

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES #76

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

May 13, 1992

Time: 3:15 PM

Room 630T

Present (29): Arvind Agarwal, Michael Blitz, James Bowen, Dorothy Bracey, David Brandt, Orlanda Brugnola, Lily Christ, James Cohen, Luis Cuevas, Migdalia DeJesus-Torres de Garcia, Jannette Domingo, Janice Dunham, Robert Fox, Elisabeth Gitter, Lou Guinta, Suzanne Iasenza, Karen Kaplowitz, Sondra Leftoff, Tom Litwack, Rubie Malone, Jill Norgren, Dagoberto Orrantia, John Pittman, Edward Shaughnessy, Candice Skrapec, Timothy Stevens, Charles Stickney, Antoinette Trembinska, Agnes Wieschenberg

Absent (11): Haig Bohigian, Philip Bonifacio, Robert McCrie, Mary Regan, Lydia Rosner, Douglas Salane, Olga Scarpetta, Jerome Btorch, Howard Umansky, Martin Wallenstein, Carl Wiedemann

AGENDA

1. Announcements from the Chair
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6. Invited Guest: Mr. James Scully, Security Director: evaluation of the fire/evacuation drills
7. Resolution on the College Preparatory Initiative (CPI) and JJ's implementation report due December 1992
8. Proposal that the Faculty Senate elect a slate of six faculty members to run for the six faculty positions on the College Council Executive Committee
9. Proposal that the Senate invite faculty to provide information so Senate announcements can include listing of faculty publications and scholarly activities
10. Proposed resolution on student evaluation of faculty: Senator Trembinska
11. Reports from committees (written)
12. Celebration of 75 meetings of the Faculty Senate and of the last meeting of the 1991-1992 Senate
13. New Business

1. Announcements from the chair

Senators were directed to written announcements [Attachment A].

Senators who are completing their term of service were thanked and were invited to attend Senate meetings in the future, even if they are not members of next year's Senate. (All faculty may attend Senate meetings.) A list of the new senators will be provided as soon as all departments have held departmental elections. Senator Christ, who will begin a sabbatical leave in the fall, voiced her best wishes to the Senate after having served for the past six years and she praised the work and accomplishments of the Benate.

The first meeting of the 1992-1993 Benate will be on May 20. President Lynch is scheduled to meet with the Faculty Senate on that day.

President Kaplowitz read a memo she received from President Lynch in response to the Senate's March 13 unanimous resolution requesting from the administration a strategy on improving the recruitment and retention of in-service students. President Lynch's memo is dated April 29 and reads:

"I have received your memorandum on recruiting and retaining criminal justice practitioner students. I am encouraged and edified by the interest and enthusiasm of the Faculty Senate on this matter.

"I have discussed this memorandum with Provost Wilson and Dean McHugh. They would be pleased to meet with the Faculty Senate at a mutually convenient time to discuss existing strategies and allow for an open exchange of ideas and information in this area."

She also distributed the CUNY fall 1992 admission figures for John Jay and other CUNY colleges, which President Lynch has distributed to his Cabinet [Attachment B]. She noted the planned increase compared to last year for John Jay in new freshmen (26 percent), transfer students (42 percent) and the overall planned increase of students (28 percent).

The previous night, May 12, the University Faculty Senate elected Professor Robert Picken to a second two-year term as UFB chair, in which capacity he serves on the Board of Trustees as the faculty trustee. At Professor Picken's request, President Kaplowitz nominated Professor Picken and made the nominating speech on his behalf.

During the UFS meeting, Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson reported that retrenchment reports from the senior colleges are due at 80th Street by June 1. Delegates from each college reported on the status of the retrenchment process and on the consultation with faculty about the budget. Some colleges reported inadequate consultation and some reported that no retrenchment committee had been formed; others reported full consultation and several reported that a retrenchment committee had been formed, had met, had issued a report, held hearings, etc. In some cases the retrenchment committee recommended various budget strategies; at others,

retrenchment was recommended, primarily of HEOs.

At almost all the senior colleges, a number of HEOs (Higher Education Officers) were not reappointed upon the April 17 deadline for reappointment of HEOs; this action was ostensibly taken to reduce the number of full-time employees for budgetary reasons. This is separate from retrenchment, which is the cancellation of contracts and tenure. CCNY did not reappoint 16 HEOs; Brooklyn did not reappoint 16 HEOs; Baruch did not reappoint 27 HEOs; at Hunter an unknown number were not reappointed; at New York City Technical College, seven; two HEOs were not reappointed at Queens; at College of Staten Island, one; at Lehman, 8; at York none of the HEOs were reappointed; at CUNY Central at 80th Street, 24 HEOs were not reappointed.

Ronald Quartimon has been elected president of John Jay's Student Council and one person on his slate, Jacqueline Amedee, who ran for secretary, also won. Two candidates on the ticket with Francis Ngadi (who was not reelected) were elected: Terrence Harris (vice president) and Michelle Green (treasurer) who were on Francis Ngadi's ticket. [Further information on the elections appears in Attachment A.]

A class action discrimination suit against CUNY has been filed by Italian-American plaintiffs. Two plaintiffs applied for positions in academic departments at John Jay; a third applied for an administrative position at JJ. At CUNY, Italian-Americans are classified as a "protected class."

The Middle States visiting team will include Professor Lloyd Ohlin of Harvard, whose field is criminal justice. Senator Bracey reported she has just been a member with Professor Ohlin of an evaluation team assessing another university and that the work of that team went exceptionally well.

President Lynch will be giving four Presidential Medals at commencement: to psychiatrist Martin Symonds, the deputy chief surgeon of the NYPD, who specializes in crisis intervention programs as well as alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation programs; James R. Dumpson, chairman of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation; Sally Hernandez-Pinero, the chair of the NYC Housing Authority, who previously was NYC's deputy mayor for finance and economic development. A posthumous Presidential Medal is being awarded to Manuel de Dios Unanue, journalist and publisher of "Crimen," who was murdered in March.

President Kaplowitz reported that she was asked to speak on behalf of the Faculty Senate at the previous day's reception honoring Professor Maria Volpe and the 10th anniversary of the Dispute Resolution Program which Professor Volpe created and directs. President Kaplowitz noted that the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Edith Everett, rearranged a scheduled trip to Washington so she could attend the celebration of Professor Volpe and the program. Also noted was a wonderful reception marking the 20th anniversary of the Thematic Studies Program and of Billie Kotlowitz, who has been TSP's administrative assistant and counselor since the program began.

The four-day (Monday through Thursday) summer work week

will be from July 6 through August 21 this year.

Senator Stevens noted that at the previous evening's University Faculty Senate meeting, an item of new business included a report from a LaGuardia Community College delegate who reported that President Raymond Bowen recently announced a mandatory 4-day a week teaching schedule (as a minimum) for all faculty. The department chairs, who are empowered to set teaching schedules and course schedules by the CUNY Bylaws, unanimously rejected President Bowen's directive and are refusing to issue 4-day teaching schedules. In light of this, President Bowen is rethinking his position. The UFS will be kept informed (as will John Jay's Faculty Senate through its UFS delegates). [Ed. Subsequently, President Bowen withdrew his directive.]

2. Approval Of Minutes #75 of the April 30 meeting

Minutes #75 of the April 30 meeting were approved by a motion duly made and carried.

3. Student Disciplinary Committee

President Kaplowitz elaborated about a phonemail message to members of the Faculty Senate sent immediately after the previous Senate meeting. The phonemail message reported that the Faculty Senate's executive committee had decided not to submit a proposed Charter amendment to the College Council on the student disciplinary committee for the May 18 Council agenda. The reasons are several: a first reading of a proposed amendment cannot take place on May 18 because a new College Council takes office over the summer and, therefore, a first reading must take place in September and the second reading in October. Thus, to submit a proposed amendment now, when the Senate was pressed for adequate time to fully develop an amendment, would be an act of futility. Furthermore, Professor Robert Picken (UFS Chair and faculty trustee) has informed President Kaplowitz that even if a College has not amended its Charter, the new Bylaws are in effect and what is important is establishing the faculty and student panels and the rotating chairs. The phonemail message (which had invited comments and objections) elicited no objections. The senators agreed that a Charter amendment should be submitted in September rather than in May.

President Kaplowitz said that she reported to Provost Basil Wilson and to Vice President Roger Witherspoon the Faculty Senate's unanimous vote of April 30 designating the Faculty Senate as the "appropriate faculty body" (the term in the amended Bylaw) to elect the panel of six faculty from whom disciplinary committee members will be chosen by lot for each hearing. Both Provost Wilson and Vice President Witherspoon have supported the Senate's determination that the Senate is the "appropriate faculty body." She noted that she and Senator Blitz met with Ms. Maull, the Secretary of the College Council, and reported this to her; Ms. Maull subsequently deleted the ballot for the faculty members of the student disciplinary committee [aka Judicial Committee] from the ballots being distributed at the May 18 College

Council meeting in light of the decision that the College Council is not the "appropriate faculty body."

Those faculty interested in standing for election to the faculty panel or in nominating a faculty member were invited to so inform the Senate's executive committee before the next Senate meeting on May 20.

Vice President Witherspoon, who has been asked by President Lynch to advise him as to who the three rotating chairs of the student disciplinary committee should be, has consulted with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee about the people whose names he will propose to President Lynch. Senators were asked to forward recommendations to the Senate's Executive Committee.

At the last Senate meeting, a procedural proposal for drawing lots for the faculty panel and for the student panel for the disciplinary committee was made by Senator Litwack and was approved by the Senate: at least one member of the Student Council executive committee and at least one member of the Faculty Senate executive committee shall be present when names are drawn by lot for the faculty and student members. Subsequently, Senator Litwack alerted the **Senate's** Executive Committee that the proposal is flawed: the failure of all the students to attend the drawing of lots would paralyze the formation of the committee. Since one of the problems in the past was that student members of the committee often did not show up for a hearing and the Bylaws at the time forbid a hearing to take place unless student members were present, the work of the disciplinary committee was rendered impossible by the failure of student members to be present. A substitute proposal has since been developed by Senator Blitz and supported by Senator Litwack: all eight of the executive committee members of the Student Council and of the Faculty Senate shall be invited to the drawing of lots; the presence of any two of the eight is necessary (and sufficient) for names to be drawn and one of the two must be a faculty member (i.e. a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee). The Senate endorsed this proposal and also agreed to develop a Charter amendment, and other procedural guidelines, if needed, for submission to the College Council in September.

#### 4. Discussion of the agenda items of the May 18 College Council meeting

It was noted that the rules (the agenda) of the May 18 College Council meeting should be suspended in order to ensure the second readings of several Charter amendments that have already had a first reading. Senator Agarwal noted that the College Council Executive Committee had been told that the curriculum items are of primary importance and for that reason, although new business, they must be placed at the beginning of the agenda. President Kaplowitz explained that President Lynch at the April 16 College Council had supported a proposal that all second readings be placed first on the agenda: furthermore, the second readings are "old business" and must be first on the agenda, according to Robert's Rules. If the second readings of proposed Charter amendments are not held in May, then the first readings are rendered moot and

the first and second readings would have to wait for September and October.

Because the College Council agenda had not yet been received by the Benators (including Council members), copies were distributed of agenda items from the April 16 Council agenda that had not been deliberated upon because of loss of a quorum: they will appear as old business on the May 18 agenda. One handout was the Curriculum Committee's proposal to renumber undergraduate courses.

Senator Stevens said that the way the proposal is worded, English 102 would become a 200-level course and noted the absurdity of this. Benator Trembinska said that this would also affect Math 108, which would have to be renumbered as a 200-level course. Senator Brugnola noted the ambiguity of the phrase "yearlong courses." Benator Gitter said that the proposed renumbering system would create terrible problems for Thematic Studies courses. President Kaplowitz commented that the suggestion made to the Middle States Steering Committee that the work of the Curriculum Committee should not have to be ratified by another body because of the cumbersome nature of the process is contradicted by today's important discussion. Without the Senate's consideration of this proposal in anticipation of the College Council's scheduled consideration of it, a discussion which would be moot if this were not being considered by the College Council, this renumbering system would go into place as it appears now. Senator Gitter concurred.

Benator Norgren spoke in opposition to the labeling of 400-level courses as "senior courses." She said that there is a problem with denying the option that a student may take a course with permission of the instructor. Benator Gitter suggested that the 400-level issue involves an attempt to raise standards through regulations and suggested that we should resolve the issue more directly. She said that bureaucratic measures should not be used to solve abuses committed by a handful.

Benator Brandt asked whether anyone knows the rationale for the proposal to renumber courses. President Kaplowitz replied that it is her understanding that one reason for the proposal is that many students are in 100-level courses that are really not first-year courses, such as the required literature courses in which students read six or seven major works of literature. Students feel resentful that they are getting credit for only 100-level courses when these are much more demanding and advanced than other 100-level courses.

Benator Domingo noted the problems she has experienced with unprepared students registering for her 400-level course. She felt that students should be better informed and educated about the demands of the courses they take and the correct numbering of courses could help this.

Senator Leftoff questioned why a rationale is not presented for each College Council proposal and she suggested that the College Council require accompanying rationales with such proposals when they are submitted for placement on the agenda.

Senator Cuevas wondered about the term "sophomore" in

the definition of 200-level courses, noting the difference in different students' academic preparation. Senator Wieschenberg pointed to problems in her own department, Mathematics, with the sophomore-standing rule. Senator Norgren asked how we would make our points at the College Council. She suggested a number of ways to ensure informed student choice of appropriate level courses. She added that there are many methods for dealing with the problems other than through bureaucratic methods.

Senator Malone said that there is a problem with enforcing the regulations already printed in the catalog and with offering sufficient courses and sufficient sections: she said neither of these problems would be solved by this proposal which simply adds regulations.

President Kaplowitz said that the Senate could direct the Senate's executive committee to meet with Dean Faber before the next College Council meeting or that the Senate could propose amendments of the proposal at the College Council. Senator Gitter proposed that the executive committee make it clearly known to Dean Faber prior to the College Council meeting that there are a number of unforeseen problems: status of sophomore students, TSP courses, 400-level courses, etc., and that the Curriculum Committee reconsider this issue in the fall before proceeding on this matter.

Senator Agarwal said that there seems to be a communication problem, in that the Curriculum Committee representative from the departments should have brought these issues to their departments for discussion and direction. Senator Bracey noted that her department had discussed this proposal about six weeks ago and that her department felt that the matters could be solved through the process of "permission of the instructor." Senator Guinta asked whether the minutes of the Curriculum Committee are circulated throughout the College. Senator Agarwal said that they are mailed to the Chairs. President Kaplowitz said that she also receives them, but that she had not noted any problems with the proposal when she first read it. Senator DeJesus-Torres de Garcia noted that her department also had discussed it and discovered that the rules would require permission of the instructor for almost all the courses given by her department and that extensive guidelines would be necessary. She said that her department has developed 17 criteria for one course, 16 criteria for another, and that the proposal is, therefore, a very flawed one.

Senator Gitter moved that the Senate executive committee meet with Dean Eli Faber prior to the College Council meeting so as to inform him of the problems inherent in the proposal and to urge that the Curriculum Committee take up the issue again in the fall before presenting it to the College Council. Should Dean Faber not agree to this, the faculty representatives on the College Council should vote to send the proposal back to the Curriculum Committee. The motion passed by unanimous vote. [Ed. The Senate's Executive Committee met with Dean Faber on May 18, prior to the College Council meeting. Dean Faber and the Senate's Executive Committee developed amendments of the proposal that resolved all the issues raised by the Faculty Senate. The amended proposal was approved by the College Council later that

afternoon.]

A proposal from the Graduate Studies Committee involving the procedure for a student to appeal a grade was distributed. The proposal includes deleting the notification to the instructor of a student's appeal of a grade (after an instructor has upheld the grade) and deletes the opportunity for the instructor to submit a written statement to the appeals committee. Senator Shaughnessy strenuously objected to this proposal. The senators unanimously agreed to oppose this change in procedure. Senators' Norgren and Gitter questioned what could be the possible rationale for such an extraordinary proposal. [Ed. Dean Barbara Price was consulted prior to the College Council meeting and she said that the deletion of these two steps was an error and she expressed her gratitude that the Senate had caught this serious omission and that it had been pointed out to her. The Council ultimately did not take action on the proposal because of loss of a quorum.]

Senator Leftoff moved that the Senate formally propose to the College Council that all College Council agenda items be accompanied by an explanatory statement giving the rationale for the proposal. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. President Kaplowitz said that she would present this on May 18 as new business: if because of a crowded agenda the Council is unable to act on this proposal on May 18, she will submit it for consideration at the first College Council meeting in September. [Ed. The lengthy College Council agenda precluded the Council's consideration of this proposal as "new business." The proposal will be submitted in September.]

Another agenda item from the Graduate Studies Committee was discussed, one that involves a change in designation for grades for graduate courses. The senators were directed to a memorandum on this matter from Professor Robert Panzarella (Law, Police Science, and CJ Administration). Senator Stickney said that the proposed changes are standard practice. Senator Litwack said that the new grade description assignments comport more accurately with his own practice. He added, however, that Professor Panzarella is making an important argument that the new guidelines might inhibit some faculty from giving grades below B- and that if that is the effect, that might be a problem. Senator Shaughnessy agreed, noting that some instructors might hesitate to cause problems for a student's standing in the graduate program, and he felt that Professor Panzarella's point is well taken. [Ed. The College Council took no action on this item because of loss of a quorum.]

The Senate discussed the proposal from the Sociology Department to change its name to the Department of Sociology and Criminology. Senator Bracey said that she is opposed to the name change for several reasons. One reason involves what it is that makes John Jay special. She said that we do not want to be defined by what we do not do. She pointed out that at John Jay people in all departments are encouraged to conduct research in criminology-related and in criminal justice-related topics. This explained that this indicates a multi-disciplinary and an inter-disciplinary nature to this study. She then read from the official description of the catalog's criminology program, noting the multi-disciplinary

focus. Finally, she noted that at the most recent conference of the American Association of Criminology, 14 John Jay people were panelists, only three of whom were from John Jay's Sociology Department. She said the proposed title does not reflect actual practice in the field. She also raised the issue of John Jay's continued existence, noting the expediency of renaming all departments with criminology titles.

Senator Shaughnessy said that although he is not a criminologist he would represent his department, Sociology, in this discussion. He said there is an historical dilemma in making a distinction between the general study of criminal justice and the practice of criminology. Criminology is an identified field of sociology with a focused set of parameters. As a field of study it includes a number of disciplines, and it provides a focus for study in the area.

Senator Bracey said criminology is the study of crime and its impact on the individual and that this study can be from an anthropological perspective, a psychological perspective, an economic perspective, an historical perspective, etc. Senator Litwack said that there are more criminology courses outside the Sociology Department than there are within the Sociology Department. Senator Domingo said that as a professor of Economics and of African-American Studies she feels disenfranchised by the proposed name change and characterized it as a kind of academic imperialism that obscures the increasingly multi-disciplinary nature of criminology. She said she is not at all comfortable with any department having the name "criminology" attached to it. [Ed. This item was subsequently withdrawn from the May 18 College Council agenda.]

##### 5. Proposed rental of the John Jay Theater to the Shubert Organization

Senator Brugnola introduced a proposed resolution about the contemplated rental of John Jay's Theater to the Shubert organization.

Professor Dan Paget (Department of Art, Music, and Philosophy), whose discipline is music, noted that the subject of the rental of John Jay's theater has been under discussion for months, even years. He said he believes that it has come to the fore as a result of the budget crisis. He suggested that the propriety of taking a part of a College that was built for academic purposes with tax levy money and renting it for the exclusive use of a profit-making organization not related to the College's academic mission should be considered apart from the issues involved in this particular case. He called such an action precedent setting since it does not have a parallel at any other CUNY unit. He said that the idea of giving over the theater to a profit making enterprise without any consultation with the governance bodies of the College is also a terrible precedent setting action.

Professor Paget said that the reason the theater was built was to benefit the academic life of the College. He felt that much would be lost if the plan to rent the theater

to the Ghubert organization succeeds. He pointed out that the proposed replacement space of a black box theater would be worse than what we had before this \$247 million dollar building was built: in South Hall we had not only a black box theater but the Screening Room where concerts and dramatic performances were held. He said that a per-performance basis for theater rental would provide a better balance between revenue and academic needs. He said it is a remarkable proposal to slice off a limb of the College and he said that the proposal should be considered by the entire college community. He noted the rumors concerning the rental fees: the rumors range from \$300,000 to a half a million dollars and even higher. He said that nothing is being weighed in the balance. He asked if this takes place, why shouldn't we also lease out the fitness center and the swimming pool for a fee and exclude John Jay students and faculty and staff from those facilities.

Benator Brugnola pointed out that currently the theater is being rented out to mainly non-profit groups and thus is not making much money as a result of the lack of a theater manager. Given the situation at the present, if the faculty do not enter into the process, then we are going to lose out even more than we are doing now.

President Kaplowits said that her understanding had been that the theater would be rented to the Shubert organization with "windows of use" by John Jay of two months each semester so the theater could be used for student productions and performances. Professor Paget said that that had been the original plan but that the current plan is to lease the theater for an entire year and that the Ghubert organization would use the theater to mount a play with evening and matinee performances, with the theater being dark only on Mondays. He noted that once a theater is rented, it is used virtually all the time, even when there are no performances, for rehearsals, set alterations, etc., and therefore the assurances by the administration that we can use the theater during the day whenever there are no performances is just not realistic or true.

Genator Litwack said that this is an issue for the College Council to examine and resolve, noting the potential crucial student interests in the retention of the theater. He said that so much is involved in the academic function of the College that this is not a matter for sole consideration by the administration. Vice President Dunham suggested that the Senate can rightly consider the full academic and other implications of this proposal. Senator Litwack replied that he did not mean that this should not be discussed by the Senate but that this seems to be a perfect issue to press the case for more careful discussion by the College Council.

Professor Paget noted that the chair of his department, Art, Music, and Philosophy, and the chair of the Speech and Theater Department had been invited to attend a meeting with the administration and officials of the Ghubert Organization, but that the two department chairs have since been told that they may not participate in future meetings during which the lease provisions will be negotiated.

President Kaplowitz said that we should determine whether this lease requires approval by the Board of

Trustees. Senator Shaughnessy said that we should have input but that we also need much more information than we presently have. Senator Litwack asked Professor Paget if his position is that we should not lease the theater regardless of the amount of money involved. Professor Paget responded that it is a difficult issue, but that he would tend to say that we should reserve the space for College use, despite the compelling reasons for finding additional funds.

Senator Blitz said that we should ask the President for a full accounting of the allocation and expenditure of the funds, if this is already a done deal. If it is not, then we should insist that the faculty be involved in deciding on the alteration of academic space. Senator Litwack said that we should ask that 80% of the rental monies be allocated to the academic budget and that the academic budget should be defined by the Faculty Senate.

Professor Paget added that there is the problem of turning off the tap of money once it is opened, making the need for a sunset provision essential. Senator Litwack said that any Senate resolution should specify a lease of not more than one year and that its extension should not be approved without an affirmative vote of the College Council. President Kaplowitz suggested that more information and a reworked resolution that incorporates these considerations should be prepared for the Senate's May 20 meeting. She noted that since President Lynch will be meeting with the Senate at that time, the Senate will be able to discuss the issue with him.

6. Invited Guest: Mr. James Scully, Security Director: evaluation of the fire/evacuation drills

Mr. Scully congratulated the faculty on their excellent participation in the T-Building fire drill that morning and in the North Hall fire drill the previous day. He thanked the Senate for sending the letter to all full-time and adjunct faculty and called it an excellent letter, one that made a tremendous difference. He said that the drills went well, but they could have gone more swiftly. He said the ten minutes to evacuate a building is good but could be improved.

Senator Bracey said had there been an actual fire she would have been burned to a crisp as she heard no alarm as she worked in her office on the second floor of North Hall. She noted that this may be a problem with all offices, such as hers, that are inside office suites, as opposed to those that are contiguous to the corridor. President Kaplowitz reported that a faculty member whose class is in Room 231T, beyond a set of fire doors, did not hear the alarm nor did her students. Another faculty member also reported the same problem and said that neither he nor his students heard the alarm in his classroom, which was Room 238T. Vice President Dunham noted similar problems in other areas of T Building.

President Kaplowitz suggested that the Senate consider sending another letter to the faculty in the Fall with the suggestion that each faculty member read the letter to her or his students. She said that after the fire drill many students told her that they had been in the cafeteria and in club offices and had never thought to leave the building

until the security officers came. She noted that students are often in club offices, in locker rooms, and other places other than a classroom and that they may not have left the building as quickly as they would have had they been educated about the issue.

Senator Litwack felt that such a letter read to the students might be more effective if sent by the Student Council or if sent jointly by the Faculty Senate and the student Council. Senator Stickney said that the mention in the letter of penalties for noncompliance was especially good. Senator Blitz noted the need to have students leave the immediate area around the building, suggesting that further instructions are necessary. Many agreed, noting the difficulty people had in exiting the buildings because of the crowd on the sidewalk outside North Hall and, in the case of T Building, the crowd on the porch just outside the revolving doors. Others noted that if there were a fire or an explosion, the worst place to be is directly outside an evacuated building, where smoke and glass shards could harm bystanders. Mr. Scully said that he might ask for traffic redirection from the Fire Department before the next drill. He said he simply does not have sufficient numbers of security personnel to do this job. It was suggested that John Jay's faculty and staff who serve as fire wardens should be trained to perform this function because if it were a real fire or other emergency, the Fire Department might not be there in time to direct people away from the buildings.

In discussing the 16-page packet of floor plans and evacuation routes, Mr. Scully suggested waiting until the fall to send out the packet because such materials tend to get lost at the end of the year. He also asked the Senate to consider inviting him back in the fall to discuss the issue of rape and date rape and his department's programs about this. Senator Shaughnessy suggested incorporating the subject of rape and date rape into the criminology courses, which hundreds of students take each semester. Senator Litwack suggested that Mr. Scully should also make his presentation to the student Council.

11. Reports from committees (written)

- a. Notes on the May 7 Town Hall Meeting: Senator Stickney [Attachment C]

12. Celebration of 75 meetings of the Faculty Senate and of the final meeting of the 1991-1992 Senate

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Stevens  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A**

Announcements from the chair

Student Elections held on May 6 and May 7.

Three computerized polling machines were rented and 1,466 students voted: this is the highest number of JJ students to vote when no student fee referendum was on the ballot.

President: Ronald Quartimon \*\*

Vice President: Terrence Harris \*\*

Secretary: Jacqueline Amedee \*\*

Treasurer: Michelle Green \*\*

senior representative (4 positions):

Alethia Matheson

Valerie Tain

Flordaliza Alba-Gil

Junior representative (4 positions):

Simone Moore

Robert Hernandez \*\*

Konstantine Giannoutsos

Eligia Pena

Sophomore representative (4 positions):

Erick Lopez

Jacqueline Cohen \*\*

Marsha Russell

Alecia Phillip

Freshman representative (4 positions):

Tiffany Wright

Graduate representative (4 positions):

[no candidates ran]

college Council at-large representative (1 position):

[no candidates ran]

\*\* Several of the students elected to the Student Council serve on the College Council as a result of their election: in addition to the four executive officers, the two highest vote getters among those running for each class representative position (graduate, senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman) serve on the College Council.

Judicial Committee: (six positions)

Sonia Johnson

Solomon Osidele

Grievances against the election process may be filed until 5 PM Tuesday, May 12. The Judicial Board (a student committee responsible for student elections) has until May 20 to render its decisions. Grievants then have until May 26 to appeal to the Student Election Appeals Committee. Shortly after that date, President Lynch will inaugurate those students who were elected at a ceremony in his office to which the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has been invited.

Awards ceremonies held

- SEEK Awards Nights for outstanding SEEK students and for those who supported the SEEK Program: Thursday, May 7
- Athletic Awards Ceremony: May 11 [the JJ Baseball Team won the Knickerbocker Championship at Shea Stadium]

Receptions planned

A reception for Nicholas D'Agostino, on the occasion of his opening a store across from JJ, is being held by President Lynch on May 27 at 5 PM

- for Professor Maria Volpe and the students in her Dispute Resolution Program on the occasion of the program's 10th anniversary: May 12
- for Norman Inster, head of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: May 12 at 5 PM
- for Christopher Flint, on completing his semester at JJ as the Bramshill Professor: May 14.
- for students in the Ascent Program (high school students enrolled in JJ courses): May 21
- for students accepted into law school and graduate school: May 21
- for students whose writing was published in this year's edition of John Jay's Finest and for Professors Pat Licklider and Shirley Schnitzer who edited the publication: May 19

Acting Vice Chancellor named

Upon the resignation of Vice Chancellor for Faculty, Staff, and Administration Ira Bloom, effective immediately, Judith Bronstein, his assistant, has been named Acting Vice Chancellor.

New policy on leaves for faculty and administrators

The Chancellor has announced that faculty and administrators may no longer take unpaid leaves to accept full-time administrative positions at other universities. Leaves will still be given for such things as archaeological digs, etc.

Update on CUNY equal protection lawsuit

The Attorney General, who is representing the State officials named in the equal protection lawsuit filed by a coalition of CUNY faculty, students, and staff, was required to respond to the Complaint by May 5. The day before the response was due, the Attorney General, on behalf of the defendants, requested an extension until May 26. Franklin Siegel, the Center for Constitutional Rights attorney representing the plaintiffs, granted the request for a three-week extension.

# OFFICE OF ADMISSION SERVICES

## REVIEW OF ADMISSIONS FOR THE FALL 1992 SEMESTER - CUMULATIVE TO DATE 04/14/92

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ATTACHMENT

	NEW FRESHMAN OTHER THAN SPEC PGMS			NEW FRESHMAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS			TOTAL FRESHMAN			TRANSFER STUDENTS			GRAND TOTAL		
	04/11 1991	04/14 1992	% CHG	04/11 1991	04/14 1992	% CHG	FALL 1991	FALL 1992	% CHG	04/11 1991	04/16 1992	% CHG	FALL 1991	FALL 1992	% CHG
City	1267	1241	-2.1	663	835	25.9 *	1930	2076	7.6	407	445	9.3	2337	2521	7.9
Baruch	2057	2452	19.2 ***	685	644	-6.0 *	2742	3096	12.9	1081	1230	13.8	3823	4326	13.2
Hunter	1349	1583	17.3 ***	716	687	-4.1 *	2065	2270	9.9	1354	670	-50.5 @	3419	2940	-14.0
Lehman	474	398	-16.0	534	619	15.9 *	1008	1017	0.9	212	249	2.9	1250	1266	1.3
Brooklyn	2400	2353	-2.0	566	549	-3.0 *	2966	2902	-2.2	512	548	7.0	3478	3450	-0.8
Queens	2524	2423	-4.0	293	409	39.6 *	2817	2832	0.5	615	866	40.8	3432	3698	7.8
CSI	1421	1500	5.6	136	196	44.1	1557	1696	8.9	197	228	15.7	1754	1924	9.7
York	455	571	25.5	164	247	50.6	619	818	32.1	240	269	12.1	859	1087	26.5
John Jay	1049	1535	46.3	525	454	-13.5 *	1574	1989	26.4	175	249	42.3	1749	2238	28.0
NYCTC	2126	2241	10.1	704	942	33.8	2830	3283	16.0	225	295	31.1	3055	3578	17.1
Sr. Total	15122	16397	8.4	4986	5582	12.0	20108	21979	9.3	5048	5049	0.0	25156	27028	7.4
BCC	579	659	13.8	183	203	10.9	762	862	13.1	80	117	46.3	842	979	16.3
OCC	1849	2159	16.8	241	311	29.0	2090	2470	18.2	177	215	21.5	2267	2685	18.4
KCC	1646	2057	25.0	73	85	16.4 **	1719	2142	24.6	73	137	87.7	1792	2279	27.2
BMCC	1560	1638	5.0	449	594	32.3	2009	2232	11.1	307	372	21.2	2316	2604	12.4
HCC	105	152	44.8	42	82	95.2	147	234	59.2	30	44	46.7	177	278	57.1
LCC	1254	1407	12.2	447	550	23.0	1701	1957	15.0	281	377	34.2	1982	2334	17.8
M Evers	346	460	32.9	72	119	65.3	418	579	38.5	67	119	77.6	485	698	43.9
CC Total	7339	8532	16.3	1507	1944	29.0	8846	10476	18.4	1015	1381	36.1	9861	11857	20.2
CUNY Total	22461	24929	11.0	6493	7526	15.9	28954	32455	12.1	6063	6430	6.1	35017	38885	11.0

PLEASE NOTE: For Fall 1992, all freshman admission percent's should be interpreted with great caution. The percent's are based on comparisons with the previous year for the same phase. For this phase, however, the secondary school spring recess must be taken into account. Last year, the recess was prior to the phase and consequently there was a week when we did not receive any applications from the high schools. This year the recess was after the phase, therefore the numbers include an extra week of applications. This may have artificially raised the percent increase.

	IN CUNY TRANSFER	OUT OF CUNY TRANSFER	TOTAL
	3000	3132	4.4
	3063	3298	7.7
	6063	6430	6.1

- \* CCNY, Baruch, Hunter, Lehman, Brooklyn, Queens, and John Jay colleges have reached their Fall 1992 seat capacity for entering SEEK students.
- \*\* KCC has reached its Fall 1992 seat capacity for entering CD students.
- \*\*\* Baruch and Hunter colleges have reached their Fall 1992 seat capacity for regularly admitted freshmen.
- @ Due to budgetary constraints, Hunter has decreased its seat capacity for Fall 1992 transfer students. Almost all majors with available seats for transfers have been filled for Fall 1992 at Hunter College.

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

**"Open Forum"**

Moderator: Alumni Director Al Higgins  
May 5, 1992

In his opening statement, President Lynch said the world was shocked by the jury verdict in the Rodney King case. John Jay was formed to professionalize the police (after the Watts riots showed we needed to). All academic training of police should be done in universities (which provide openness and critical thinking). John Jay should provide the academic training for the Transit Police, the NYCPD, and other law enforcement agencies. The non-academic subjects (such as firearms training) can be taught in police academies. The police are the only professionals to be trained outside of universities: at one time teachers and nurses were taught in their own schools but as those professions matured, the education of their members became the rightful responsibility of universities. It is time for the same thing to happen to police education.

Student Council President Francis Ngadi said the College needs to take stock. We remained open for classes this year. There have been more student support services this year. We must have respect for each other. He thanked the students for letting him and his colleagues serve them.

Provost Basil Wilson read a petition addressed to President George Bush that was written by himself, Vice President Roger Witherspoon, and Professor Karen Kaplowitz, in response to the Rodney King verdict. He invited those present to sign the petition and said it would be circulated throughout the College in the hopes of getting thousands of signatures.

President Lynch urged participation in the May 16th march on Washington and in the signing of the petition read by Provost Wilson, which he then signed.

Victor Gomez, a student, said he has been a JJ student for 10 years and is a member of six clubs. Evening students get too few services: he must take off from work to attend financial aid workshops. We need evening hours for evening students.

Vice President Witherspoon said most evening students have time only to take their courses; furthermore, there are too few resources for JJ to offer full evening services. There are evening student services on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Zaire Muhammad, a student, said that civil rights marches on Washington were not successful in the past. He asked for real solutions.

Provost Wilson spoke of the conservative hegemony in the USA now. What will revitalize the cities -- housing, jobs, training -- is what is necessary. Marching may help change the political climate.

Vice President Witherspoon said one solution is the fact that by serving 8500 students JJ is helping provide future leaders.

A. Krugan, an alumna, said that we send messages to President Bush by voting.

Zaire Muhammad, a student, said President Bush is against people of color.

Vice President Witherspoon announced expanded study hall hours in the Library during May 18-20: 10 PM through 7 AM. Also, books purchased by clubs will henceforth be in the Library for use by all. Student elections are May 6 and 7. All must refrain from character assassinations. The African Club has just been trashed. Let's have a fair student election.

Denise Hewitt, a student, said evening students have too few services. Offer loan workshops when no classes are taking place.

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Pres. Lynch said Pell Grants have just gone up from \$2400 to \$3500. Most student demand for loan workshops are during the day but once a semester an evening workshop is held.

Leonard Abruzzo, a student, recommended that "rejoinder" readings be provided in all courses (both Afrocentric and Eurocentric courses, such as history courses). There should be a College Curriculum Club so students can lobby to get courses they want. As a former member of the Curriculum Committee, he was overwhelmed by the amount of work of the committee and the issues raised. A club would assist students.

Eli Faber, dean of undergraduate studies, said students could certainly form their own club. Generally student members of the College Curriculum Committee do not attend the meetings. There are five student members but most are often absent. Thus Mr. Abruzzo was often the only student present. Dean Faber recommended that students be picked for this committee (by the Student Council vice president, whose job it is) who can and will attend the Committee meetings.

David Hadley, a student, said a curriculum club is not a very workable idea. Students are often not listened to and the syllabus of history courses often depend on the individual professor.

Pres. Lynch said that faculty decide the curriculum but with student input. The dynamic tension between faculty and students helps form the curriculum.

Solomon Machawa, a student, praised the idea of a curriculum club. The Curriculum Committee works hard for students. Students not on the committee like to debase the insiders who are on the committee. Discipline is necessary to shape the curriculum. Another issue: the request for a senior dance was turned down by the administration because of problems at CCNY: what can't seniors have a party?

Pres. Lynch said that Vice Chancellor Diaz said that because JJ could not guarantee the safety of our students at an official JJ party that was held off-campus, such a party could not be approved. Pres. Lynch suggested a non-official party.

Derek Burke, a senior, said the summer program is inadequate: only 12 courses are being offered.

Pres. Lynch said summer programs do not get FTE funding from the state. Therefore, JJ offers few courses so we can offer more courses during the year for which we do get funding. JJ students may take summer courses at other CUNY colleges.

Mr. Burke, student, said many items have been stolen at JJ. Many people enter who are not JJ students. Student ID cards should be worn at all times.

Pres. Lynch agreed but said the practical issue of mass movement of students between the two building whenever a period ends makes it impossible to monitor who enters. Everyone should be vigilant.

James Scully, director of security, said increased Library patrols have helped control thefts in the Library. Theft charges have been brought against several people.

Mr. Burke, student, said the layout of security desks and entrances to the buildings may have to be changed.

Elliot Valentin, a senior, has attended JJ for 8 and a half years. There is too much noise in Library and in cafeteria. Security patrols should resume using earpieces for their two-way radios because the broadcasts are distracting to Library users.

Vice Pres. Witherspoon said anyone who feels the music in the cafeteria is too loud should speak to cafeteria manager Johnny Vasquez who will turn it down. His plan for next term is to use the Rathskeller from 9 AM to 3 PM for music, card-playing, and video games so the cafeteria will be quiet during those hours.

A student asked Pres. Lynch if he thought day and evening students are treated equally.

Pres. Lynch said not equally, but there are Tuesday and Wednesday

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night services. Most students attend during the day and so funds should go more to services for day students.

Jerry Lamm, graduate student, said tickets are ineffective for parties; escalators in T Building are always broken; doors in the North Hall lobby are always locked: why? Also said we need a printout of budget to see how the money raised by renting parts of the college, such as for the Michael Jordan commercial filmed in T Building, is allocated

Vice Pres. Smith agreed that the escalators are always broken: a consultant has just reported that the company who had a maintenance contract for the escalators did not do the job properly. A new company has been hired.

Pres. Lynch said the money from renting the buildings goes to hire adjunct faculty, and for the Microcomputer Center, etc. JJ is being cut \$1.3 million and yet JJ is not going to fire any full-time faculty or staff. JJ added class sections while other colleges cut sections.

Frank Gonzalez said he is a former adjunct faculty member and attorney. He said JJ fired Donald Torres and this year fired Tony Morales. As someone who has done law-school recruitment here, he can say there should be more Hispanics teaching at JJ.

Pres. Lynch said the faculty decides who to hire and who to fire.

Provost Wilson said that in 1990 JJ hired very diverse faculty in terms of race and ethnicity. We still need to hire more blacks and Hispanic faculty. Faculty must connect to the students at JJ.

Vice Pres. Witherspoon announced that 61 JJ students have been admitted to law school. There will be a reception to honor them and other students admitted to graduate schools.

A student stated that openly gay and lesbian faculty should also be hired.

Solomon Osidele, a student, said a student advisement program is necessary to help more students graduate. On-line registration is also necessary.

Provost Wilson said on-line registration is now under the direction of Registrar Donald Gray. We are pushing faster on that. The Fees II system may be ready for Fall 1992. Interdisciplinary majors already have student advisement. Class sections is sacrosanct: they can't be cut. Resources are needed for more advisement. A Retention Task Force is being established to help retention, which is a serious problem.

Jerry Lamm, graduate student, said we need a printout of how the budget is allocated. There are many black and Hispanic adjunct faculty but too few full-time. What is important is what JJ does, not what others do not do. At JJ, 50 percent of the freshmen drop out. We must focus attention on retaining freshman and sophomores. Use seniors to mentor freshmen.

Pres. Lynch said the budget is a public document. He also reported that CUNY is trying to get an early retirement plan. JJ has the highest student enrollment increases of all CUNY.

Mr. Ngadi said we invested money in more tutoring, to help retain our students. An emergency loan program helps our students.

Provost Wilson urged everyone to sign the petition about the Rodney King verdict.

Mr. Ngadi thanked everyone for letting him serve them. He urged students to vote in the upcoming student elections.

Pres. Lynch thanked the Town Hall Meeting Planning Committee for presenting the fall and spring Town Hall Meetings: he thanked Student Council president Francis Ngadi; Student Council vice president Ronald Quartimon; Vice President John Smith; Vice President Roger Witherspoon; VP Witherspoon's asst Rebecca Spath; Professor Maria Volpe, director of the Dispute Resolution program; and Professors Karen Kaplowitz and Charles Stickney, representing the Faculty Senate.