

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

### 2 May 2018

- 1 The 613<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:40 PM in HW room 714.  
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- 3 **Presiding:** Thomas DeGloma, Chair  
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- 5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.  
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7 Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the Senate, and  
8 clickers were distributed to them.  
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- 10 **Minutes:** The minutes of 14 March and 28 March were distributed at the door and will be voted at the next meeting.  
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- 12 **Committee**  
13 **Report:** **Report on the Middle States Evaluation**  
14 Professor DeGloma called on James Llana, Associate Provost and Assistant Vice President for Academic  
15 Affairs, to present a report on the Middle States Evaluation.  
16 The report is attached in Appendix II.  
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- 18 **Report by the**  
19 **Administrative**  
20 **Committee:** a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**  
21 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i and ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter  
22 College, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees  
23 received to date:  
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25 Student: Patrick Ricci (Computer Science)  
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27 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.  
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29 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.  
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- 31 **Committee**  
32 **Report:** **Report by the Committee on Academic Freedom**  
33 Professor Donna Haverty-Stacke, Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom, presented the report  
34 on the Academic Freedom Mini-Conference. Professor Donna Haverty-Stacke said the following:  
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36 “Thank you Tom for allowing me to report on the Committee’s work this semester. Some of you may  
37 know I was brought on board and elected Chair of this Committee in February. Our main work this  
38 semester was to organize a pilot event on academic freedom to begin a conversation in the wider Hunter  
39 community around issues related to various elements of academic freedom. The committee met twice this  
40 semester in person and followed up its work by email to coordinate what became the Academic Freedom  
41 Mini-Conference that was held today in the Elizabeth Hemmerdinger Hall across the bridge. The  
42 Committee worked in conjunction with the Provost’s Office. We worked closely with Associate Provost  
43 Christa Acampora to plan the event based on the standard goals and vision of the Committee on Academic  
44 Freedom. [DR1] We had a short time within which to organize this event, so we decided to focus on two  
45 main themes hoping to perhaps tackle other themes relevant to the question of academic freedom in  
46 subsequent years if this kind of mini-conference has support from the Hunter community. The event we  
47 held today included opening remarks by Associate Provost Christa Acampora. We had two panels. The  
48 morning panel was on academic freedom and speech in the inclusive classroom which was led by Dean  
49 John Rose. We had on the panel Professor Samuel Aymer from the Silverman School of Social Work and  
50 Professor Collin Craig from St. Johns University. They discussed different concerns of speech in the  
51 classroom.

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They explored the ideas of making the classroom a space safe enough to explore challenging ideas and navigating ways to help students deal with the discomfort [DR2] of some challenging ideas of modelling comportment for students as well as ground rules for engagement in classroom discussion that faculty can consider putting on their syllabi. In the afternoon, we had a panel on academic freedom and social media. That was the second theme we chose to focus on. This panel was moderated by William Herbert who is a Distinguished Lecturer at Hunter College and Executive Director of the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions here at Hunter. He was joined by Professor Risa Lieberwitz who is a Professor of Labor and Employment Law in the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR). She is also the General Counsel of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). On that panel was also Professor Sissel McCarthy who is a Distinguished Lecturer and Journalism Program Director here in Hunter. They had a wonderful conversation about the parameters of the sources of rights, especially the category of extralegal rights or professional norms that are recognized by the AAUP that protect faculty not only in teaching and research but also in extramural public speech. They also discussed the need for protecting that speech to avoid chilling affects to speech generally as well as to the faculty work. They also touched on best practice guidelines for the use of social media. So, it was a very interesting and engaging panel. The Committee [DR3] on Academic Freedom also set up a LibGuide for the conference with the relevant readings on academic freedom that mainly came from the various panelists. Hal Grossman and John Carey, from the Library were instrumental in setting up the LibGuide as members of the committee. The committee also created an exit survey. I should thank our graduate student, the member of the Committee, James Hull who knew the technology side of that and set that up for us asking participants for their feedback so we can get ideas of what they felt was interesting, important and if they have any relevant ideas for future events. Today, we don't have that feedback yet but we are looking forward to gathering that and using it to reflect on future events. We were hoping to get feedback from the wider Hunter community starting with the Senate here on ideas for future events like this to continue the conversation in the wider Hunter community about academic freedom."

**Old Business**

Prof. Wallach read the resolution introduced by Prof. Nikolai at the 18 April Senate meeting into the record.

**Motion regarding Senate Administrative Procedure**

Whereas,

-- In the Senate meeting of February 14, 2018, the Senate voted on a motion to amend the minutes of November 8, 2017 to include the vote count for the Faculty Panel for the Nominees for Search Committee for Provost, and

Whereas,

-- The Senate vote by clicker produced the following results: 45 voted in favor of the motion, 23 against and 8 abstentions, enabling the Minutes to be amended, and

Whereas

-- The aforementioned Senate decision provides a precedent for making this recording of the vote for Search Committees a regular practice,  
and

Whereas

-- The Senate meetings are public, votes on motions are public, and such publicity should apply to the tally of official votes for Search Committees,

Be it Therefore resolved That

-- The publication of Senate votes for Search Committees shall become a regular practice, making insertion of the official tallies (the numbers) of the vote counts for candidates for Search Committees appear in the Senate minutes.

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There was a motion to amend the title of the Resolution as follows:

~~Motion regarding Senate administrative procedure~~

“Resolution to Revise the Voting Procedures for Search Committee Nominees to Include Vote Count in Senate Minutes”

The question was called and carried.

The motion carried by voice without dissent.

There was a motion to amend as follows:

Be it Therefore resolved That

~~-- The publication of Senate votes for Search Committees shall become a regular practice, making insertion of the official tallies (the numbers) of the vote counts for candidates for Search Committees appear in the Senate minutes.~~

“Be it Therefore resolved That

-- The Senate Administrative Committee revise the Voting Procedures for electing search committees to require the publication of Senate votes for Search Committees, including the official tallies (the numbers) of the vote counts for candidates for Search Committees, in the minutes of the meeting at which such votes were conducted.”

The question was called and carried.

The motion carried by voice without dissent.

There was a motion to amend as follows:

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The question was called and carried.

The motion carried by voice without dissent.

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The question was called and carried.

The motion carried by voice without dissent.

The question was called.

The motion to approve carried by voice without dissent.

**New Business** There was an announcement from the floor about the annual celebration of 148<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the College on Saturday, 5 May 2018.

Prof. Wallach asked for an update on the search for the Provost. Prof. Clarkson, Chair of the Search Committee and Senator, said names had been forwarded to the President.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana G. Reimer  
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	Sandra Clarkson	A
	Denis Milagros	(A) X		Bill Williams	E
	Edgardo Melendez	(A) A		Patrick Burke	(A) E
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Verna Segarra	(A) A
	David Hodges	(A) A		Chad Euler	A
Art & Art History	William Parry	(A) X		Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
	Daniel Bozhkov	A	Muktar Mahajan	(A) X	
	Lynda Klich	A	Music	Jewel Thompson	A
Biological Sciences	Susan Cole	(A) X	School of Nursing	Michele Cabrini	(A) A
	Susan Crile	(A) X			(A) 0
	Derrick Brazill	X		Christine Ganzer	A
	Shirley Raps	A	Abigail Kotowski	A	
Chemistry	Paul Feinstein	(A) X	Philosophy	Charles Reuter	(A) X
	Maria Pereira	(A) X		Omar Dahbour	A
	Akira Kawamura	X		Frank Kirkland	(A) X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) A	Physics & Astronomy	Christa Acampora	(A) A
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) X			(A)
	David Petrain	A			(A)
Computer Science	Dai Fang	(A) X	Political Science	John Wallach	A
	Shawna Leigh	(A) X		Jill Schwedler	(A) X
	Lei Xie	X		Michael Lee	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Roseann Flores	X
	Jason Writz	X		Jonathan Rendina	A
	Karen Koellner	X		Peter Moller	(A) X
		(A)		Chris Braun	(A) X
Dance		(A)	Physical Therapy		(A)
	Maura Donohue	X			(A)
Economics	Carol Walker	(A) X	Romance Languages	Monica Schinaider	A
		(A)		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) X
	Avi Liveson	X	School of Social Work		(A)
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Carolyn Gelman	X
Educational Foundations & Cou	John Li	(A) X	Michael Lewis	X	
		(A)	Adam Brown	(A) A	
	Veronica Muller	A	Sociology		(A)
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A		Mark Halling	A
English		(A)		(A)	
	Leigh Jones	A	Special Education	Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	Sarah Chinn	A		Elizabeth Klein	X
Steven Wetta	X	Lauren Schnell		X	
Film & Media Studies		(A)	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Virginia Gryta	(A) X
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A		Donald Vogel	(A) A
	Larry Shore	(A) X		Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	A
	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X		Carol Silverman	(A) X
Geography	Ines Miyares	A	Theatre		
	Shipeng Sun	(A) A		Jonathan Kalb	X
German		(A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Claudia Orenstein	(A) A
	Elke Nicolai	X		Victoria Johnson	E
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		William Milczarski	(A) X
History		(A)	School of Urban Public Health		(A)
	Ane Zmmeman	(A) A		Phil Alcabes	A
	Rick Belsky	X		Steven Trasino	(A) X
Library	Iryna Vushko	(A) A	Women & Gender Studies	Khursheed Navder	(A) A
	Jill Rosenthal	A		Jennifer Gaboury	A
	Sarah Ward	A		Catherine Raissiguier	(A) X
	Adina Milliken	X		Rupal Oza	(A) X
	Mee' Len Hom	(A) A			
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			

**Students**

Mila Adelman	A
Sarah Russo	X
Richard Lu	X
Alexa Michel	X
Sandra-May Flowers	X
Milana Khaitova	X
Polina Safovich	X
Sara Shanaj	X
Kendra Cornelis	X
Noam Sohn	A
Alfie Corteza	A
Lucien Formichella	X
Fatmata Barrie	X
Sohail Khan	A
Shannon O'Rourke	A
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	A
Saim Siddiqui	X
Linda Yohannes	A
Anam Khalid	X
Nicolas Fuchs	X
Nibras Karim	X
Jessica Flaherty	X
Jasmine Azeharie	X
Christoper Cantor	A
Ilya Geller	A
Maneka Phiri	X
Dine Butler	X
Michael Galka-Giaquinto	A
Hieu Dang	X
Cara Fitzgerald	X
Melanie Lozier	X
Darin Kalev	X
Leonid Prog	X
Kiran Javaid	X
Stephon Odom	A
Jacqueline Rozado	X
Zaiba Iqbal	A
Patrick Ricci	A

**At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty**

Student Services	Brian Maasjo	A
	Shannon Salinas	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
Geography	Dana Reimer	A
English	Meghann Williams	X
Library	Ajatshatru Pathak	A
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher	X
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh	A
Economics	Randal Filer	A
History	Bernadette McCauley	E
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Psychology	Joseph Lao	A

**Ex-Officio**

President, USG		
Vice President, Graduate Student Association		
President Alumni Association	Kim Haffner	A
President, HEO Forum	Terry Wansart	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

**ADMINISTRATION**

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Brian Buckwald	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Vice President for Administration	Robert Pignatello	A
Provost, Acting	Lon Kaufman	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Education	Michael Middleton	A
Special Counsel to the President & Dean	Laura Hertzog	X
School of Nursing	Gail McCain	E

Appendix II

# Middle States Update Hunter College Senate May 2, 2018

## New Standards and Processes

- Seven standards instead of fourteen
- Team visit every eight years, not ten
- No Periodic Review Report but an off-site “mid-point peer review” and more intensive “annual institutional updates”
- Different emphasis for Self-Study: focus on assessment and institutional improvement. Compliance handled in a separate report.

## **The New Standards**

- I. Mission and Goals
- II. Ethics and Integrity
- III. Design and Delivery of Student Learning Experience
- IV. Support of Student Experience
- V. Educational Effectiveness Assessment
- VI. Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement
- VII. Governance, Leadership, and Administration

## **Strategic Priorities in Self-Study**

- Enhance Hunter's academic identity as a research institution
- Foster interdisciplinary learning and scholarship
- Broaden opportunities for student success
- Expand and deepen engagement with New York City neighborhoods and institutions



## Self-Study Components

- Institutional improvements since last Self-Study
- Institutional initiatives in the present and relation to Standards/Requirements of Affiliation
- Cumulative results of the assessment of institutional effectiveness
- Institutional improvements proposed for implementation prior to next Self-Study

Overall, about institutional improvement and innovation (and not compliance *per se*)

## From Assessment to “Management of Student Learning”

- Learning goals must be mapped from courses and other educational experiences to Institutional Learning Goals and Mission
- All institutional learning goals must be assessed and linked to mission
- Assessment results must be shared with stakeholders
- Assessment results must be used for improvement and resource allocation
- Assessment is part of every standard

## **Middle States Steering Committee Writing the Self-Study**

Standard 1: Charles Tien and Kevin Nesbitt  
Standard 2: Konstantino Krampis and John Rose  
Standard 3: Vanya Quinones and Angela Haddad  
Standard 4: Sarah Ward and Brian Maasjo  
Standard 5: Wendy Hayden and Jim Llana  
Standard 6: Randy Filer and Andy Silver  
Standard 7: Malkie Schwartz and Joseph Lao

Co-Chairs of Steering Committee: Partha Deb, Shannon Salinas, Jim Llana

## **Where are We Now?**

- Post drafts soon in a password-protected website
- Solicit comments
- Begin in next week to communicate with the campus about the reaccreditation effort
- Intensify communications as we move toward the team visit.  
Goal is 100% campus awareness of reaccreditation effort

## Continuing Work for Self-Study

- Firm up assessment of Student Learning
  - Assess Institutional Learning Outcomes and map program and unit goals to them
  - General Education assessment
  - Graduate Program assessment
- Communicate results of student learning assessment to stakeholders
- Use student learning assessment data in resource allocation
- Develop assessment in administrative units, especially student learning outcomes
- Complete draft in early fall

## Our Visiting Team Chair

President Laurie Carter of Shippensburg University.



## Site Visits to Hunter

- Preliminary Team Chair Visit: November 29, 2018
- Visiting Team on Campus: April 14 to 17, 2019
- Middle States will begin to assemble the full team in the months ahead.
- “Final” draft of Self-Study goes to President Carter by mid-November, and the final, final draft goes to the Visiting Team by March 1, 2019.