

**APPENDIX II
Report by the President**

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate. He said:

"The College had a great week last week, and I would like to thank Vice President Fishman, those on her planning committee, and all the faculty, staff, and students who helped to make the Third Annual Fall Celebration such a success. I had the privilege of seeing our Theatre and Dance students perform and it was a great treat. It is important for us to showcase our students as much as possible. They are the justification for all that we do, and they deserve our thanks for giving up time. I know that there were also numerous other student events going on. In addition, Saturday night we had the Awards Ceremony for the First Annual Hunter College Film, Video, and New Media Awards Festival. It was a great national festival, and I am very pleased that it got off to such a good start. I also want to let you know that the Hunter College Foundation met last week. We have started a policy that Hunter students and faculty will meet regularly with the Foundation so that the members of the Foundation will have a chance to learn first hand about the strengths of this campus.

I want to bring you up to date on the various searches. Dean Leashore is chairing the Search Committee for Dean of the Schools of Health Professions. That process is well underway, and he will be giving you updates as they progress. The Search for Provost is just in the beginning stage. We are in the process of forming the committee, based on your recommendations and nominations. As soon as we have a committee in place we will publicize the results so that everyone will know. The Senate is also assisting with both the Dean of Research and Dean of Education searches, and I would like to thank you very much for all your assistance. The Centro search is getting started, and Professor Freudenberg is chairing that particular search committee, which is complete except for one student member. That committee will be published in the next Open Line which should be out shortly. Incidentally, the website is a good way to keep up with the Open Line. You will get it a little faster.

Let me mention several matters relating to 80th Street. First, there is no news that I know of concerning the search for Chancellor, except to say that the Trustees Committee had completed its search last summer and sent three names to the Board. There is no indication that the Board will be meeting in the near future to make a decision on those recommendations. There are two presidential searches underway, one of which is close to completion, and that is the search for President of NYC Tech. They are doing final interviews this afternoon. Baruch College is the next search and that one will be getting started very quickly. I don't know the particulars of who is on the search committee yet. The third thing is the Task Force that the Mayor appointed last spring. Originally we thought that it was going to be a discussion about the community colleges. It then expanded to a consideration of the City University of New York, and then the Chair of the Task Force indicated that it was really to come up with a blueprint for urban public higher education into the next century. We originally thought that the commission would have part of their report ready by the end of September, but that is not the case. It is our understanding now that the report will consist of three distinct parts and then a final report. The three distinct parts discuss remediation, and the other two deal with the two outside consultants that were hired - the Price-Waterhouse group who is looking at management issues and best practices issues as they relate to the City University, and then the third is the Rand Corporation, which has been hired to assess governance costs and a variety of large scale issues. We have been told that there will be three separate reports covering these topics, and that the commission will issue a summary report. We assume that some of these things will become available after the election.

The fourth item I want to mention is the question of remediation. That still remains in the courts. It still remains an issue to be resolved, and we are enjoined from doing any planning to implement the BoT resolution relating to remediation, or the elimination of remediation at the senior colleges. This means that our one-semester three treatment option remains the option at Hunter, and will remain the option until the Board policy is resolved in terms of what happens in the courts. I will be happy at some point to report on what the impact and what the results of the Hunter College one-semester three treatment policy has been over the past year. We are still gathering data from everything that happened during the summer and some summary statistics should be available shortly.

In closing I want to mention three critical topics for the college. In the last few weeks, at my request, a group of faculty and staff have met with me to discuss the question of diversity and race on this campus in response to a request to participate in a regional meeting that was held at City College about three weeks ago. This group continues to meet as a result of the session at City College. There will be a follow up conference meeting in March that we hope to get back to. I have asked this group to come back with questions on how this campus might deal with some issues relating to race and diversity, and also how the campus might deal specifically with a more narrow set of concerns dealing with the questions of racism. I will be hearing from them within the next month or so. I will be meeting with them, and then I will have some suggestions.

The second item is something that those of you who were at the new student convocation last week heard me say, and that is that it simply is not enough to condemn the wanton violence which occurred recently in Wyoming, or any crime of hate. I feel very strongly that it is important for Hunter, indeed for all of higher education, to not only do everything possible to keep these types of acts from happening, but also to attempt to have a discussion framed within the educational setting. Thus, I will be asking the Senate and other groups on campus to work with me so that we can develop a strong and unified response against such hate crimes, but also to work to prevent them from happening in the first place by increasing awareness through the educational process. Look for that in the next few weeks.

Finally, the third item, which you hear me say almost every year, is the need to vote. This is the time to vote. You have a series of choices before you. We all know that as a public institution we are affected by those who are in public office. This is your opportunity to cast your ballot. Please take the time to learn where the various candidates are on the issues and then participate and vote. If you don't vote you really don't have the luxury of then saying that you wished that something had been done or not been done. You need to register your concern and if you are a supporter of public higher education I would hope that you will select and choose those candidates who in affect have proven records in support of public higher education. As you all know, we need as much assistance as we can get. It is one thing to go up to Albany, and it is another thing to write letters later to condemn or support activities. Now you actually have a chance to be part of the process in selecting elected leaders. So, please participate."

President Caputo concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.