

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
20 April 2005

The 453rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Joan Tronto, Chair

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

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as distributed.

Report by the Administrative Committee: Professor Tronto presented the report as follows:

Announcement of Voting Results for Resolution (Minutes 4/6/05, lines 345-346):

Voting by written ballot on the resolution that found President Raab's Report to the Senate on the Restructuring of the School of Arts & Sciences unacceptable produced the following results: 38 in favor, 23 opposed, and 10 abstentions.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum change as listed in the report dated 4/20/05 was approved as per Senate resolution, and was submitted for the Senate's information: Item UR-1435 (AFPRL)

Resolution Concerning Search for Assistant Vice President for ICIT

Professor Tronto presented the following resolution as distributed:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate declares that a College-Wide Search is not necessary to fill the post of Assistant Vice-President for ICIT given the circumstances and nature of this appointment, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate declares that it shall waive the application of the *College-wide Search Procedures* in this case.

After discussion the question was called. The motion was defeated.

After further discussion the question was called and carried.

The resolution was approved by voice vote.

Open Discussion on Retention

It was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a committee-of-the-whole until 5:24 PM. The motion carried. (President Raab presented a Power Point presentation on Student Retention--see Appendix II).

The Senate reconvened in formal session at 5:24 PM.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Picciano, TM
 Secretary

APPENDIX 1

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Africana & P.R./Latino Studies	Juan Flores Anthony Browne
Anthropology	Jonathan Shannon William Parry
Art	Reiner Leist Eleanor Richter Brian Wood
Classical & Oriental Studies	Tamara Green
Computer Science	Ioannis Stamos
Curriculum & Teaching	Janell Drone Mary Lefkarites Anthony Picciano
Economics	Howard Chernick Michael Schleifer Avi Liveson
Educational Foundations	Jeanne Weiler Elizabeth Cardoso "E" Priscilla Dixon
English	Sarah Chinn Lynne Greenberg
Geography	Ines Miyares William Solecki
Health Sciences	Frances Scheffler Kathryn Rolland
History	Michael Turner Angelo Angelis
Library	Mee-Len Hom Lauren Yannotta
Music	Victor Bobetsky "E" Brad Stoller Ruth DeFord
Nursing	Gloria Essoka "E" Leighsa Sharoff "E"

Psychology	Cheryl Harding Tracy Dennis
SEEK	Patricia Martin Denise Simmons
School of Social Work	Elizabeth Danto Gary Mallon
Sociology	Randi Rosenblum
Special Education	Ellis Barowsky
Theatre	Laura Drake Claudia Orenstein
Administration	Ms. Nadine Young James Blackburn
Ex-Officio	Miles Gerety Michael Delfausse Jackie Wilson

Students

Patrick Rivers	Giselle Campos
Anthony Avenoso	Shannon Miller "E"
Peneople Williams	Nyahsa Tindal
Yevgenia Elkina	Annie Thermidor
Laura Musich	Carmen Lopez
Brian Bankoff	Ariel Tal
Elizabeth Maglieri "E"	Kwami Coleman
Reba Wissner	Salut Ajmal
Debra Hilborn	Diane Young
Waheeda Sohan	Channell Mellich
Joshua R Thomas	Spencer Dennis
Wesley J O'Morrow	

APPENDIX II
President Raab's Power Point Presentation on
Student Retention

RETENTION

Managing Undergraduate Enrollment

- Capping overall enrollment
- Increasing graduate enrollment

Focus on Recruiting and Increasing Yield

- Identifying the most appropriate students who will succeed at Hunter
- Getting the students to enroll

Improving Access to Classes

- Increasing class availability
 - Increased number of courses in high demand, GER courses
 - Summer Session
- Increasing classroom space
- Most effective Bell Schedule
- Adding weekend and January classes

Improving Advising

- Increased availability of advisers
- E-advising
- DegreeWorks
- Restructured Personal Counseling
- Integrating Student Services and departmental advising
 - College-wide Conference in January 2003
 - Department Liaisons

Improved Customer Service

- Every student has Hunter e-mail account
- More information and assistance available online
 - New student services Web site, e-bulletin, most forms available on the Web
- Increased hours of operation
 - Bookstore, OASIS, Bursar's Office, Financial Aid Student Center
- Consistency of communication of information
- Web registration
- Web grading

Increasing Access and Availability of Scholarships

- STARS online scholarship information
- Commitment to raise more scholarship money
 - Mother's Day Campaign

Focus on Academic Support

- Supporting centers and other tutoring efforts
- CPE Initiative

Building Community

- Supporting the Student Experience
 - E-voting
 - E-bulletin
 - More dialogue with student clubs, groups and government
 - New Position-Associate Dean for Student Opportunity
 - Mentoring Program
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TARGET GROUPS

A. First-year Students

- Improving First-Year Orientation
Two-day program
- New ORSEM Program
- Blackboard Discussion Group
- Second-Semester Network
- Block Program

B. Transfer Students

- Revamped Orientation
- Matching students and programs

C. Sophomore Students

- Special Program Planning
- Reserving Seats
- Major Day Discussions with Faculty and Counselors
- Preparation for selecting Major and Minor

D. Focus on Juniors and Seniors

- Revamped Pre-professional Advising
New pre-law advisor
 - Degree Audit/Advising Week
 - Pilot advising programs in the departments
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Successes

- First-Year Retention Rates Increasing
 - First-year fall-to-fall retention rate increased from 76% in 2000 to 82% in 2003
 - Increases in Student Satisfaction compared to 2002
 - Quality of courses in and outside of major
 - New student orientation
 - Availability of PC labs
 - Registration procedures
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Next Steps

- Improving integration of transfer students
 - Matching students to majors
 - Nursing issue
 - Improving course transferability (TIPPS)
 - Adviser-to-student ratio
 - Integration of Student Services and departmental advising
 - Block
 - ORSEM and first-year orientation
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