Michael Wilson

Evening Session Students:

Arpard Fazakas

Arlene Rumac

Judy Powers

David Parry

Monica Safford

Julie Klem

Vincent Evans

"E" = Excused

A P P E N D I X II

President Wexler reported to the Senate that we have the first tentative firm figures of the Chancellor's allocation. These figures indicate that we will not have to implement any of the tentative major surgery plans that have been proposed. The Chancellor's allocation includes \$4 million in the original budget and \$5 million appropriated for the senior colleges in the regular session of the legislature. The technical corrections with regard to leases and to the money left over in lines that were done away with last year have also been made.

The President congratulated Beaujour Committee of the Senate for "having the courage to deal with authority in a legislative function." The members of the Committee were praised clearly and specifically on procedure -- without direct comment on the substance -- of their proposals. Mrs. Wexler emphasized that she did not want to seem to be taking sides on the substance of the proposals. As we move toward a more and more distributive authority, real authority, it is the responsibility of such a body to offer proposals for intelligent consideration. In no way were these proposals hard fact or more than tentative. The Senate should always debate the curriculum and the academic programs of Hunter College. This is its legislative function and, even in stable or better times, it is the authority and the responsibility of this body to consider the most educationally sound program offerings and, within that, the best possible use of the resources for those academic programs.

President Wexler spoke about the recommendations of the Faculty, Personnel and Budget Committee and the Faculty Crisis Committee with regard to the administrative structure of the College. These recommendations were carefully reviewed with an eye toward the best possible use of resources and the desire to cut some significant substantial part of administrative services in order to redistribute it in other ways. The administration also took into account the best advice from all serious groups, including the Evening Session Council and the Professional Staff Congress Chapter. The first step solution was presented in a letter to the entire community which was mailed last week. A net administrative cut in excess of \$200,000, will be realized in addition to the transfer of a number of the functions which have been under the category of the administration to student services.

President Wexler then discussed the oral report of the Middle States Evaluation Team. The oral report was most positive on the substance of the faculty, on the substance of the programs, even on the general morale of the people in this institution under extreme exigency.

The Middle States Team counseled us on general student services, on services to the faculty, and on need for supporting systems that will validate into the future the case for supporting this College. We were exhorted to exert more energy and to commit more funds to the areas of recruitment, admissions, and advising. Those areas are the target of our concentration in the new administration arrangement. It is the intention of the Middle States Team that the Report and the President's response to it be documents for further discussion in community and not public relations documents. We shall make copies available and accessible by placing a representative number of copies in the most convenient places.

President Wexler concluded with the optimistic observation that most experts agree that the bond market is becoming more favorable. She announced a meeting with the State Dormitory Authority to determine the timing and strategy of getting the bonds -- and our buildings -- back on the track. "If we can get these buildings back on the line before the completion of this calendar year, if we can enter next year without any radical surgery to our institution, with the careful use of non-tax-levy monies we have been able to husband in our usual way of preserving unused monies from year to year, it is my cautious conviction and commitment that we will enter next year planning how to move forward rather than how to hold on."