

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

18 November 2020

The 645th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:38 PM via Zoom.

Presiding: Laura S. Keating, Chair

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.

Alternate Senators were formally seated consistent with the procedures approved by the Senate for in-person meetings, and they were enabled to vote using iClicker.

Agenda Chair Keating requested permission to add a new item to the agenda – a report by Senate Vice Chair, Nibras Ahmed under the Administrative Committee report. She also informed the body that President’s report would be postponed to the next meeting. In addition, the Senate would dissolve itself into a Quasi Committee of the Whole rather than Committee of the Whole and that there would be no report on the Bell Schedule nor from the Nominating Committee. There were no objections to the changes. The agenda was adopted as revised.

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

a) Update on plans with regards to ILO practice Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility

Chair Keating said the following:

We had brought this up briefly as an item under New Business to get people talking. As it was noted at an earlier meeting, the institutional learning outcome Practice Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility is set to be assessed in 2021-22 under the 5-year assessment plan that was set up and approved by the Senate. This assessment will be done by the GER and Assessment Committees meeting jointly according to the 5-year plan. Before that can be done, it needs to be made more explicit how we - the college - are conceiving of civic engagement and social responsibility and what activities students are engaged in that are relevant to it. There is going to be a joint Senate and Presidential task force formed to do this. If you would like to serve on the taskforce or know someone who would, please forward names with email addresses to the Senate Office at senate@hunter.cuny.edu. Nominees do not have to be Senate members. The Senate Administrative Committee will be working with the Provost Office that will also be collecting names to help staff this task force. We will report once this is done. When the work of the task force is completed in Spring 2021, it will be invited to report to the Senate as well as forward its report to the GER and Assessment Committees. Those committees will then determine, given that definition of civil engagement and social responsibility and the list of relevant student activities, how that ILO will be assessed next year, that is, what outcomes will be assessed and measured that year.

b) Student Caucus Report

Chair Keating called on Vice Chair Nibras Ahmed to give a report.

Mr. Ahmed said the following:

“I have been fortunate to have the first Student Caucus meeting of this year last week. We had a great turnout. Over 40 students showed up, and a lot of different concerns were discussed. That is what these meetings are for. I wanted to thank everybody who was able to make it. Those students who missed it, please show up to the next one. We are hoping to have one in December. We are already thinking of ways to act on some feedback from the last meeting. We will give more updates at the next meeting but I can cover some of the stuff now.

“Something that we discussed briefly at the meeting is the possibility to include the Office of AccessAbility information on the school syllabi. Something I learned from faculty and speaking

57 to students is that not enough students take advantage of the mental health services offered. It
58 was not until I was asked to give a presentation, I realized what services were offered at Hunter,
59 and how frequently students wish to access them earlier and how much it would have been critical
60 to their success in certain classes. This is something we plan to pursue either as a
61 recommendation in the immediate semester and perhaps as a formal resolution in the coming
62 semester. Hopefully this will be something that will come to fruition by the end of Spring 2021.
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64 “Another concern that has come up is a land recognition of indigenous people. Some of you
65 may be aware that Hunter campus is built on their land. There is a larger movement across
66 universities across the country in acknowledging indigenous history of the land universities are
67 built on. A student brought up perhaps adding it as an amendment or in a different way,
68 somewhat acknowledging the indigenous people and importance of how Hunter is today. We
69 are not exactly sure how this will come to fruition yet. We are thinking of an installation on
70 campus, perhaps a plaque, something to acknowledge how these people have been disserved
71 and to recognize those for their service and those of the indigenous community whose land
72 Hunter is built upon.
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74 “Thirdly, there are a lot of concerns brought up whether it be e-permitting issues or other
75 scheduling issues. I think recognizing ongoing need for students’ voices in the Senate helped me
76 as a Vice Chair really feel students’ concerns. We are creating an ad-hoc committee dedicated to
77 students’ life; a committee composed mainly of students to hear students’ concerns and it would
78 be a longer-term investigative body to see what concerns can be acted on within the Senate. I
79 think this will be a wonderful complement to the students. It will perhaps be a welcome space
80 for students to speak their mind or express other concerns they might have that would fall under
81 the Senate purview. Between the student caucus and ad-hoc committee on student life, there are
82 many new opportunities for students to voice their concerns and changes they want to see at
83 Hunter as an institution. If any students on this call or professors for that matter are interested in
84 serving on the ad-hoc committee, please let me know. We want to be a larger student committee
85 but I think faculty voices are well heard, so if anyone is interested in serving, please let me know.
86 There will be an update coming in December. Thank you all so much.”
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88 **Old**
89 **Business**

Quasi Committee of the Whole on Meeting Current Challenges Through Shared Governance

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91 It was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a Quasi Committee of the Whole, and that Professor
92 Laura Keating, Chair of the Senate, chair the committee.
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94 The motion carried by unanimous consent.
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96 At 4:00 PM the Senate reconvened in formal session.
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98 **New**
99 **Business**

100 Hardik Bhaskar, President of the Undergraduate Student Government inquired about a possibility to
101 extend the CR/NC Policy at Hunter College in the Fall 2020 semester. Discussion followed.
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103 The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.
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105 Respectfully submitted,
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107 Sarah Jeninsky
108 Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

(A) =Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excused

Faculty					
AFPRL	Anthony Browne	A	Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	A
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A			0
	Lázaro Lima	(A) A		Robert Thompson	(A) X
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A		Barry Cherkas	(A) X
	David Hodges	(A) A	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Abigail Morales	X
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Chad Euler	(A) X
Art & Art History	Harper Montgomery	X		Muktar Mahajan	(A) X
	Thomas Weaver	X	Music	Jewel Thompson	A
	Emily Braun	(A) X		Michele Cabrini	(A) A
	A. K. Burns	(A) A			(A)
Biological Sciences	Ben Ortiz	A	School of Nursing		0
	Shirley Raps	A		Carolyn Sun	X
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Ellen McCabe	A
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Ah-Yun (Emily) Yeh	(A) A
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu	A	Philosophy	Laura Keating	A
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) X		Frank Kirkland	(A) X
	Manashi Chatterjee	(A) X		Omar Dahbour	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Graham Claytor	A	Physics & Astronomy	Kelle Cruz	A
	Lawrence Kowerski	(A) A		Yuhang Ren	(A) X
	Joanne Spurza	X			
	Doron Friedman	(A) X		Leon Cohen	(A) X
Computer Science	Anita Raja	A	Political Science	John Wallach	A
	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	(A) A		Erin Mayo-Adam	(A) A
		(A)		Michael Lee	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching	Lacey Peters	A	Psychology	Roseanne Flores	A
	Karen Koellner	X		Jonathon Rendina	A
	Debbie Sonu	(A) A		Darlene Defour	(A) A
	Christine Rosalia	X		Michael Lewis	(A) X
Dance	Kathleen Isaac	A	Physical Therapy	Nicki Silberman	X
	Lori Brungard	(A) X		Thomas Holland	(A) A
		(A)		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
Economics	Randall Filer	A	Romance Languages	Paolo Fasoli	A
	John Quiang Li	X		Magdalena Perkowska	(A) X
	Tim Goodspeed	(A) A		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) A
	Avi Liveson	(A) X	School of Social Work	Samuel Aymer	A
Educational Foundations & Cou	Goeum Na	A		Anna Ortega-Willam	X
	Jeanne Weiler	(A) A		Jonathan Prince	(A) A
	Amanda Crowell	(A) A		Rong Zhao	(A) X
English	Sarah Chinn	A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	Amy Robbins	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Nijah Cunningham	A		Michaela Soyer	(A) A
	Janet Neary	(A) A	Special Education	Virginia Gryta	A
Film & Media Studies	Tami Gold	X		Kristen Hodnett	(A) A
				William Longsworth	(A) X
	Andrew Demirjian	(A) A	SLPA	Donald Vogel	A
	Larry Shore	(A) A		Nancy Eng	(A) A
Geography	Ines Miyares	A		JungMoon Hyun	(A) A
	Shipeng Sun	(A) X	Theatre	Louisa Thompson	X
	Allan Frei	(A) A			0
German	Elke Nicolai	A		Claudia Orenstein	(A) A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A	Urban Policy and Planning	Lily Baum Pollans	A
	Lisa Marie Anderson	(A) A		Victoria Johnson	(A) X
History	Eduardo Contreras	A		Matthew Lasner	(A) X
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) A	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabas	A
	Jill Rosenthal	A		Susan Cardenas	(A) X
Library	Sarah Ward	X		Victoria Fischer	(A) A
	Jennifer Newman	A	Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury	A
	Mee' Len Hom	(A) A		Catherine Raissiguier	(A) X
		(A)		Rupal Oza	(A) X

Students

Nibras Ahmed	A
Aysheh Barqawi	A
Alexa Michel	A
Leon Sarpong	A
Aamna Arshad	A
Nafeeza Ali	A
Ariana Ahmed	X
Jeanine Hampton	X
Shabraiz Malik	A
Nicole Palmetto	X
Fariha Uddin	A
Ketia Newell	A
Catalina Bedoya	X
Ayesha Qayyum	X
Nowrin Dina	X
Maria-Christina Tsavari	X
Nikisha Ferguson	X
Max Deutsch	X
Laila Gad	X
Elizabeth Bianco	X
Junia Sharmin	X
Hardik Bhaskar	A
Jennifer Calderon	A
Martyna Kulec	X
Afrin Ansary	X
Ariela Radonic	A
Luisais Taveras	A
Ryan Clinesmith Montalvo	X
Christine Kuang	A
Manahil Jafri	X
Vinh Phan	X
Joelle Tirado	X
Renee Riegler	A
Nicholas Viagas	X
Jasmine Shaikh	X
Johnson Ho	X
Rolando Gatilao	A
Audrey Sargente	A
Tasneem Sultana	X
Jeslyn Mei	A
Nayerra Zahran	A
Erica Aguayza	A
Olenka Ballena	A
Michelle Ma	A
Christopher Lee	X
Eleanor Sardarian	A
Jada Shannon	A
Tabia Ahmed	X
Lila Tabor	A
Fayozjon Jamshidov	A
Haya Alkiswani	X
Monira Hasan	X
Angeli Reynoso	X
Ann Nicole Frimpong	X
Wendy Wu	X
Jahin Samiha	X
Secura Morgan	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Kevin Nesbitt	A
	Luis Roldan	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
Library	Tony Doyle	A
Psychology	Stefan Schlussman	A
Economics	Kevin Sachs	A
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Religion	Barbara Sproul	A
THHP	Jerry Press	X
Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkon	A
Special Education	Gina Riley	A
Social Work	James Mandiberg	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Art and Art History	P. Dudek	X

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
Vice President, GSA	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
President Alumni Association	Barbara Poseluzny	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A

ADMINISTRATION

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HEO/CLA Representative	Lori Janowski	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
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Dean of Education	Michael Middleton	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Social Work	Mary Cavanaugh	A
General Counsel & Dean of Faculty	Suzanne Piper	X
School of Nursing	Gail McCain	A