V. Report from the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance Structures and Functions - Dr. Leo Lieberman

The following action items will be voted upon at the next Senate meeting:

Motion #1: Vacancies to the Senate and/or its committees by official leave and/or resignation should be filled by an election by the respective constituency for the period of said leave. Special cases not covered by the above will be reviewed by the Committee on Governance Structures and Functions.

Motion #2: In emergency situations, when it is impossible to convene a College Senate meeting in a reasonable period of time, the Senate Executive Committee is empowered to act in an advisory capacity and should be consulted by the President.

Motion #3: Termination of question or motion: A quorum of one more than half of the voting members being present, a motion will be decided by a majority of those voting members being present and voting, abstentions being counted to arrive at the total votes cast.

This is a departure from the Roberts Rules.

VI. Dissemination of Information to Students & Faculty regarding Budget Crisis:

A beautifully prepared document entitled "A Call for a United Effort to Fight Budget Cuts for CUNY" was prepared by Ms. Holly Sampson. Ms. Sampson requested that this fact sheet be read and discussed by all the faculty and students. She also requested that all Senators become involved in supporting this document. President Colston extended his appreciation to Ms. Sampson for the preparation of this paper.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Projects & Special Events - Dr. Glenn Ray
B. Committee on Curriculum - Professor James Ryan
C. Committee on Space & Facilities - Professor Jacqueline Gardinier
D. Committee on Academic Standing - Professor John Hayde

Professor Hayde pointed out that the present method of approving student appeals by the Senate has become very disturbing to the students. In order to hasten the procedure of student appeals, the committee presented the following request to President Colston and asked for his ruling.

"That the College Senate grant to the Committee on Academic Standing the executive authority to act on student appeals and those matters not subject to review and approval of the Senate."

Permission of President Colston granted.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Morowitz, Secretary