

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES /73

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

March 26, 1992

Time: 3:20 PM

Room 630T

Present (24): Arvind Agarwal, Michael Blitz, James Bowen, Dorothy Bracey, James Cohen, Luis Cuevas, Jannette Domingo, Janice Dunham, Robert Fox, Suzanne Iasenza, Karen Kaplowitz, Tom Litwack, Rubie Malone, Robert McCrie, Jill Norgren, Dagoberto Orrantia, Mary Regan, Olga Scarpetta, Candice Skrapec, Timothy Stevens, Charles Stickney, Jerome Storch, Antoinette Trembinska, Howard Umansky

Absent (16): Haig Bohigian, Philip Bonifacio, David Brandt, Orlanda Brugnola, Lily Christ, Migdalia DeJesus-Torres de Garcia, Elisabeth Gitter, Lou Guinta, Sondra Leftoff, John Pittman, Lydia Rosner, Douglas Salane, Edward Shaughnessy, Martin Wallenstein, Carl Wiedemann, Agnes Wieschenberg

AGENDA

1. Announcements from the Chair
2. Approval of Minutes #72 of the March 13 meeting
3. Budget update
4. Discussion of issues involving safety, fire safety, and access for the disabled
5. Proposed proclamation honoring faculty advisors of student clubs and student organizations
6. Resolved, That the Faculty Senate recommends that the student evaluation of faculty take place each semester: Senator Trembinska
7. Proposal to cap at 12 hours the number of credits freshmen may take
8. Proposal to amend the Charter provision limiting terms of office: Senator Iasenea
9. Proposal to amend the Charter so the "Budget Committee" of the "Faculty Personnel & Budget Committee" has three voting members of the Faculty Senate elected by the Senate: Senator Litwack
10. Discussion of the March 16 College Council meeting
11. Invited guest: John Emmons, Chair of the HEO Council
12. Reports from committees (written)
13. New business

[Ed. In order to facilitate the business of the Faculty Senate, the agenda schedule was not followed precisely. However, all reports and actions will be recorded in agenda order.]

1. Announcements from the Chair

The Senate was provided with written announcements [Attachment A.]

Professor Serena Nanda (Chair, Anthropology) asked that the following announcement be made to the faculty: "The Minutes (action minutes) of the Council of Chairs will be available to the faculty in each department either through a routing list, kept at the secretary's desk, or by some other means. Please keep yourself informed about what is happening with the Chairs by keeping up with their Minutes."

Senator Fox reported on TIAA contributions, which had been halted by the state. He said that a bill has been passed whereby all the monies withheld since January 1, 1992, will be paid as of the beginning of April and all payments to the TIM contribution retirement plan will continue to be paid through July 1. At the same time, a committee has been appointed which will study the problem and will, hopefully, submit a proposed solution to the Governor by June 1, which will give the Governor and the State Legislature one month to come up with a plan for a permanent resolution. Otherwise we will be back to square one on July 1. Senator Fox also reported that the PSC is proceeding to arbitration on contractual money matters but that there is agreement on all non-monetary contractual issues.

President Kaplowitz added that the Article 7 Bills have been withdrawn from the legislature. Had the Article 7 Bills passed, the CUNY senior colleges would have been severed from the CUNY community colleges for the purposes of collective bargaining and the result would have been a two-tier system which would have weakened the University.

2. Approval of Minutes #72 of the March 13 meeting

Minutes #72 of the March 13 meeting were approved by a motion duly made and carried.

3. Budget Update

President Kaplowitz reported that there are two proposals for achieving the \$1.3 million cut in John Jay's budget, an administration proposal and one from the faculty developed by the Budget Planning Committee. The difference in the two proposals has to do with whether the academic budget should take a \$600,000 cut or a \$400,000 cut. Senator Cohen noted that the Senate's Fiscal Committee is developing a proposal of its own.

President Kaplowitz said that the Senate's Executive Committee had invited President Lynch to today's Senate meeting but that he could not meet with the Senate because he is in England. The Senate agreed to invite President Lynch to the next Senate meeting. The budget is a topic that the faculty has questions about. There are also questions about the funding of the St. Petersburg (Russia) conference in June on "International Perspectives: Crime, Justice and Public

Order" which is being co-sponsored by John Jay College (and St. Petersburg State University), especially whether the source of the funding is John Jay College monies or contributions from private or other sources. President Kaplowitz said that John Jay faculty who are presenting papers at the St. Petersburg Conference received a letter yesterday from President Lynch, dated March 23, informing them that "for those members of the faculty whose papers have been accepted, the College will be able to provide, from non-tax levy funds, a stipend of \$1000 to defray the cost of the trip." The cost of the trip is \$2000. She said that presumably those administrators who are also attending the conference will have all or part of their expenses similarly defrayed. She said she asked Provost Wilson earlier in the day about the source of this \$1000 stipend and was advised to ask President Lynch directly. She noted President Lynch's comment at the last College Council meeting on March 16 that the College does not have funds to make accommodations that are necessary for John Jay's disabled students.

Senator Norgren asked if adjunct faculty are included in the administration's commitment to fire no faculty or staff. President Kaplowitz replied that the administration's commitment to not retrench anybody does not extend to adjuncts. Senator Norgren urged the faculty to be aware of this exception.

Senator Norgren then alerted the Senate to the Provost's plan to move faculty across disciplines. She reported that at a meeting of her department (Government), the department was told by the chair that seven sections of Government 101 would be taught by members of the History Department, whose names would be forwarded to them. This, she explained, was not an addition of seven sections but rather a way to replace seven adjuncts, by full-time members of the History Department, and was being done since the History Department is presumably overstaffed, according to the Provost.

Senator Norgren noted that hiring is absolutely a departmental prerogative, she said there is a real danger in allowing the Provost to move faculty around at will. She suggested that the administration should first address the faculty's concerns about the nature of the financial crisis and look at the ways in which the cuts are being targeted in the teaching, rather than the administrative, end. President Kaplowitz reported that the Provost had told the Budget Planning Committee earlier that day that he was arranging to have History faculty teach seven sections of Government 101 as well as a number of sections of the required Ethnic Studies courses. (It has, to date, been the prerogative of the African-American Studies Department and the Puerto Rican Studies Department to approve faculty who wish to teach any of the three core Ethnic Studies courses.)

Senator Fox asked Senator Norgren if she would feel as strongly if these assignments were labelled temporary and due to the budget crisis. She replied that the real issue here is faculty control of hiring and that there is no question, as far as she knows, of anyone in the History Department being fired since they are tenured faculty. Senator Umansky, the History Department representative, said that he and his department are unaware of the proposal and that this is the first he is hearing about it. He added that

a meeting of the History faculty has been called for early April and that since it is unusual for his department to meet before the May elections meeting, he presumes that this proposal is the purpose of the meeting.

Senator Litwack questioned whether the Provost is empowered to transfer faculty to other departments. Senator Norgren noted that the Board of Trustees Bylaws reserves to the department chair the prerogative to schedule his or her faculty. Senator Litwack wondered if the Provost's plan might be a way of saving jobs.' Senator Fox said that it is necessary to research how other CUNY units had dealt with the matter during the last budget crisis.

Senator Norgren said that this is a crucial matter of faculty concern and that we can not afford to lose on this issue. she added that there are several things that the Provost has been proposing to individual chairs, without raising the issues appropriately before the College Budget Committee or the Council of Chairs. Senator Litwack said that if there is a proposal like this it is obviously to save money used to hire adjuncts. He said that as long as there is non-tax levy money available, the academic budget should not be cut. President Kaplowitz reported that the Provost told the Budget Planning Committee earlier in the day that his proposal is not only a way to save money by cutting adjuncts but also a way to decrease the percentage of courses taught by adjuncts, since we now have 46 percent of all sections taught by adjuncts and the percentage will probably be higher in the fall. She then reported that the Chancellor said at the last Board of Trustees meeting that at some CUNY community colleges as many as 45 to 50 percent of the sections are being taught by adjuncts and that anything over 25 percent is not acceptable. Senator Litwack said that it is important to have this information, that this is one of the Provost's reasons, but that it is still important to note that this approach is for show rather than for the real reason, which is a shortage of full-time faculty.

Senator Norgren suggested that the Senate should immediately raise the issue with the Provost and that he should be raising the issue through proper channels and for open, public discussion. She then pointed out that John Jay already has an acceptable model for faculty to teach in a department other than her or his own: Thematic Studies. She explained that faculty who teach in TSP volunteer to do so and that the members of TSP choose which volunteer faculty will teach in their department. She said that this is the model that should be followed: faculty who volunteer to teach in a department other than their own may do so and the P&B of the host department must have the right to accept or reject the volunteer.

Senator Orrantia questioned whether the Senate should perhaps oppose, in principle, all movement of faculty. Senator Brace said that it might not be a good idea to oppose voluntary reassignment of faculty She suggested that voluntary reassignment may be a source of good opportunities for both faculty and for departments.

Senator Blitz said that the real issue at hand is the Provost's intervention in departmental policy decisions. He said that although he feels it is usually a good idea to

state motions in positive terms, it is important for us to pose this motion in opposition terms. The real matter of urgency here is to make sure that whatever is done should be done to ensure that any changes in adjunct hiring will be for the purpose of supporting increased full-time hiring. Senator Fox wondered whether this is something that the Provost is only discussing or whether there are specific proposals that are being acted on. He worried about the Senate being embarrassed about a premature decision on the issue and suggested that we invite the Provost to our meeting to answer our questions. President Kaplowitz pointed out that the Provost had presented the matter to the Budget Planning Committee earlier in the day and she also noted that the Provost is attending an emergency meeting of the Mathematics Department, which is why most of the Mathematics faculty on the Senate are absent from the Senate's meeting.

Senator Norgren added that Professor Sullivan, the chair of her department, had reported that the Provost instructed him to incorporate names forwarded from the History Department and to use their availability to limit the hiring of part-time faculty. Senator Bowen said that as a member of the Government Department present at the Government Department meeting, it was his clear understanding that the Government Department would be given a list of History faculty who would be teaching Government 101 sections and that the Government Department would have no say about this.

Senator Litwack said that he would prefer an adjunct with a Ph.D. in Government to teach Government 101, rather than a full-time member of the History Department whose specialty is European History, since Government 101 is an introduction to American government. Senator Norgren agreed, saying that most of the History faculty who specialize in American History are teaching in TSP and that the others, presumably those who would be assigned to teach Government 101, specialize in European or other non-American history.

Senator Norgren moved the following resolution: "The Faculty Senate rejects the development of policy decisions concerning course staffing made in the absence of consultation with and approval by the Faculty Senate and the Council of Chairs. The Faculty Senate affirms that the only method that may be used to move faculty between departments is a voluntary method, whereby faculty who volunteer to teach a course or courses in a department other than their own must be approved by that department." The motion was seconded.

Senator Agarwal asked for more information about the other proposals by the Provost that had been alluded to. President Kaplowitz reported that the Provost has also proposed a dramatic reduction of released time. She noted that today's meeting of the Budget Planning Committee with the Provost ended with an agreement that the Provost would meet with the Budget Planning Committee to find a way to avoid these cuts through other savings. She noted, however, that the Provost believes that whether or not there is a budget crisis there is too much released time at John Jay. She added that John Jay is in the bottom 25 percent at CUNY in terms of the amount of released time given to faculty and that not only do some of the other colleges have a 9/9 teaching load (as compared to John Jay's 12/9 teaching load) but that released time is given for research at other CUNY

colleges but not at John Jay. She noted that the released time at John Jay is for faculty who are performing administrative work, such as coordinating academia programs.

Senator Cuevas spoke in support of Senator Norgren's motion, noting that as an advisory body the Senate has a responsibility to state its position on this issue on behalf of the faculty. Senator Iasenza noted that the administration is always concerned about insufficient sections of 100-level courses. She said that we should ask the Provost the sources of anxiety that are fueling these proposals. She also urged the Faculty Senate to develop a pro-active position that would allow us to respond creatively. President Kaplowitz concurred, but also noted that the issue here does not involve offering more sections of a 100-level course but rather reassigning full-time faculty so as to replace adjuncts.

Senator Litwack argued that we should adamantly oppose any reassignments or any firing of adjuncts until the point is reached where there is no more soft money available to supplement the academic budget. The basic point, he said, is that there is still soft money available, which means there is still money available. He added that if there were more time he would propose an amendment to the motion that would express his belief that departments should not have absolute power to keep people out of a department. But to permit closure on this motion, he would not introduce such an amendment.

The motion was approved with three opposed and three abstentions.

Upon the news that Provost Wilson had returned to his office, the Senate considered whether to invite him at this time, since the motion had already been debated and approved.

Senator Fox urged a discussion with the Provost and moved to suspend the agenda for the purpose of inviting the Provost to meet with the Senate. Senator Blitz noted that the Senate had democratically passed the motion and has other business to conduct. Senators Scarpetta and Orrantia also spoke in opposition to the motion. Senator Agarwal said it is important to get an immediate answer to the Senate's concerns. Senator Iasenza agreed, saying that it would be of benefit to hear the Provost's thinking on the matter. Senator Cuevas said that it is not a good idea to have the Provost come in today since it implies that the Senate does not have a real agenda. He suggested inviting the Provost to the next Senate meeting. Senator Litwack pointed out that the Senate has many items on its agenda and that it has to take care of Senate business.

The motion to suspend the agenda, for the purpose of inviting the Provost, failed. President Kaplowitz said that she would discuss the matter with the Provost and would report to the Senate at the next meeting. She then suggested moving on to those items that require a quorum since many senators would soon be leaving for their 5:00 class. There being no objection, the Senate took up those items requiring a quorum.

5. Proposed proclamation honoring faculty advisors of student clubs and student organizations [Attachment B]

The background to this item was reviewed: at the request in September of Student Council president Francis Ngadi that the Faculty Senate develop a way to acknowledge and honor faculty advisors of clubs, the Senate voted to co-sponsor (with the Office of the Vice President for Student Development) a reception for faculty advisors. This reception will be on April 9 at 4:00 PM in Room 630 T. Each faculty advisor will receive a framed certificate of appreciation signed by the President of the Faculty Senate and by the Vice President for student Development.

The Faculty Senate's Executive Committee is proposing a proclamation that would be read at the April 9 reception [Attachment B]. It was noted that the Senate has passed only two proclamations to date: one in 1990 to Dr. Jay Sexter on his completing his tenure as provost of the College, and one in 1991 to Mayor David Dinkins, on his funding John Jay's associate degree program.

It was explained that if the proclamation is approved by the Senate, Senator Stevens will use his desk-top publishing talents to provide a handsome document which will be signed by all four executive officers of the Senate. Each faculty advisor will receive a copy which they can place in their personnel file and which they can also frame. A motion to approve the proclamation was made and seconded. The proclamation was approved by unanimous vote.

8. Proposal to amend the Charter provision limiting terms of office: Senator Iasenza [Attachment C]

The background to this issue was reviewed: a proposal to end term limitations had failed at the College Council earlier this year. Senator DeJesus-Torres de Garcia then resubmitted the proposal when the students on the College Council said that had the proposal been submitted by a representative of a small department they would have been sympathetic to it. But because Senator DeJesus-Torres de Garcia had voted with the minority, she is not permitted to resubmit the proposal, according to Robert's Rules of Order. Senator Iasenza, who voted with the majority, has developed a proposed Charter amendment that retains the term limitations but allows constituencies to exempt themselves from the term limitation upon vote of the majority of the full-time members of the constituency. This way, a compelling need to be exempt from the rule could be decided internally by the constituency itself.

Senator Fox asked the meaning of the term "full-time members." It was explained that each constituency makes its own determination as to who its full-time members are. Senator Fox asked if this vote would have to take place every year. The answer was that it would take place whenever a constituency felt it was necessary.

Senator Iasenza's proposed amendment to the Charter [Attachment C] was endorsed by the Senate by unanimous vote.

The proposed amendment will, therefore, be submitted to the College Council as a first reading at the April 16 meeting. The Senate agreed to ask the College Council for a vote in principle so that departments could know about the likelihood of this passing when they hold department elections in early May since the second reading of the Charter amendment will not be until the College Council meeting on May 18.

9. Proposal to amend the Charter so the "Budget Committee" of the "Faculty Personnel & Budget Committee" has three voting members of the Faculty Senate elected by the Senate: Senator Litwack

Saying that he believes the proposed amendment to be an important one, Senator Litwack nevertheless withdrew his proposal because there is no chance it would pass the College Council. President Kaplowitz concurred: with a 75 percent vote necessary to approve a Charter amendment (and only 50 percent of the seats allocated to the faculty), students, administrators, and HEOs will not vote to have additional faculty, with votes, on the College Budget Committee.

10. Discussion of the March 16 College Council meeting

President Kaplowitz described the two-hour March 16 College Council meeting, which was largely devoted to consideration of issues concerning disabled students (and faculty and staff) on campus. She noted that as a result of the college Council meeting, within days three toilet stalls were replaced in the North Hall women's rooms, but that none had usable grab bars as yet. She added that she has been assured that the grab bars would be installed within a week. (Two of the stalls, on the first and second floors of North Hall, are accessible to a person using a wheelchair; however, the stall on the third floor is not.) She also reported that Ms. Kitty Lunn, the student who had written a letter about this issue, had spoken at great length and with great effect at the College Council and had subsequently met with five members of the administration and had notified them that she would file a suit against the College if by September there is no architectural solution to the problem of entering and exiting T Building. In the meantime, a security officer is to meet her after her 10130 PM class and escort her through the Library and into the elevator so she can exit the building. [Ms. Lunn subsequently reported that the first time this was scheduled following the meeting with five administrators, the security officer could not find the key to the elevator.] It was noted that the College Council agreed to place this issue on the April College Council agenda.

12. Reports from committees [Attachment D]

Senator Stickney, as chair of the Senate's Student Concerns Committee, provided the Senate with his Notes on the Town Meeting held on March 19 on the topic "CUNY in Budget Crisis: Leadership Strategies" [Attachment D].

13. New business

President Kaplowitz reviewed the background to the Senate's endorsement of a voter registration drive conducted by members of the student government. She reported that at the March 19 Town Meeting, students who are not members of the student government argued that they should also be allowed to come into classrooms to promote voter registration. She also noted that Mr. Quartimon is running for Student Council President as are four other students. Furthermore, it turns out that the University Student Senate never voted to take on voter registration as one of its projects (and, in fact, the USS has not had a quorum at any of its meetings since January.) She noted that she had not yet written a letter to the faculty because of these reasons and asked for the Senate's guidance. Senator Norgren reported that at the Moot Court the previous day, voter registration had proceeded quickly and she suggested that students should arrange to distribute the materials to faculty so that faculty could distribute them in class. It was agreed that a letter not be sent to faculty at this time and that the issue be reviewed after Student Council elections are completed.

Senator Cuevas requested more information about an agenda item the Senate was unable to get to, agenda item #7, which involves capping at 12-hours the number of credits that freshmen may take, and he asked whether this is a proposal from the administration. It was explained that some administrators have informally discussed this as one approach to consider and that it is a way that some of the other CUNY schools are ensuring that seats in 100-level courses be available for all freshmen. Senator Blitz asked if the 12-credit cap is a 12-hour cap and it was agreed that the correct term is a 12-hour cap. Senator Stickney noted that there might be a problem for students who wish to complete a degree in four years. Senator Cuevas seconded this concern. It was agreed that before the Faculty Senate considers this idea, more information is needed.

Upon loss of a quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Stevens
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Announcements from the Chair

College Council March 16 meeting

The Senate's proposed amendment of the Charter to restructure the Executive Committee received a first reading. An alternate proposal submitted by Mr. Emmons, on behalf of the HEOs, was discussed. President Lynch said he had promised the Board of Trustees that he would support the Faculty Senate's proposal. Provost Wilson said that the Faculty Senate's version was the consensus proposal that all parties had agreed to support. Professor Kaplowitz noted that the Faculty Senate had withdrawn its objections to the Board's approval of other Charter amendments so the HEOs could be seated but had done so on the condition that the Senate's proposal would be supported. Mr. Emmons then withdrew his proposal.

A first reading of a Charter amendment creating a College Council committee on cultural pluralism and diversity was presented. The Curriculum Committee's proposals regarding courses rarely given by departments was approved.

Ms. Kitty Lunn was introduced to the College Council and read into the record her letter of February 1992, describing the architectural barriers in North Hall and in T Building that present safety and health problems for her. Ms. Lunn uses a wheelchair and the buildings do not permit her to use a toilet in North Hall or to safely and independently enter and exit T Building.

Professor Orlanda Brugnola read a letter from a Hunter College faculty member, who uses a wheelchair. She attended an all-day University Faculty Senate conference in North Hall in December and discovered that there was no toilet facility in North Hall she could use.

Vice President John Smith distributed a two-page document listing the various projects that have been completed thus far to make T Building accessible to people with disabilities. The document also lists projects not yet completed and projected completion dates.

During the lengthy discussion (the meeting adjourned at 5:25), President Lynch said there was no money to make the changes in the North Hall toilet facilities or to solve the problem of entering and exiting T Building. Later in the meeting, President Lynch and VP Smith agreed to immediately try to make the women's rooms in North Hall usable by people who use wheelchairs. It was agreed by all present that the issue of access for the disabled would be on the agenda of the next College Council meeting, April 16.

John Jay's changing dimensions

In an analysis provided for the Budget Planning Committee by Professor David Goddard, chair of the committee, the following picture emerges:

In 1988-89 there were 241 teaching positions (excluding librarians, counselors, and college laboratory technicians); in 1991-92 there are 215 positions: a decrease of 9%.

In 1988-89, there were 7,332 students in the spring semester; in 1991-92, there were 8,531 students: an increase of 16%.

In 1988-89, there were 4963 FTEs; in 1991-92, there were 5983 FTEs: an increase of 20%.

In 1988-89, John Jay's adjunct budget was \$1,310,000; in 1991-92, it is \$2,090,000: an increase of 59%.

In 1988-89, the percentage of sections taught by adjuncts was 32%; in 1991-92 adjuncts taught 46% of all sections.

Board of Trustees March 23 meeting

A memorial resolution was presented by Trustee Robert Picken for Professor Shirley Wedeen, professor of education at Brooklyn College, and immediate past chair of the University Faculty Senate and faculty trustee of the Board of Trustees.

In reporting on the budget negotiations, Chancellor Reynolds announced that the Article 7 Bills have been withdrawn and spoke of the importance of this. The Article 7 Bills would have resulted in CUNY being treated like a state agency, would have dissolved the Dormitory Authority, and would have separated the senior and community colleges of CUNY for the purposes of collective bargaining.

The Board approved a certificate in computer-aided advertising and publishing at NYCTech. Trustee Howard asked what would happen to the program if the associate degree funding of NYCTech (and of John Jay) is not restored. The Chancellor spoke of the need to proceed with new programs while the fight for the funding continues. NYC Tech President Charles Meredith responded that he has instituted a college-wide strategic planning group charged with altering the ratio of associate and bachelor degree programs.

The Board approved an amendment in the Bylaws changing the composition of the College Association (aka Corporate Board) which is responsible for allocating the student activity fee monies at each college. At each college, the College Association will consist of six students, three faculty, three administrators, and the president or the president's designee, who will be the chair. This means that the student members will have one fewer seat than the combined faculty and administration seats. Until now, the students had one more seat than the combined faculty and student seats. Other provisions were also amended.

The Board approved a slate of honorary degree candidates including the two proposed by John Jay: Norman Dorsen and William Julius Wilson.

The Board approved a resolution supporting the State Legislative bill to create a new Early Retirement Initiative for CUNY. The Chancellor said that 700 people at CUNY are expected to opt for ERI (and that 900 took ERI two years ago). Trustee William Howard, chair of the Board's Fiscal Affairs Committee, spoke of his concern that the Board is dismantling CUNY in that so many of the best people have been and will leave through early retirement. He also spoke about the increased reliance on adjuncts and asked for data. Chancellor Reynolds said that at the community colleges the percentage of sections taught by adjuncts is up to 45 percent and in some cases close to 50 percent. She said that in her opinion the most it should be is 25 percent, and that 25 percent approaches the danger point, but that 25 percent is also a workable percentage because it provides flexibility for unusual courses to be offered. Trustee Howard spoke about the need to look seriously at campus mergings and closings. Chancellor Reynolds said that without ERI there would have to be massive retrenchment and that President Leon Goldstein's committee is studying programmatic consolidations, etc.

Reception for faculty who have taught at JJ at least 25 Years

On April 28, at 3:15 PM, in President Lynch's office, the faculty who have taught at John Jay for at least 25 years will be honored at a reception.

ATTACHMENT B

PROCLAMATION

of the

FACULTY SENATE of JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

March 26, 1992

Whereas, student clubs and student organizations play a vital, unique, and indispensable role in the life of the College, and

Whereas, the faculty of John Jay College play an integral role in the life of these student organizations by serving as faculty advisors, and

Whereas, faculty who serve as advisors do so voluntarily and without remuneration as a way of serving students and the College, and

Whereas, such service to the students of John Jay and to the College merits recognition and celebration, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice applauds and celebrates the members of the faculty who are advisors of student clubs and organizations.

ATTACHMENT C

To: The Faculty Senate
From: Senator Suzanne Iasenza
Date: March 23, 1992
Re: Agenda item

This proposal is to amend the College's Charter by deleting the bracketed material and by adding the underlined material.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 7. Term of Office

Each elected representative to the Council or to a Council Standing or Special Committee shall serve for a term of one year, except in the cases of the Committee on Student Evaluation of the Faculty and the Committee on Curriculum, for which the term shall be two years, or until a successor shall have qualified, but in no case shall serve for more than an additional six months unless re-elected by his or her constituency. The regular term of office shall begin on July 1st following the Spring elections except for that of the Executive Committee which shall begin immediately following the September meeting of the Council succeeding the Spring election. No representative may be elected for more than three consecutive terms except in the case of 1) the members of the Committee on the Protection of Human Subjects, the length of whose term of office shall be determined by the President in consultation with the Director of Sponsored Programs, [and] 2) members of the Committee on Curriculum who are department chairpersons or who have been elected, who may serve an indefinite number of consecutive terms [.] or (3) the majority of the full-time members of a constituency votes to be exempted from this limitation.

Town Hall Meeting Notes
by Professor Charles Stickney, Chair
Faculty Senate Committee on Student Concerns

"CUNY in Budget Crisis: Leadership Strategies"
Moderator: Alumni Director Al Higgins
March 19, 1992

President Lynch spoke of the 1976 fiscal crisis: he said JJ did not fire any people then and we plan on not firing anyone now. We need creative strategies: everyone must register to vote; the governor by law must fund John Jay's associate degree program (the SUNY senior colleges with associate degree programs are fully funded by the State and we should be treated the same); the City Council is crucial and we are fortunate that a JJ grad, Antonio Pagan, has been elected to the City Council; we need to raise money in the private sector and are doing that for the Library ('Friends of Lloyd Sealy Library'); we are renting JJ's theater.

Student Council President Francis Ngadi noted the during the last three years JJ has experienced building takeovers. Cuts and tuition increases must stop. NYC students have no where else to go if tuition is too high. The cuts have resulted in decreases in the number of class sections offered. Student Council vice president Ron Quarimon will help students register to vote: it is important to register to vote to put pressure on the legislators. There will be a CUNY-wide rally at Lehman College on March 31.

William Tehira, a graduating senior, said that the Army ROTC program has been asked to leave JJ: this will financially hurt students, especially minorities.

President Lynch said that because of our determination not to discriminate against homosexuals, we at the College Council decided that we must drop ROTC and we voted to do so.

Carol Groneman, professor of History/TSP, asked what faculty can do in the classroom and what are faculty not permitted to do.

Mr. Ngadi urged faculty to help with letter-writing campaigns and voter registration.

Ronald Quartimon, Student Council Vice President and vice chair for legislative action of the USS, said that the Faculty Senate has endorsed the idea of students coming to the classroom to hand out voter registration forms. He urged all to attend the March 31 rally.

Karen Kaplowitz, President of the Faculty Senate, said that she had checked with the Legal Office at 80th Street about what faculty can and can't do in the classroom, with specific focus on the voter registration drive: a non-academic activity must not coercive, even implicitly coercive. Therefore, when she and Professor Michael Blitz invited Mr. Quartimon to their classes so he could demonstrate the voter registration drive, they were able to verify that there was no coercion: students who asked for a voter registration form were given one and had the option of dropping it off after class with Mr. Quartimon at the Student Council office or mailing it directly themselves. This, 80th Street Legal, agreed was not coercive and was, therefore, permissible. The Senate then voted to recommend that faculty invite Mr. Quartimon and his student government colleagues to their classroom to distribute voter registration material; of course, faculty may decline to do so.

David Leibowitz, a junior, asked what increase in tuition is being proposed. Pres. Lynch said: **\$500** a year.

Derek Burke, a senior, said many JJ facilities are used by non-JJ people and suggested that we can make money by renting them out. He also suggested a weekend college at JJ, which would be especially helpful for in-service students.

Pres. Lynch said many community children from the neighborhood use our facilities: some pay rent and some are part of JJ's community outreach. He said JJ is considering renting the theater for use by co-op boards. As for a weekend college, there is no money to do this, although he said perhaps some graduate courses could be offered on weekends.

A sophomore asked if classes could be cancelled on March 31 so students could attend the rally. Pres. Lynch said that cancelling classes looks very bad to legislators. But faculty should be flexible about attendance that day.

Mr. Quartimon said that student leaders will be meeting with legislators on March 24 and on April 3 and April 5. Part-time students need TAP, and a tuition roll-back bill. Too few students and faculty go on our trips to Albany. "No Vote, No Voice" is the theme of our effort.

Derek Burke, a senior, noted that some classes are not available to evening students, and he cited forensic psychology classes in particular. Pres. Lynch acknowledged that some electives are not offered now in the evening: if we've not got enough in our budget, we can't offer courses for both day and evening students.

Professor Kaplowitz reported on one of the strategies to address the budget crises: a coalition of CUNY students, faculty, and staff filed a class action lawsuit on February 26 against Governor Cuomo, the State Legislators, and other state officials, charging that the unequal funding of CUNY as compared to SUNY is a violation of the NYS Constitution's clause guaranteeing equal protection regardless of race and ethnicity. She said that CUNY, the majority of whose students are people of color, has been underfunded a half-billion dollars as compared to SUNY during the last ten years since the State assumed funding of CUNY's senior colleges. Six of the 49 named plaintiffs are JJ faculty and students: the students are Rian Keating, Vivian Roman, and Evangelina Soto; the faculty are Professors Migdalia DeJesus-Torres de Garcia, H. Bruce Pierce, and herself. She urged the members of JJ community to participate in the lawsuit by helping to raise the \$50,000 out-of-pocket money needed to supplement the half a million in legal expenses being donated by the Center for Constitutional Rights, which is representing the plaintiffs in the suit. She said the research done by the steering committee of the lawsuit, of which she is a member, has discovered that NYS is 47th in the nation in the per capita money spent on higher education: 46 states contribute more to higher education, on a per capita basis, than does New York. She said the suit is not trying to take away from SUNY but rather to raise the funding of CUNY and, indeed, to raise the funding of all public higher education in NYS.

Jerry Markowitz (TSP/History) said that he supports the lawsuit that Professor Kaplowitz spoke about. He noted that public education is assaulted all over the nation: federal money is gone and each state has to provide funding. He asked for more information about the March 31 rally.

William Kollie, a student and member of the African Student Organization, said that he is pleased that South Africa has passed a referendum to end apartheid in South Africa but said we should still work against apartheid: the struggle is not over.

William Tehira, graduating senior: The Army ROTC provides scholarships. If ROTC must go then JJ's program at West Point must also go. The FBI has rules against hiring homosexuals, so they must also be kept out and not be permitted to recruit at JJ. Court cases still allow the Army to discriminate against homosexuals. The Army ROTC at JJ has more students than JJ's Lambda Club.

Pres. Lynch said that Fordham University will allow JJ's ROTC students to attend the ROTC program there.

Roosevelt Durkin, a student and member of Lambda, said ROTC is being praised for helping minorities, but homosexuals are also a minority.

William Tehira, student: many students support ROTC. All students should vote whether to keep ROTC or kick it out.

Mr. Ngadi: This Student Council administration was not in office when the decision was made by the College Council about ROTC. Bring this issue back to the College Council for reconsideration. You can submit an issue by bringing it to Patricia Maull, Secretary of the College Council.

Mr. Quartimon: We are in a financial crisis. The students should be allowed to miss classes on March 31.

Pres. Lynch: The Board of Trustees does not allow us to cancel classes. During the summer we can march together.

Chuck Strozier (Center for Human Survival/History): what kind of planning is being done now to absorb the possible budget cuts.

Pres. Lynch: The Faculty Senate's Committee on Fiscal Affairs sent us recommendations. The Council of Chairs and Student Council are also making suggestions. If we can say publicly that we can cut various things, the State will chop the things we say we could lose. Also, an early retirement plan is in the works and is a possibility.

Manual Tehira, graduating senior: School clubs get money from our student activity fees: why don't students choose how their fees are used?

Mr. Ngadi: On May 6 and May 7 you can vote in any student government administration you want. They decide how student fees are spent.

A. Duru, student and member of the Student Council Judicial Board: All students should participate in the student elections on May 6 & 7.

Leopold Altman, student: other students, students not connected with Student Council, want to come to classes to help with the voter registration drive.

Prof. Kaplowitz: Mr. Quartimon represents the University Student Senate as the vice chair for legislative action. He has explained to the Faculty Senate that the USS has taken on this project as a CUNY-wide project with the goal of registering 50,000 CUNY students. The USS is the official student government for all CUNY students.

Mr. Quartimon: The USS originally sponsored a legislative conference and legislators wanted to know how many CUNY students are registered voters. This was started by me and others on the Steering Committee of USS and is still open for support at the Student Council Office: 1103 N.

Frank Gonzales, JJ grad, lawyer, and adjunct professor: I am not going to teach at JJ next time. Some students may take over the College and the College is divided. Some people promote themselves here.

Mr. Ngadi: We are united at JJ and there will be no takeovers from now on. Under my administration, \$55,000 of student fees have been allocated for education this year.

Pres. Lynch: These Town Meetings are very useful for democratic debates and to reconcile our differences.