

APPENDIX II Report by the President

A summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate is as follows: He said:

"I do have a number of things that I want to cover since this is the last meeting of the year. To start with I want to mention several accomplishments.

One item is the CUNY Athletic Conference. I am showing you the initial commissioner's trophy, which is given to the school that has the best overall record in all sports throughout the year. It is a very nice accomplishment for Terry Wansart and her team. Congratulations.

There are a group of students who have been active at Brookdale. They have tried to accomplish a variety of things last year. A week ago I had the good fortune to see the new game room, which they were able to complete. They hope to have some public computer use in that facility. I mention this because it is a good example of students working through student government and with other officials at Brookdale in a positive way to bring about change. It is also a good example of perseverance, hard work, and organization. Congratulations to all the students involved with that.

A student, Kim Bogart, sent me a publication she did as part of a grant she had from the Child Welfare Fund. She worked on a directory of the lower Eastside. It is an advocacy tool for agencies working with low-income families, and it is an excellent example of what can be done during an individual project. She was amazed that this kind of compilation was not available, and she is very pleased that different groups in that neighborhood are using it. Congratulations to her.

Many faculty and students have been notified in recent weeks concerning research and teaching grants of various sorts. Over \$300,000 was available and awarded for a variety of individual and group efforts. Most of that money came from private fund-raising. I am very pleased that we were able to do this and we hope to expand it in the years ahead. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who has participated in this.

I want to mention two new programs, one of which is very important and the second of which we will talk more about in the fall. The first one is a program that Angela Jenkins will be working on in the President's office in her role as Director of Urban Outreach. If you recall, during my address last February I indicated that I would like to see if by pooling its resources of faculty, students, staff, and alumni, Hunter could come up with a combined contribution of 100,000 hours or more of donated time to the City of New York or to the communities in which our various constituents live. This is the beginning of the program. In June we hope to make a presentation to the City of a gift certificate of 100,000 hours of help. Together with the announcement that was distributed here there is a form you can use as you complete work. Simply return it to us. Throughout the fall you will see displays of our progress toward our goal. I would encourage each and every one of you to consider doing some kind of public service volunteer work during the next year. It is important for us all to remember to be part of a broader community. The one restriction that applies is that it must be public service volunteer work for non-profit organizations, and that it not be a requirement for a course.

"Celebrating Community" was the theme for this year. We had a competition, which just ended, and I am pleased to say that Betty Smith, who is a member of the staff in the President's Office, was the winner. The slogan for next year will be "The Future is Ours." It will be used on banners that will be up at each of our locations by the start of the fall semester.

I know that everyone remains very interested in the budget, but I have nothing new to say. There is no indication that it will get any better. We do not think that there will be a supplementary budget, or if it is it will be very limited and it will not give us the general relief that we had hoped for.

Remediation, obviously a very serious matter, is before the Board next Tuesday. This could change the direction of CUNY in terms of what is available for our students, and how open and accessible we are. I want to encourage everyone who feels strongly about this to make sure that the trustees and elected officials understand your feelings. I thank everyone who participated in the Public Hearing representing our students and faculty at Hunter. It is very important that faculty have as much voice as possible in this and as large a say as possible. It is unfortunate that the discussion of the pros and cons has sometimes taken the tone that it has, but I think that really reflects the strong feeling people have on this issue. We have to wait and see what happens at the Board meeting.

Two candidates are invited back for a second visit for the Dean of Arts and Sciences search. It is my understanding that in the past the administration simply pursued the candidates, and the community learned about who the finalist was when the appointment was announced. I want to change that. The second round of interviews for the two people coming back are much more inclusive. It includes a large number of groups from across the campus, including representatives from this body. There are also two

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open sessions for faculty and staff. Gary Reichard will be here on Tuesday and Anne Cohen on Thursday from 11 to 12 noon. If you would like to provide me with feedback, please do so by Friday of next week as we hope to bring the search to conclusion in the near future.

I want to close with a series of thanks. I want to thank your Chair Barbara Hampton, the Senate leadership, and the individual members of the Senate for your help and cooperation this year. It has been a path-breaking year for us in terms of the changes we have agreed to and are working on. The Middle States re-accreditation and its results are a single accomplishment for this college. So, congratulations and thanks to everybody. I also want to mention four people who are very instrumental to everything that goes on at Hunter. I do want to thank Vice Presidents Fishman, Gizis, Harwood, and Schor for all their help during the year and for their continued leadership of the college. They have served us very well and they will continue to do so. I appreciate their help, as well as the help of the staff in the President's Office.

In closing, two things. The first weekend in May was the alumni weekend where 23 individuals were inducted into the Hunter College Hall-of-Fame. Nearly 1000 people had lunch that Saturday in the Sheraton Ballroom. It is unique setting and a unique college in terms of being able to attract that number of individuals to come back. I hope that many of you will have the opportunity to join us in commencement. Hunter commencements are unique. They are exciting, very joyful, and a lot of fun. So, we hope that you will join us there.

I want to wish everyone a very pleasant and productive summer. We will get off to a very fast start in the fall because we have a very full agenda next year, just as we have had the past couple of years."

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