Garcia, Gizis Press BHE For Funding

A delegation of pro-Hostos advocates, including State Senator Robert Garcia and Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gizis, called upon the Board of Higher Education on September 23 to guarantee the fiscal integrity of the college and to give its highest priority to the renovation of the Security Mutual Office Building. Testifying before the board at its hearings on the Chancellor's budget request for 1977-78, the Hostos delegation outlined the steps which it thought the university should take to ensure that the college's struggle for survival not become, in the words of Dean Gizis, a "Pyrrhic victory."

Dean Gizis told the board that "To achieve a budget reduction of 51% of the current college operating budget is not only impossible but unfair to the students and faculty." He urged the board to give priority to the renovation of the college and to give its highest priority to the renovation of the Security Mutual Office Building.

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Although final registration figures are not available as this issue of The Coqui goes to press, the total registration is hovering around the 2,400 mark, according to Prof. Virginia Paris, director of admissions. The registration figures are even more remarkable in view of the fact that the Board of Higher Education has imposed tuition and higher admissions standards, factors which college administrators believed would significantly curtail registration.

In addition, Mr. Anthony Santiago, director of community and continuing education, has been assigned responsibility for the college's community and continuing education programs.

President Candido de Leon aptly explained the meaning of the new admissions policy at this year's first faculty meeting. said he: "We can no longer say that there's an open admissions policy even though the term is being maintained by the Chancellor and the Board of Higher Education."

Under the open admissions policy which went into effect in the fall of 1970, a high school diploma was the sole requirement for the admission. The new policy, however, calls for the following conditions for admission to the CUNY community colleges:

- A high school average of at least 70 percent, or
- A rank in class at the 26th percentile, or
- Satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the univer-sity, or
- A satisfactory score on the GED (General Education Department) examination.

A standard CUNY admissions test has not been developed, however. And, according to Associate Dean of Students Peter Martin, Hostos and the other community colleges have been using their own testing instruments.

The board's resolution on admissions also mandated the creation of a transitional program for applicants who do not meet the new requirements. But the program, which was to have been operated by the CUNY central office, has been suspended.

The retrenchment plan also called for the abolition of the medical department. All of the department's courses, however, are being offered by the biology and physical sciences departments.

Perhaps the single most significant victim of the college's retrenchment plan was the nursing program. In all, some 24 nursing faculty and staff members lost their jobs.

Significant changes were also made in the area of college administration. All deanships, except for two were abolished. A total of seven deans announced their resignations. In addition, Mr. Anthony Santiago, director of community and continuing education, has been assigned respons-

42 Faculty Retrenched, Divisions Revamped

"We are finding that we have to tell people they no longer have a job, and it has nothing to do with their performance. This is perhaps the ugliest period we've have to go through."

It was with those words that President Candido de Leon welcomed the Hostos faculty to the new academic year, a year which, for Hostos, had been a tumultuous one. In the history of the college, the college's struggle for survival not become, in the words of Dean Gizis, a "Pyrrhic victory."

Hostos has indeed won its battle for survival but it has also been beset by disproportionately one of the highest budget cuts of any unit in the City University System. The cuts have amounted to 14.3 percent of last year's budget compared with the CUNYwide average of an inflation of 12 percent. Coupled with the incredibly high rate of inflation in the New York metropolitan area, the cuts have had a stunning impact.

The overwhelming majority of the 42 faculty members who were affected at Hostos were administrative staff members. In addition, the college was able to retain its enrollment as last year.

Hostos Community College is still very much a part of the South Bronx scene. But perhaps most encouraging is the fact that, of 2,400 students registered thus far, approximately 1,200 are "direct admits" or individuals who bypass the CUNY central admissions office to apply directly on the Hostos campus. In effect, residents of the South Bronx and other communities have cast a vote of confidence in Hostos, and have clearly indicated their opinion that the college is a vital resource for the city.

Associate Dean of Students Peter Martin has inscribed this semester's high registration to an extensive recruitment effort conducted by the admissions office and a media campaign conducted by the office of college relations and development.

Applicants Now Subject To New Admissions Standards

Among the many changes at Hostos this fall are changes in the admissions policy which were mandated by a resolution passed last April (at the same meeting in which the Hostos-Bronx merger plan was approved) by the Board of Higher Education.

Another of the board's new policies will require CUNY community college graduates to pass a uniform examination before they can continue their studies at the junior year level at any of the university's four year colleges.

The upshot of the administrative changes is that there is now one dean of the city. Pan, Prof. Evangelos Gizis, and an associate dean for student services, Prof. Peter Martin. Dean Gizis has in effect assumed responsibility for all academic affairs in both the liberal arts and health sciences. And Dean Martin now manages all student-related af-fairs.

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President de Leon announced that he would be taking a leave from the college to devote his energies full-time to the completion of his doctoral dissertation. Subsequent to the faculty meeting, he was granted a one-semester sabatical by the Board of Higher Education. President de Leon's duties have been assumed by Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gizis.

The functions of the administrative division have been reassigned to a business office which is under the direction of Mr. Louis Quiroz.

The 1199 fund coordinator and director of inhalation therapy, Two media production and services positions (an assistant professor...)

President Bids Faculty To Plan
SkillsObjectives

President Cândido de León has asked each of the Hostos academic departments to carefully draw up a set of skills objectives which they expect the English and mathematics departments to impart upon Hostos students.

The process is part of a seven-month effort to ensure that Hostos students meet a primary objective for all instruction which President de León characterized as "the ability to read, write, compose, and reason."

"Whatever else we do," said President de León at this year's first faculty meeting, "we must leave our students with that ability."

Once the academic departments have submitted their objectives to the English and mathematics departments, these departments will begin to implement whatever curriculum changes are necessary to satisfy the departmental objectives. At the same time, the health, human services, and nursing departments will work on other departmental curricula to determine how they buttress and support student acquisition of these skills.

President de León also asked that the academic departments contact their counterparts at the city university and the four-year colleges to determine the strengths and deficiencies of Hostos graduates. The information from this effort will then be incorporated into a final set of performance objectives which President de Leon says he will hand to the faculty to complete by March 1, 1977.

The entire process represents a strong challenge to the faculty similar to the one it undertook during the institutional self study which led to the college's accreditation in 1973-74.
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NSF Grant to Improve Hostos’s Science Curriculum
And Help College Reach Out to Local Communities

Hostos Community College is the recipient of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant which will enable the college to develop a science program consisting of a melding of technology and pure science. This, according to Amador Muriel, president of the college, is exactly what is needed to attract the dormant scientist. "Technology will not limit the student who is the pure scientist of tomorrow. Those who would go into industrial work will find that technology will encourage those people who otherwise would not be interested in getting into science."

As evidence that technical programs attract the dormant scientist, Prof. Muriel points to P. Dirac and E.P. Wigner, both world-renowned physicists who are products of technological and engineering schools.

Why all the emphasis on technological or applied science?

Prof. Muriel maintains that developing or "science-poor" societies, among which he includes the South Bronx, must be exposed to the full spectrum of pure and applied science. And therefore science planners in these societies should give priority to applied science education.

Next semester the NSF grant will also support the development of the curriculum for an electronics course, the college’s first such course. And to help bear the costs of the grant, the college’s physical sciences department, the grant would have supported the development of a course in biology for nursing students.

Significantly, he lists his post at Hostos as his only professional affiliation whenever he publishes an article in a scientific journal. "You've got to earn your keep, essentially."

Playing with toys in class? Yes, indeed. Prof. Amador Muriel (second from right) conducts motion experiment with use of toy police van in laboratory funded by NSF grant. The use of toys, rather than traditional laboratory equipment, is "new."

"I grew up in the Philippines, and I always had a desire to help my community," says Prof. Muriel. "But then I always had a desire to do pure science."

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Business goes on as usual at 149th Street and the Grand Concourse opposite the Hostos facility. It's also business as usual in the library at the college where studying is conducted on a solo basis or with a little help from one's friends. For all concerned—local merchants, students and community residents alike—the resumption of the usual order of things at Hostos this fall is good business indeed.

Admissions...

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...in conjunction with the Board of Education, has not been instituted. The board's April resolution also provided for a one-year "transitional matriculant" status for applicants not meeting the new standards. Transitional matriculants will be able to gain full matriculation when they pass a uniform exit examination administered by the college. No credits will be awarded the students until they pass the examination. Students will be given the opportunity to take the examination at the end of each semester.

The CUNY-wide examination for admission to the upper division of senior colleges has not yet been devised. Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gzir is accordingly asked a number of Hostos faculty and students to serve on a task force which will make recommendations to the CUNY central office on the contents of the four-year college entrance examination.

The "sophomore examination," as it has come to be known, has already caused some consternation because it will undoubtedly be computer administered as the number of students taking the examination will preclude essay questions and the like. As some Hostos faculty have pointed out, the problem with this sort of examination lies in its inability to test the student's proficiency in writing term papers and answering essay questions.

The members of the Hostos task force for the "sophomore examination" are: Profs. Arthur Clarke (convenor), Bowman Wiley, Peter Martin, Les Aull, Itzas de Jesus, Clara Velezquez, Thomas Joyce, Manuel Ramos, Clara Warrick, Gordon Erickson, and students Nina Saniel, Victor Vazquez, Hipolito Mena, Alexis Colon, L. Berros, and C. Scharbaal.

News Briefs

Prof. Angelo Aponte of the physical education department spent the summer coaching the Mayaguez Tainos in the Puerto Rican Basketball Federation. With Prof. Aponte at the helm, the Tainos, who had spent their entire existence lurking in the league's basement, suddenly blossomed into an upper division team and gained a spot in the league's playoffs. The accomplishment earned Prof. Aponte the Puerto Rican federation's coach-of-the-year honors, no small exploit considering his opposition for the honor included Joe Mullaney, former coach of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers, and Bernie Bickerstaff, an assistant coach with the Capital Bullets.

Prof. Synos Mangazva of the social sciences department has been elected chairman of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), an organization fighting for the political independence of Africans in what is known as Rhodesia. As chairman of ZANU, Prof. Mangazva has had a number of speaking engagements in such cities as Norfolk, Atlanta, Washington, and Miami to rally moral, material and other forms of support for the struggle.

Prof. Amador Muriel, chairman of the physical sciences department, has been appointed by the Asian American Educational Concerns to design programs for children which will cover such topics as Asian American music, dance, art, and language.

Prof. John Scarry of the English department has published an article, "A Singer and Some New Songs in Finnegans Wake II, ii," in the current issue of Neophilologus, a scholarly journal published in Amsterdam.

Fifteen Hostos students have been selected by the College Entrance Examination Board for inclusion in the board's 1976 Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates. The Roster is sent to all accredited four-year colleges in the United States to assist admissions officers in recruiting particularly promising students from minority groups. The Roster will also help the four-year colleges plan for the financial aid needs of these students.

The Hostos students included in the roster are: Alida Agosto, Ernesto Austin, Elinor Gordon, Emilio La Fontaine, Joyce Lloyd, Maria T. Lozada, Evelyn Martinez, Carmen Suarez, Priscilla Thomas, and Francisco Vallejo.

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 playsdgrounds and the main plaza at Lincoln Center.

Prof. Pablo Cabrera, chairman of the Puerto Rican studies department, spent part of the summer directing various productions of the Puerto Rican Travelling Theatre. As in past years, Prof. Cabrera and his troupe toured the streets of New York presenting the plays in Riverside Park, school