

HUNTER COLLEGE  
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OFFICE OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate  
11 February 1981

	The <sup>147</sup> 143rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:40 p.m. in the PLAYhouse.	1 2
Presiding:	Allan Brick, Chairperson	3
Attendance:	The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.	4 5
Minutes:	The Minutes of December 10th were approved as distributed.	6
Report by the President:	A summary statement of President Shalala's Report is attached as Appendix II.	7 8
Report by the Ombudsman:	Professor Korn presented the written report as distributed before the meeting. He added some important comments about his concern about how best to deal with the issues of racism, sexism, and sexual harassment of students. These are very sensitive issues that cannot be ignored-- because they do occur and some complaints have already been made. Problems that arise should be brought to the Ombudsman's attention.	9 10 11 12 13 14
Report by the Administrative Committee:	Prof. Brick informed the Senate that, if there would be no objection, the election of Senate Vice-Chairperson would be postponed to 5:30 p.m., during SGS Dean's hour. There having been no objection, it was so ordered.	15 16 17 18
	<u>Approved Curriculum Changes</u>	19
	The following curriculum changes were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-435 (Dance), UR-436 (Anthropology), GR-166 (Home Economics), GR-167 (Educational Foundations), GR-168 (Curriculum & Teaching), GR-169 (Educational Foundations), US-427 (Romance Languages), US-428 (Romance Languages), US-429 (Music/Dance), US-430 (Theatre & Film), US-431 (Communications).	20 21 22 23 24 25
Committee Reports:	<u>Departmental Governance Committee</u>	26
	Dean Walter Weiss, Chairperson of the Committee, informed the Senate of the following corrections to be made in the <u>Revised By-laws of the Hunter College-Bellevue School of Nursing</u> :	27 28 29
	<u>Article I, Section 1. A. should read: "All duly appointed members of the instructional staff, full-time and part-time."</u>	30 31
	<u>Article I, Section 3. B.:</u> delete the words "the Professional Staff Congress."	32 33
	He then moved for approval of the proposed revised by-laws as submitted and amended, and opened the floor for discussion.	34 35
	During discussion a motion to recommit to the Hunter College-Bellevue School of Nursing for further consideration was made and seconded.	36 37
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	<u>5:30 p.m. Election of Senate Vice-Chairperson</u>	38
	Prof. Brick opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Senate.	39 40
	Ms. Denise DeBaun (English/SGS) was nominated.	41
	A motion to close nominations carried.	42
	Ms. DeBaun was elected by unanimous vote.	43
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	<u>Continuation of Discussion of Departmental Governance Committee Report</u>	44
	The motion on the floor was the motion to recommit the revised By-laws.	45

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Discussion continued and dealt with a number of questions and issues. 46  
 One concern expressed was that a final typed and corrected document had 47  
 not been put properly before the School of Nursing faculty for a vote. 48  
 Another was that the By-laws as presently drafted omitted any electoral 49  
 access for faculty members to chairperson or other leadership positions; 50  
 it was argued that such electoral access is basic to the philosophy and 51  
 practice of faculty governance as expressed in the by-laws of the 52  
 departments of the College. The Senate Chair informed the body that it 53  
 had traditionally been the practice of the Senate Committee on Governance 54  
 to recommend for approval any set of by-laws properly forwarded to it 55  
 by a Department or School if those by-laws did not violate College 56  
 procedure and regulations or violate the BHE By-laws, and that it was on 57  
 that basis that this document had been approved by the Committee. Thus 58  
 the purview of the Committee on Governance had been procedural and did 59  
 not include the issues now being raised on the floor of the Senate. 60

The question was called and carried. 61

The motion to recommit the proposed revised By-laws to the Hunter College- 62  
 Bellevue School of Nursing for further consideration carried by hand vote 63  
 with 40 in favor, 6 opposed, and 5 abstentions. 64

Dean Weiss next moved for approval of the Revised By-laws of the 65  
Department of Curriculum & Teaching, and opened the floor for discussion. 66

There was no discussion. 67


The Revised By-laws of the Department of Curriculum & Teaching were 68  
 approved by hand vote with 39 in favor, none opposed, and 5 abstentions. 69

Committee on the Calendar 70  
 Due to the late hour, the Report was postponed to the next meeting. 71

Prof. Barickman, Chairperson of the Committee, informed the Senate that a 72  
 13-week calendar and bell schedule, as approved by the Senate last year, 73  
 is now under serious consideration by the Council of Presidents and CUNY. 74

A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. 75

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  
Rena Gropper "E"  
Daniel Gross

Art: Lisa Vergara

Biology: Richard Piccioni  
Philippe Litzkas  
Shirley Raps "E"  
Audrey Haschemeyer

Black & Puerto Rican Studies: Myrna Bain

Chemistry: Max Diem  
William Grossman  
Bernard Greenberg

Curriculum & Teaching: Maureen Herman "E"  
Mae Gamble "E"  
Sally Milgram "E"

Educational Foundations: Joan Buxbaum "E"  
Kimberly Kinsler

English: Jane Benardete "E"

Geology & Geography: Peter Rigotti

Health & Physical Education: Susan Higgins  
Frances Allen

Health Sciences: Irving Eckman  
Lee Margulies

Library: Vivian Balaban "E"  
William Omelchenko "E"  
Milton Mittelman "E"

Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson "E"  
Thomas Wesselkamper

Music: John Reeves White "E"

Physics & Astronomy: Alfred Bennick  
Bo Lawergren  
Leon Cohen "E"

Political Science: Julian Baim

Romance Languages: Giuseppina Welsh

Social Work: Carmen Hendrick

Sociology: Ruth Sidel "E"  
Janet Poppendieck

Student Services: Rafael Ferrer  
Helen Clark

Theatre & Cinema: Ian Calderon  
Constance Clark "E"

Urban Affairs: Donald Sullivan

Dean James Harrison  
Dean Richard Mawe  
V.P. John Tesoriero

STUDENTS:

Graduate Students:

Doris Chee  
Jo Steele "E"  
Dolores Hull "E"  
Virginia Snow

Seek Students:

Serena Walker

Day Session Students:

Myra Bachman  
Adele Francis  
Bob Behr  
Linda Tate  
Manlio Di Preta  
Christopher York  
Vernita Widman  
Sarit Grinberg  
Karen Kaplan  
Jennine Gallo "E"  
Patricia Cavallero  
Jesus Linares  
Edward Kwiakowski  
Phyllis Vodicka "E"

Evening Session Students:

Louise Bryant  
Priscilla Scudder  
Felicita Colon  
Michael Druso  
Dolores Sanchez

A P P E N D I X I I

Summary of President Shalala's Report to the Senate:

Re: Grants:

President Shalala reported that Hunter has received a \$ 40,000 grant from Morgan Guaranty to help us set up our Development Office. Setting up this new Development Office is extremely critical in terms of being able to raise the kind of money that will improve this institution without delay. This is the first grant that Morgan Guaranty has ever given to a public institution and the first time for development purposes, and it is a credit to the efforts of our Development Office. Two similar grants for resources are still pending.

Re: Appointments:

Barbara Chocky is joining us as a full-time community relations director. Her primary responsibilities include Hunter's relationship with City government, State government, as well as the immediate community. She will also be the key person in negotiating a grant from the City's capital budget, to be used for the renovation of the Playhouse and the Assembly Hall. This renovation would enable Hunter to resume the public concert series.

Linda Howard will be joining us in July as a new Counsel to the President. She is at present a Professor of Law at Ohio State University with expertise in labor law, employment and affirmative action.

Re: Alumni:

Alumni giving is up about 25%, and grants are up by \$ 900,000. We will be putting out a spiffier fundraising brochure next year, as well as making a real effort in the telethon this year to see if we can get significant increases. Faculty help is needed for the Telethon.

Re: Request to State for Budget Increase:

Compared to other senior colleges, Hunter came out relatively well. Queens, Brooklyn, and City College took a significant reduction in faculty lines. We asked for 30 lines and received only three. However, the State had accepted our argument that Hunter is underfunded. One explanation as to why we received only three lines is that student enrollment went down by about 400 last year. If we stabilize the State may concede in giving us the significant increase that we asked for.

We did not receive significant increases in OTPS funds. We received the \$ 57,000 that we asked for. About one half of this money is intended for offering remedial courses this summer (including support services through the Dean of Students' Office), to enable some students to go into regular courses in the Fall. This money will help us to run a larger summer session this year.

We have been granted money for cost of living increases, but not the planning money for the renovation of 695 Park Avenue, which is a major disappointment. In terms of maintenance money we asked for, and received, \$ 55,000 to improve the bathrooms in this building.

There is some recognition by the State that Hunter is underfunded, and continues to be underfunded, and this would be the basis of our argument for a budget increase next year.

President Shalala then answered questions from the floor of the Senate:

- a. In answer to Prof. Korn's question on the budget, the President recommended that we must be careful about how we posture ourselves in relationship to the other senior colleges. Particularly Brooklyn and City College, who have taken serious budget cuts, will need Hunter to stand with them in making tough arguments to the legislature. While Baruch, the Graduate Center, and Hunter received an increase, it is important to remember that we are part of the overall strategy of the City University. The State seems to be attempting to impose on us an unusual budgetary gimmick concerning faculty members who teach at the Graduate Center. The senior colleges' presidents are

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united in opposing anything that would be other than a way of identifying that portion of the budget which is for graduate Ph.D. studies.

- b. In reply to Prof. Kirwan's question concerning the appalling conditions of the subway station, President Shalala informed the Senate that she had made a commitment to the community that Hunter will try to renovate the subway station at the same time as the new buildings are completed. We are on the list for urban transit money, which comes from Washington, and in order for Hunter to "adopt" the station we need to raise matching money of about \$ 100,000, which the President intends to do with the cooperation of other institutions in the area.
- c. In answer to Prof. Mader's question re: the filling out of a new form, President Shalala said that the imposition is the A21 requirement of the Office of Management and Budget in Washington. It is the result of a long negotiation between the major educational institutions in this country and representatives in Washington, although most of the major educational institutions strongly objected to that imposition. She further stated that it is absolutely critical for maintaining federal grants that the forms be filled out. Negotiations at various levels are going on to make the process as simple as possible, and it is CUNY's intention over the next year to reduce the number of forms to be filled out to, hopefully, just that form. But it will take time. What we are after is a single form that everyone fills out once a year, as opposed to multiple forms that are required for various purposes. In the meantime, the President urged that this form be filled out as quickly as possible.

President Shalala concluded her report by informing the Senate that the 13-week college calendar concept, which the Senate approved last year, will be taken by her to the Council of Presidents. She is hopeful of serious consideration of the proposal to end the first semester before the Christmas holidays. The new Deputy Chancellor, Leon Goldstein (Egon Brenner is going to Yeshiva), is more receptive to calendar changes, and most of the senior colleges are very enthusiastic about the possibility of a new college calendar.