

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
10 October 1979

1 The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:45 p.m.  
2 in the Playhouse.

3 Presiding: Allan Brick, Chairperson

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

6 Minutes: The Minutes of September 26th were approved with a correction in line 21,  
7 which should read: "...a head count of 18,700..."

8 Report by the President: A brief summary of President Shenker's report to the Senate is as follows:

9 President Shenker restated his very warm feeling toward all members of  
10 the Hunter community. He was very appreciative of the help, encourage-  
11 ment, and information given him during the past few weeks for a dif-  
12 ficult task.

13 He informed the Senate that he will go to Albany to make a budget  
14 presentation, but the the information for next year's budget would  
15 not be available until perhaps December or January. However, the  
16 process will be started on October 16th. At the moment there is not  
17 much to report in terms of figures and dollars.

18 President Shenker informed the Senate that he would report to the  
19 college community on October 15th in the evening and on October 17th  
20 in the afternoon, at which time he does not plan to make specific  
21 recommendations, but rather talk about his philosophy about Hunter  
22 College.

23 The President will keep us informed about actions of the Board and the  
24 Council of Presidents. He will also report to the Deans on University  
25 policy issues.

26 President Shenker concluded his report by voicing cautious optimism  
27 regarding the construction issue.

28 Prof. Sam Korn, Ombudsman of Hunter College, was concerned about possible  
29 conflicts between his active role as Senator and his role of Ombudsman.  
30 He invited those with reactions to this issue to contact him for discus-  
31 sion. He also asked that individuals who may have complaints and  
32 grievances, but who do not want those dealt with in any official way, to  
33 contact him. He is concerned with patterns of problems that arise that  
34 may be otherwise ignored because no individual will initiate specific  
35 action. Of course, all of this will be kept in strictest confidence.

36 Prof. Tamara Green, Secretary of the Senate, presented the Report as  
37 follows:

38 She stated that with regard to questions raised at the last Senate meeting  
39 concerning election procedures, the Administrative Committee again wishes  
40 to emphasize the following:

41 According to the Hunter College Governance Charter, Chairpersons of the  
42 Budget Committee, the Master Plan Committee, the Departmental Governance  
43 Committee, and the Nominating Committee must be carried out directly  
44 from the floor of the Senate. It is Senate precedent that the Adminis-  
45 trative Committee, having contacted appropriate individuals who agree  
46 to serve if elected, has the names of those individuals placed in  
47 nominations (usually at the first Fall Term meeting). As in all Senate  
48 elections, the floor is open for additional nominations. It should be  
49 noted that the Administrative Committee has had to take initiative in  
50 this regard because:(1) According to the Charter, it is the Administra-  
51 tive Committee's duty to "assure continuity of Senate business between  
52 meetings," which business depends on having Senate committees chaired  
53 and fully operating early in the Fall Term; (2) With respect to the  
54 newly established Calendar Committee, the Administrative Committee was  
55 mandated to "submit to the Senate at the first meeting in the Fall  
56 nominations for membership" to this Committee (see Minutes of May 1979).

Prof. Green then nominated Prof. Bernard Shull (Economics) for Chairperson of the Budget Committee. 57  
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The floor was opened for further nominations. 59

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. 60

The motion to elect Prof. Shull Chairperson of the Budget Committee carried by voice vote. 61  
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She next nominated Prof. Thomas Burke (Health & Physical Education) for Chairperson of the Master Plan Committee. 63  
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The floor was opened for further nominations. 65

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. 66

The motion to elect Prof. Burke Chairperson of the Master Plan Committee, carried by voice vote. 67  
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Prof. Green then nominated Dean Walter Weiss (Social Sciences) for Chairperson of the Departmental Governance Committee. 69  
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The floor was opened for further nominations. 71

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. 72

The motion to elect Dean Weiss Chairperson of the Departmental Governance Committee carried by voice vote. 73  
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She next nominated Prof. Louis Massa (Chemistry) for Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. 75  
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The floor was opened for further nominations. 77

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. 78

The motion to elect Prof. Massa Chairperson of the Nominating Committee carried by voice vote. 79  
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Prof. Allan Brick, Chairperson of the Senate, continued the Report of the Administrative Committee as follows: 81  
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He informed the Senate that in addition to Chairperson, there are vacancies on the Nominating Committee. So that the Committee may be able to function without delay, he nominated the following individuals for the vacant seats, and moved for approval of the entire slate: 83  
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| 1 Faculty:           | Prof. Vernal Pemberton- Academic Skills         | 87 |
| 1 Faculty Alternate: | Prof. Jane Matthews - Mathematics               | 88 |
| 1 Student:           | Ms. Heike Jungblut- Day Major in Communications | 89 |
| 1 Student Alternate: | (open)  | 90 |

The floor was opened for further nominations. 91

A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. 92

A motion that the Secretary cast one vote for each candidate as nominated carried by voice vote, and Professors Pemberton and Matthews, and Ms. Jungblut were elected to membership on the Nominating Committee. 93  
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The next item on the Agenda was the election of members to the Standing Committee on the Calendar. As per Senate instruction at the May 15th meeting, the Senate Administrative Committee proposed the following nominations for membership on the Calendar Committee. Prof. Brick informed the body that all nominees have accepted to serve if elected. 96  
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5 Faculty Members:

Day Session: Richard Barickman (English) 102  
Evening Session: Charles Sherover (Philosophy) 103  
School of Social Work (Graduate): Barbara Morrison 104  
School of Nursing: Florence Mullarky 105  
School of Health Sciences: Lee Margulies 106  
Faculty Alternate: Thomas Mader (Communications) 107

5 Student Members:

Day Session: Barbara Benjamin 109  
Evening Session: Jeff Olefsen 110  
Graduate: Gerry Klemm (Education) 111  
At-Large: Lynn LiDonnici (Day Major) 112  
At-Large: Ellen Chrisman (Day) 113  
Student Alternate: (open) 114

Ex-Officio Members:

Dean of Students, or designee 115  
Associate Dean for School of General Studies 116  
Director for Academic Administrative Services 117  
Director for Financial Aid 118  
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The floor was opened for further nominations. 120

Prof. Korn nominated Prof. Thomas Mader (Communications) for the seat reserved for Day session faculty as regular member. 121  
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A motion to close nominations carried by voice vote. 123

A hand vote produced the following results: 124

Prof. Richard Barickman received 33 votes 125  
Prof. Thomas Mader received 23 votes 126  
11 abstentions were noted. 127

Prof. Barickman was elected as regular Day Session member. 128

A motion to close nominations on the slate as presented carried by voice vote. 129  
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The motion to approve the entire slate as presented carried by voice vote. 131

Prof. Brick next presented the following resolution and moved for its approval: 132  
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the present Special Committee on Registration Procedures be dissolved, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee on the Calendar be assigned the responsibility to evaluate and, if advisable, recommend action on Registration Procedures. 134  
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After brief discussion the question was called and carried. 138

The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. 139  
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Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: 141  
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Items US-369 (German), US-381 (Geology & Geography).

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Before going on to the next item of business, Prof. Brick made the following statement: 145

The Senate Administrative Committee has been asked to meet with candidates for the Hunter College Presidency during on-campus visits. 146  
During the past summer we did this, interpreting our role as that of clearly representing to a potential incoming President the Senate's 147  
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position as Hunter's legislative body. In this way we made ourselves 150  
available to answer questions and to provide information for the person151  
who would be chosen President. We expect to be asked to meet with any 152  
further candidates who visit the College. 153

With respect to item # 6 on today's agenda, the Administrative Commit- 154  
tee has invited all of the members of the Hunter College Screening 155  
Committee to be present today and to take part as they deem appropri- 157  
ate. Prof. Gordon Fifer has once again graciously accepted our 158  
invitation to make a report. Again it will be our procedure, at the 159  
close of Prof. Fifer's statement, to accept questions directly focused 160  
to him in further elucidation of his report. If at that time other 161  
members of the Screening Committee wish to make comments they will be 162  
recognized. Also, if at that time the Senate wishes to discuss this 163  
informally we will move to procede as if in a Committee of the Whole. 164  
This type of procedure would allow us to engage in informal discussion 165  
in the area of Hunter's Presidential Search. 166

Hunter College Screening Committee for Presidential Search

167 Prof. Gordon Fifer informed the Senate that his Report would be brief. 168  
169 It seems that the New York Times has had more information to offer than  
170 was available to the Screening Committee at this time. He reported that  
171 an ad had been placed in the New York Times, advising of an extended  
172 Search and that new applications and nominations would be accepted until  
173 November 7th. He indicated that the present procedure involving the  
174 Search differs from the procedure used in the past, because the Search  
175 Committee as a whole (Board Committee and H.C. Screening Committee to-  
176 gether) is considering vitae for further interview. This was 177  
178 previously done by the Hunter College Screening Committee. If there will  
179 be further interviews, it will be determined at that time if and when  
180 new campus visits will take place. The Hunter College Screening Committeel79  
181 has given careful consideration to additional vitae (20-30), and in some  
182 cases recommended potentiality of candidates for Board member approval.  
183 The next meeting will be held next Tuesday. Prof. Fifer informed the  
184 Senate that all members of the Screening Committee (except Prof. Miranda  
185 who is ill) are present at the meeting and will be participating in  
answering questions from the floor.

186 During the question and answer period, Prof. Arnold Kritz voiced his  
187 concern about the enlarged Board Search Committee, and that the "Guide-  
188 lines" are no longer clearly in effect. He expressed further concern  
189 about the possibility of the Board bypassing the Hunter College Screening  
190 Committee in the decision making process. If that should happen, though  
191 in all likelihood it will not, it is probable that the entire Hunter  
192 Screening Committee will resign. The Committee will not act as a  
193 rubber stamp.

194 It was pointed out by the members that the letter to Chairman Harold  
195 Jacobs, which was published in the New York Times, was not leaked by  
196 members of Hunter's Screening Committee.

197 During discussion about the letter written to the Chairman of the Board,  
198 Mr. Savage pointed out that it was written in the hopes that the Board  
199 would appoint a permanent President for Hunter College. It was not a  
200 recommendation for one candidate over the others, but it was designed to  
201 serve as an encouragement to the Board to make a decision. The Screening  
202 Committee recommended three candidates to the Board.

203 It was also noted that attempts had been made to divide the Hunter College  
204 Screening Committee. At present the H.C. Screening Committee is not  
205 meeting as a Screening Committee, but as part of the whole Search Com-  
206 mittee with the Board members. As a sub-committee the Screening Committee  
207 seems to be null and void.

208 A question was raised about the Presidential Search at City College and  
209 whether or not the number of Board members on that Search Committee had  
210 also been increased. An answer was not available.

After the question and answer period, Prof. Louis Massa proposed to 211  
present a motion which would communicate to the Board Hunter's concern 212  
over any possible shift in the Board's manner of conducting the Search 213  
process. He moved: 214

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate calls upon the Board 215  
to follow the spirit of the previously published guidelines of the 216  
Hunter College Presidential Search, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 217  
that the Board should not arbitrarily overrule the judgments of the 218  
members of the Hunter College Screening Committee. 219

After discussion the question was called and carried. 220


The motion received a vote of 30 in favor. Not having received the 221  
required number of 33 votes, a motion for a recount carried. 222

The recount produced the following results: 30 in favor, no opposition, 223  
and 6 abstentions. 224

As per Senate resolution the motion will be the first item of business 225  
at the next Senate meeting. 226

A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. 227

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tamara Green,  
Secretary

A P P E N D I X I

The following members are noted as absent from the meeting:

FACULTY:

Anthropology: Lester Firschein

Art: Roy DeCarava  
Dennis McCarthy

Biology: Richard Mawe

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Alfred Sears

Communications: Thomas Mader  
Fulton Ross

Economics: Arthur Gruen  
Kenneth Smith

Educational Foundations: Vera Kwochka "E"

English: Linda Kunz

Geology & Geography: Roy Grossman

Health & Physical Education: Francis Allen

History: Naomi Miller

Home Economics: Rose Miranda "E"  
Irene VonCseh

Music: John White  
Herbert Rogers

Nursing: Marjorie Martin

Political Science: Gil Elroy  
Michael Jaworskyj "E"

Romance Languages: Juan Agudiez "E"  
Carlos Hortas

Social Work: Barbara Morrison

Sociology: Paulette Pierce  
Ruth Sidel "E"  
Janet Poppendieck "E"

Theatre & Cinema: Barbara Leaming

Urban Affairs: Stephen Johnston

Dean Evelyn Handler

STUDENTS:

Graduate Students:

Marie Schoeff  
Doris Chee  
Linda Meany  
Joanna Rogers "E"  
Kenneth Molinari  
Charlotte Martin  
Cecile Manners  
Luis Agustin  
Linda Prather  
Ramiro Nunez

Seek Students:

Susan Vasquez

Day Session Students:

John Connor  
Sandy Del Pin  
Laura Bianchini  
Gail Zinberg  
Richard Flores  
Adam Gerstein  
Gypsy Menor  
Adele Francis  
Anthony Palmieri  
Thomas DePrisco

Evening Session Students:

Josephine D'Addario  
Louise Bryant  
Jeri Beth Arzberger  
Marie Lucie Brutus  
Patricia Donowski  
Alexandra Matusinka

"E" = Excused