

## APPENDIX II Report by the President

A summary statement of President Caputo's Report to the Senate is as follows:

I want to comment on a variety of things today. But before doing that I would like to begin by commenting on something that is on the lighter side. For some reason in the past week the President's Office has received a variety of inquiries in which people have asked which position I have accepted. While it is gratifying to know that there is such interest about this on campus, I thought I should tell you that I have not accepted any position and, even more important, I am not a candidate anywhere. In fact, I have declined several requests to become a candidate at other institutions for a very basic reason. My work and our work together to make Hunter the best possible public urban higher education institution continues. I believe that we have made great strides and I look forward to our continuing our work together.

Second, I would like to congratulate our men's and women's cross country teams as well as their coach Ed Zarowin. The teams each captured their respective CUNY championships. In addition, congratulations to the women's volleyball team and coach Jeff Lipton for capturing the championship, and special congratulations to Athletic Director Terry Wansart as our student athletes continue to perform very well.

Third, I would like to ask everyone to take a few minutes in the next few days to contemplate the significance of yesterday's election results, not in terms of whether your candidate lost or won, but rather what it means for a democratic political system when we have near record campaign spending, soft money, and PAC money, as well as the turn out that was not as high as it might have been. Just as we are concerned about the scientific competency of our students, shouldn't we also be concerned about their civic competency. I will have more to say about this in the months ahead.

I think that everyone in this room is very aware of the tragic and severe consequences for Central America because of Hurricane Mitch. The College will try to put together a coalition of organizations. I will ask the FDA, the Senate, and the student governments to work with the President's Office, so that we can come out with a coordinated fundraising effort to try to provide some relief funds for the different organizations that are working in Central America today. If you saw the latest figures, as well as some of the more graphic details of the damage, it is clear that this is a tragedy of major proportions. As a campus we need to do all we can to be responsive to the human suffering there. I will have a special announcement out in a few days.

I also need to raise a rather sensitive point about the Hunter student governments. Since I have been President here I have invited their representatives to meet with me on a monthly basis. This has led to very few meetings, because usually they are not there. We had even fewer meetings where we have talked about active partnership between student government and the administration to develop an agenda to deal with the problems facing many of our students. I was looking forward to a discussion concerning a major teaching initiative that we will be starting soon, which I have mentioned here, the Carnegie Scholarship of Teaching. But it has been impossible to discuss it. I have asked Vice President Fishman and Dean Escott to schedule the meetings at the times that the students request. They have either not come, or when they have come they have had other things that they wanted to talk about, so that I never had a chance to raise issues. Now, I want to say that I believe student involvement and participation on issues important to the College is an absolute must, and I will be seeking both student government and other student input as we move ahead on a variety of fronts.

Finally, let me bring you up to date on the Master Plan. You have probably heard a variety of rumors and discussions about the Master Plan. Let me explain where we are with this. Vice Presidents Gizis and Tyburczy have been trying to keep the various committees and groups on campus informed. I want to take a few minutes to bring the Senate up to date. The Master Plan process began well over a year ago, and it involved a series of discussions and deliberations with the architects who were hired by CUNY to develop a physical planning process for Hunter College and for what we need. They are in the process of completing their master plan analyses and some of the planning. We hope that they will have a Master Plan available some time by late spring, which will permit the campus to consider it before it goes to the Board of Trustees for their discussion and approval. Without a Master Plan we will not be able to get major new capital buildings of any sort. First, some background that is important for you to remember. Right now, with our enrollment and the various needs on campus, we are 400,000 sq. ft short of space. That probably does not come as a surprise to many of you. You know how crowded things are and how difficult it is to get a room. By the year 2006, with very limited growth in comparison with the rest of CUNY, we will be nearly 860,000 sq. ft short. In the next eight to ten years we will almost double our space needs. The bad news is that large commercial sites within a five-minute radius of the college are in fact not available. The architects have looked at a variety of possibilities including some public sites within the area, and there simply are no large commercial sites available. Thus, they are working to develop three different scenarios. I briefly want to explain to you these scenarios and what is involved. At one point, as Vice President Gizis mentioned during one of his presentations, it would appear that some people thought that all this was to offend everybody and to make no one happy. That is not the case. However, there are a variety of options, and I want to go through each of these options."

President Caputo presented the three options on the overhead projector. They are duplicated below. He concluded his report with the following remarks. "What is likely to happen is that the planners and the architects will look at the various options and come back with proposals that include a combination of different possibilities rather than option 1, 2, or 3. So we are waiting with a great deal of interest as to what they are going to be able to come back with. Their responsibilities include looking at legal possibilities, zoning possibilities, as well as cost possibilities, and then at that point the Trustees will have to make a decision as to how much money they are prepared to invest in Hunter and what the investment would look like. We are some considerable time away from those discussions and those decisions, but nonetheless I thought you would be interested in seeing exactly where we are."

The floor was open for questions.

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Appendix II (continued):

**MASTER PLAN OPTIONS:**

**General Note: Options assume that Master Plan will be drawn from the analysis of the three options.**

	<b>Option 1</b> Area (1,000gsf) Program	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>
<b>10 East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street</b>	<b>290 Sciences</b> (Assumes new building)	<b>46 Admin.</b> <b>38 Media Center</b> (Assumes use of exist. Bldg.)	<b>84</b> (Swing use until 2010)
<b>68<sup>th</sup> Street Vicinity</b>	<b>370 School of Arts &amp; Sciences</b> (Assume transfer of development rights from Armory)	<b>283 School of Arts &amp; Sciences</b> (New Sites)	<b>0</b>
<b>Brookdale</b>	<b>46 Admin</b> <b>43 Expansion SHP</b> <b>104 Urban theme</b> <b>5 Conference</b>	<b>373 Sciences*</b> <b>43 Expansion SHP</b>	<b>373 Sciences</b> <b>43 Expansion SHP</b> <b>104 Urban Theme</b> <b>82 Admin</b> <b>5 Conf. Center</b> <b>126 Athletics</b> <b>34 Media Center</b>
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>767</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>848</b> <b>(10)</b>	<b>848</b> <b>64</b>	<b>848</b> <b>81</b>

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\* Assume large lecture courses of 68<sup>th</sup> Street equivalent to 40,000