

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

9 May 2012

- 1 The 537th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:00 PM in Room W714.
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 3 **Presiding:** Sandra Clarkson, Chair
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 5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.
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 7 Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the
 8 Senate, and clickers were distributed to them.
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 10 **Minutes:** The minutes from May 2nd were approved as distributed.
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 12 **Report by the** There was no report.
 13 **President:**
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 15 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
 16 **Administrative**
 17 **Committee:**
 18 a) **Approved Curriculum Changes**
 19 The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 2 May 2012 have been approved
 20 as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information: Items UR-1767
 21 (Philosophy), US-1746 (Biology), US-1747 (Biology), GS-901 (History), GS-902 (Economics),
 22 GS-903 (Mathematics and Statistics), GS-905 (Department of Physical Therapy)
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 24 **Committee** **Departmental Governance Committee**
 25 **Report:** The Chair called on the Chair of the Departmental Governance Committee, Professor Nico
 26 Israel, who presented the "Guidelines for Establishing and Revising Departmental By-
 27 Laws" for Senate approval. See Appendix II for Report Re: Guidelines for Establishing and
 28 Revising Departmental By-Laws.
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 30 The "Guidelines for Establishing and Revising Departmental By-Laws" were approved by voice
 31 vote without dissent.
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 33 **Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee**
 34 The Chair called on the Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee,
 35 Professor Jason Young, who submitted for Senate approval the Resolution Re: Study
 36 Abroad Grading and the Resolution Re: Course Repeat Rule.
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 38 **Re: Study Abroad Grading**
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 40 **UARC Resolution to allow grades to appear on the official Hunter transcript—but**
 41 **ONLY in the comments section**
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 43 Effective with the XXX semester, grades for courses taken by Hunter College students
 44 through the Education Abroad office that are not taught by Hunter faculty will appear in the
 45 "Comments" section of the official Hunter College transcript. These grades will not be
 46 included in the calculation of the student's Grade Point Average.
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 48 The Resolution was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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Re: Course Repeat Rule

CURRENT POLICY Repeating Courses

1. Students shall not be permitted to repeat a course in which they have received a grade of A, B, C or CR unless that course has been designated as repeatable in the course description of the college catalog.
2. Students may repeat a course in which a D was received. The credit for that course will be applied toward the degree once, but both the grade of D and the second grade earned are calculated in the grade point average. If the course is part of a sequence, it should be repeated before continuing the sequence.
3. A student who has received a grade of D or NC twice (or any combination of these grades) in the same course may re register for the course only with the permission of the department offering the course. This rule does not apply to ENGL 12000.
4. If a student receives a failing grade (F, WU, FIN) in a course and then retakes that course and receives a grade of A, B, C or CR, the initial failing grade will remain on his/her academic record, but will no longer be computed into the grade point average. A "Failing Grade Course Repeat Form" must be filed in the OASIS, Room 217 Hunter North.
 - The original course in which the failing grade was received must have been taken after September 1, 1984 and repeated after September 1, 1990.
 - No more than 16 credits may be deleted from the calculation of the cumulative grade point average.
 - If two or more failing grades have been received for the same course and a grade of C, CR or better is subsequently earned, all of the failing grades for that course will be deleted from the grade point average, subject to the 16-credit limit.
 - The 16-credit limit applies cumulatively to courses taken at all CUNY colleges.
 - The repeated course must be taken at the same college as the initially failed course.

REVISED POLICY Repeating Courses

1. Students shall not be permitted to repeat a course in which they have received a grade of A, B, C or CR unless that course has been designated as repeatable in the course description of the college catalog.
2. Students may repeat a course in which a D was received **only if approved by the department**. The credit for that course will be applied toward the degree once, but both the grade of D and the second grade earned are calculated in the grade point average. If the course is part of a sequence, it should be repeated before continuing the sequence.
3. **A student who has received a grade of D (or NC) may re-register for the course only with the permission of the department offering the course.** This rule does not apply to ENGL 12000.
4. If a student receives a failing grade (F, WU, FIN) in a course and then retakes that course and receives a grade of A, B, C or CR, the initial failing grade will remain on his/her academic record, but will no longer be computed into the grade point average. A "Failing Grade Course Repeat Form" must be filed in the OASIS, Room 217 Hunter North.
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Report by the Ombudsman: Professor Bill Williams, Ombudsman Officer of Hunter College, presented the following report:

The numbers of cases presented to the Hunter College Ombuds Office during the academic year 2011/2012 are given below.

Students	68
Faculty	3
Parent/Relative	0
Community	0
Administrator	0
Other	0

This year continued the recent trend with another increase in the total number of cases. However, while this year was busier than 2010/2011, the composition of cases changed only slightly. Most noticeably, “helicopter” parents seem to have disappeared, which would seem to be a good thing, because, as I remarked last year, “any help the students obtained by their parents’ intervention was invisible.”

The number of faculty with problems was about the same, three, down from four. And happily, this was well below our record year of 2009/2010 during which there were nine. Over the last four years, there have been no “administrator” cases.

The total number of cases was 71. Nearly half involved an existing Hunter rule, with complainants simply looking for ways around a rule. Sometimes, this is actually possible, but some people left unhappy. Another 25% just needed to be referred to the correct Hunter person. And yet another 19% of the visits were complicated and demanded careful attention.

This year there was an increase in the number of students with disabilities contacting the Ombuds office. The reasons for this increase are not completely clear. However, a review of the mandates currently placed on high schools suggests that all colleges and universities, including Hunter, will be called on, in the relatively short term, to supply more such support services.

Technically, the Ombuds Office at Hunter has a staff of one, but the function is closely associated with Student Services, which has many support services available. This works very well.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Marie Anderson
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting

Faculty

Africana&PR/Latino Studies	Edgardo Melendez (A)
Anthropology	Judith Friedlander (A) Marc Edelman (A) Ida Susser
Art	Richard Stapleford
Biological Sciences	Paul Feinstein
Chemistry	Gary Quigley (A) Pamela Mills (A)
Classical & Oriental Studies	Joanne Spurza
Computer Science	Felisa Vasquez-Abad Saad Mneimeh (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Jody Polleck (A) Melissa Schieble (A) Steve DeMeo
Economics	Timothy Goodspeed (A) Howard Chernick Avi Liveson
Educational Foundations	Arnold Wolf (A) John Keegan (A) Cynthia Walley
English	Chong Chon-Smith Amy Robbins
Film & Media	Michael Gitlin
Geography	Wenge Ni-Meister (A) Allan Frei (A) Traci Warkentin
History	Daniel Hurewitz (A) Richard Belsky (A)
Library	Patricia Woodard (A)
Mathematics & Statistics	Verna Segarra (A)
Music	Maura Donohue (A) Jewell Thompson Michele Cabrini (A)
Nursing	David Keepnews Terry Yannaco (A) Joan Arnold (A)
Philosophy	Omar Dabbour (A) Laura Keating
Political Science	Robyn Marasco Robert Jenkins (A)
Psychology	Tricia Striano (A) Peter Moller (A)
Romance Languages	Monica Shinaider
School of Social Work	Nancy Giunta (A) Michael Lewis Marina Lalayants (A) Caroline Gelman
Sociology	Joong-Hwan Oh (A)
Special Education	David Conner (A)
Student Services	Taahira Maynard (A)
Theatre	Mia Rovegno (A)
Urban Public Health	Jessie Daniels

Lecturers and

Part-Time Faculty

Ashley Vaught (Philosophy)
Barbara Sproul (Religion)
Carmela Scala (Romance Languages)
Claus Mueller (Sociology)
Bernadette McCauley (History) "E"

Administration

Dean Jacqueline Mondros (A)

Ex-Officio

Ranette Garcia, USG Pres.
Sonya Acevedo, CLT Council Pres.
Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.
Patricia Rudden, Alumni Assoc.

Students

Nada Aziz (Geography)
Michael Green (Economics)
Ariela Hazan (Macaulay Honors)
Rochelle Thewet (Philosophy)
Loranzo Donvito (Romance Lang.)
Sarah Alshawish (Bio)
Maggi Delgado (Film & Media)
Matthew Evanusa (Music)
Ambalika Boodrham (THHP)
Krishan Sharma
Andy Lall "E"
Jimmy Qiu (Accounting)
Eileen Chen (Psych)
Jarret Freeman (undecl.)
Eli Cohen
Raoul Valencia (undecl)
Shaun Persaud (English)
Umila Singh (Economics)
Patricia Colon (Economics)
Deodat Ruplall (Comp Sci)
Kevon Rankin (Poli Sci)
Karen Ciego (SW)
Ireina Cupeles (SEEK)
Marcin Wisniewski (Music Grad)
Runako Taylor (Grad. Classics)
Meg Krietsch (Anthopology)
Raya Harris (undecl.)
Will Lewis
Anna Kovalevska
Caroline Park
George Pierrakeas
Chaya Shagalov (SW)
Jude Cyril Buenasedo
Eamon Pickard (Physics)
Zhang Chong Chen
Dennis Luo
Shawn Rafeeq
Yan Zeng (Engl)
Shaochun Chao (undecl.)
Andrea Montesdeoca (undecl.)
Alexcia Foster (Theatre & Art)
Benedict Joson (Poli Sci)