


M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
5 October 1976

The eightieth ^{80th} 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 September 14th were approved with the correction that the following words be inserted between lines 81 and 82: "Ongoing debate was terminated when the..."	6 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 Administrative Committee: Prof. Sylvia Fishman, Secretary of the Senate, presented the Report as follows: 1. Presented the following resolutions for Senate approval: BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Alumni Association, or designee, be afforded the privilege of the Senate floor, without vote, and receive the Agenda and Minutes of Senate meetings.	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
The motion carried by hand vote.	18
BE IT RESOLVED, that a Steering Committee, composed of Chairmen of Senate Committees and the Administrative Committee, be charged with bringing to the Senate as a Committee of the Whole, deliberation and proposed action relative to temporally crucial issues affecting the essential well-being of the College.	19 20 21 22 23
The motion carried by hand vote.	24
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate establish an ad-hoc Committee for the review of all administrative practices which relate to the recruitment of students. Production of catalogue and other literature (e.g. Bulletin), establishment of an Office of Recruitment.	25 26 27 28 29
The motion carried by hand vote.	30
2. Reminded the body that a member of the Hunter College Senate who is absent from three out of four consecutive meetings without prior notice of such absence, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Senate.	31 32 33 34
3. Yielded the floor to Prof. Barbara Behr, Chairman of the Student Standing Committee. Prof. Behr informed the Senate that the list of September 1976 graduates is available at the Senate Office for inspection. She then moved for ceremonial adoption of the list.	35 36 37 38 39
The motion carried by hand vote.	40

Nominating Committee Report:	<u>Nominating Committee</u> Prof. Ruth Gonchar, Chairman of the Committee, presented the Committee's slate for filling two vacancies on the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee. The slate was accepted as presented. The following were elected:	41 42 43 44
	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u> <u>Students:</u> Aida Luz Mendez - Day Stephen Samuel - Day	45 46 47
	Prof. Gonchar then moved for Senate approval of the following resolution:	48 49
	BE IT RESOLVED, that until such time as a new Charter is accepted by the body, a temporary alternate system be established whereby at least one faculty and one student alternate be assigned to each Senate Committee, where appropriate; the number of alternates may otherwise not exceed the number of vacancies on each committee.	50 51 52 53 54 55
	Alternates shall participate in the work of the Committee but shall vote only in the event of absence or vacancies in that committee. The alternates shall be ranked to determine the order in which they achieve committee vote or are replaced when committee vacancies are filled.	56 57 58 59 60
	After discussion the question was called.	61
	The motion to call the question carried by voice vote.	62
	The motion to approve the resolution carried by hand vote.	63
Report by the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee:	<u>Undergraduate Course of Study Committee</u> Prof. Robert July, Chairman of the Committee, presented the Report dated 5 October 1976 and moved for acceptance of items U-256 (English) and U-257 (Classics).	64 65 66 67
	The motion carried by hand vote.	68
	Prof. July then moved for acceptance of U-259 (Music).	69
	After discussion the motion carried by hand vote.	70
	He next moved for acceptance of item E-103 (Proposal for an Inter-disciplinary Experimental Program: Independent Learning by Achievement Contract).	71 72 73
	After discussion a motion to table E 103 was defeated with 28 in favor and 35 opposed.	74 75
	After further discussion the motion to approve E-103 carried by hand vote.	76 77
	The next item on the Agenda was the Report re: "Proposals for Procedures for Implementing Curricula Revisions.	78 79
	Prof. July proposed that consideration of the report be postponed to the next meeting where it would be the first item of business.	80 81
	A motion to postpone the report carried.	82
	A motion to adjourn carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.	83

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:

Academic Skills: Beverly Sowande
Anthropology: Lester Firschein
Art: John McNeill Wells
Biology: Edward Balboni
Marcia Brody
Black & P.R. Studies: Edgardo Lopez-Ferrer
Mavis Campbell "E"
Chemistry: Charles Hecht
Communications: James Aronson
Economics: Alvin Kabot
Geology & Geog.: John Boylan
Health & Phys.Educ.: Mary Lefkarites "E"
History: Pierre Oberling
Health Sciences: Robert Tannenbaum "E"
Irving Eckman
Mathematics: Barry Cherkas
Music: Michael Spierman
Nursing: Margaret Magnus
Sara Aronson
Philosophy: William Bryar
Physics & Astronomy: John Tigner
Political Science: Kenneth Ericksen
Psychology: Thomas Burgess
Romance Languages: Joan Spitzer
Mario Fratti
Social Work: Joel Walker
Sociology: Robert Perinbanayagam
Aubrey Bonnet
Student Services: Robert Cohen
Urban Affairs: Seymour Mann
Adult Education: Daniel Davage
Julius Buchwald

STUDENTS:

Academic Skills Students:
Debra Slade "E"
Debra Pinkston "E"
Nymia Figueroa "E"
Debra Fraser "E"
Day Session Students:
A.G. Miller
Nina Cranton
Robin Russell
Howard Strongin "E"
Rosetta Randisi "E"
Frank Pohole
Hernado Perez
Irtis Brown
Alvin Winters
Violet Whiteman
Robert Horn "E"
SGS Students:
David Parry "E"
Susan O'Shea "E"
Peter Consoli "E"
Phil Ward "E"
William Ward "E"

Dean Edward Barrett
Dean Joachim Weyl

"E" = Excused

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President Wexler's opening remarks began with a tribute to the spirit of the whole community which enabled the opening of Hunter College to be as orderly and as productive as it was.

The President then identified and clarified two items of tremendous impact on the budget, enrollment and tuition income collected.

Enrollment

The Fall '75 graduate FTE was 1265; the Fall '76 graduate FTE is 975. These figures represent a significant, but expected drop due to the pressures of last year. The graduate curriculum committee and the divisional deans will be consulted soon to discuss ways of staying or reversing the trend in graduate enrollment.

Undergraduate

The Fall '75 undergraduate FTE was 6663; the Fall '76 undergraduate FTE is 5558. For the budget, we projected a total FTE of 10883 for AY 76-77. In the pattern of past years, there has been a 6% decline in FTE from Fall to Spring; if these projections remain the same, the actual AY76-77 FTE will be 10783. On our enrollment projections, the budget clearly looks safe.

Tuition Income Collected

Each College was mandated to hold in escrow a percentage of the projected tuition income. Most colleges were required to hold 10%; Hunter College and one or two others were required to hold in reserve only 5% because our recent past projections have been so accurate. If the tuition income is collected at the full level projected, that \$600,000 is part of the spendable budget of Hunter College. Present data indicates that we are in the safe zone. The College rate of receivables is low at the present time because some government funds which seem very secure have not yet been dispersed and cannot be counted as receivables. There also have been individual deferments granted because of hardships involved. These deferments cannot be included in our receivables. The President indicated that a firmer reading on our tuition income will be available to the community by November 15.

To meet the demand of the budget cut and to prevent the retrenchment of many more faculty lines President Wexler repeated that \$ 600,000, the total accumulated non-tax levy revenue of the College, was committed to the budget. It is dangerous to spend the total of those resources. Hunter College is operating a \$35 million budget with no contingency. Next year promises to be another difficult year. If all of our non-tax levy funds are exhausted this year, we will have no cushion at all for future emergencies. All budget committees should be aware of this situation.

President Wexler announced that all prepared budget materials will be made available to the Senate Budget Committee. Mr. Tesoriero has provided an analysis of future needs with particular attention to three elements:

1. What it will cost next year to stay level with this year without the addition of non-tax levy funds;
2. What will be the effect of mandatory increases carried into next year;
3. What it will cost to refinance particular areas which were cut this year but where it would be disastrous to continue the cut next year.

The report of the Vice President indicated that the cost of annualizing the mandatory increases for a twelve month period would be \$586,000. If there is a contract going into 77-78 which is above the one year contract

which has been approved by everyone but the EFCB, and if the level were to remain the same, it would cost an additional \$1.3 million.

The one-shot savings allowed this year for the cancellation of rentals was \$150,000. Refinancing the Summer Session at full level would cost \$123,000; minimal refinancing of the Library Book Code would cost \$25,000; minimal refinancing of the equipment code would cost \$300,000; refinancing the supplies code would cost \$280,000; refinancing the bulletin code for new catalogues would cost \$75,000. If we do all of these things, the cost could be as much as \$3.5 million.

Each of these items is defensible; some are even inevitable. The President quoted these figures not as an attack upon any single item, but so that the entire community will be aware of what the committees and the administration will be considering as they consider the budgets for 1977-78. Mrs. Wexler expressed the gratitude of the community that the available information is "hard" much earlier than last year, enabling the appropriate committees to work with it in a very responsible manner.

A total of 1969 course sections were offered to undergraduate day session students in Fall '75; in Fall '76, the number decreased to 1722. 696 course sections were offered to undergraduate evening session students in Fall '75; in Fall '76 the number decreased to 584. This seems to be an equal drop in the sessions, a decline no greater than the drop in enrollment. The number of course sections offered must continue to be adjusted as our enrollment decreases.

President Wexler presented a brief rundown of the work of the Governor's Committee on Higher Education. The Board of Higher Education is also considering various plans of governance. Mayor Beame stated that the City will withdraw all funding from the senior colleges by 1977. The emerging compromise seems to center around a descending scale of city funding - perhaps 75%/25% in 1977 and eventually reaching total state funding of the senior colleges in "x" years. The President promised more in depth information at the November or December Senate meetings.

President Wexler concluded her remarks with congratulations upon Professor Sherover's election as Ombudsman. She expressed the hope for mutual full support, even at times of disagreement, and the hope that the office will be a benefit to the Senate, to the College and to the entire community.