

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

28 October 2015

1 The 578th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:41 PM in HW room 714.
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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 marked absent 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 **Report by the President:** **President Raab said the following:**
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12 “Thank you all and good afternoon. I wanted to be here today to reinforce the announcement that
13 the Provost and I will be presenting the results of the COACHE Survey that the faculty took. We
14 are very encouraged by the number of responses this time around. There is a lot of great
15 information in terms of faculty engagement around faculty support and where the college fits
16 overall in CUNY. We will present the results at the next meeting and have asked that the Faculty
17 Delegate Assembly join with the Senate for a joint meeting. After we present the results, the
18 presentation and data will be made available to the whole college community.
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20 I wanted to again thank Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian, the Master Plan Committee and our
21 consultant Lori Mazur. I would ask that you pay close attention to when she presents later on the
22 engagement activities that are upcoming and to ask you to please participate in the conversation on
23 space here at Hunter College.
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25 We will be closing on the Baker Building this Friday and there will be a lot of work and
26 renovation needed to the building. The Theatre Department is happy and is looking forward to
27 scheduling classes in the new space for the upcoming spring semester so that faculty and students
28 can get used to the new space.
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30 There was a great piece in the New York Times where the New York Philharmonic is seeking a
31 partnership to use the Hunter Auditorium as their temporary home while they renovate David
32 Geffen Hall. For us this is an incredible opportunity to have a partnership with the premiere
33 orchestra in the country. This is not just a rental partnership; it will involve master classes, open
34 rehearsals, and lessons. We really hope that this comes to fruition because it will allow us to have
35 a state of the art recording studio which we have proposed to Governor’s Office when seeking
36 economic development support.. This all ties into the proposal to create the Dance Department that
37 you will be reviewing later, which if approved will be the first at a public college in New York
38 City.”
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41 **Report by the Committee on Academic Freedom:** Professor Sarah Chinn, Chair of the Committee reported the following:
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43 “I am just here to present the revised mission statement for the Committee on Academic Freedom.
44 It integrates all the suggested changes that were made by members of the Senate the last time,
45 which were many. We have integrated all changes and I would point to a couple changes that we
46 made in response to those comments. You will notice that the first sentence now reads that
47 Academic Freedom applies to all curricular units and not the college because many people found
48 that to be too vague. The other change is that is protects faculty, students, and other instructional
49 staff. Other instructional staff would be librarians who do not necessary hold faculty status. Lab
50 technicians who are not members of the tenure rank faculty. There was some cleaning up of the
51 language in the rest of the document to make it more readable and clear.”

56 **Revised Mission Statement for the Hunter College**
57 **Standing Committee on Academic Freedom**
58 **For presentation to the Hunter College Senate, October 28, 2015**
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60 Academic freedom extends to all curricular units at Hunter College. At its core, this freedom
61 protects faculty, other instructional staff, and students to engage in open inquiry and
62 expression without undue influence, or fear of adverse action. For departments, it comprises
63 the freedom, based on expertise in the field, to design and implement curriculum and evaluate
64 colleagues. For instructors both part-time and full-time, it consists in teaching, research,
65 creative activity, and publication within their areas of expertise. Academic freedom is of
66 paramount importance in the realms of reappointment, tenure, and promotion. For students,
67 academic freedom consists in the ability to be free within the classroom, laboratory, and other
68 College spaces, to express the widest range of viewpoints in accord with the standards of
69 scholarly inquiry.

70 The charge of the Hunter College Senate Standing Committee on Academic Freedom
71 includes:

- 72 • To monitor, examine, and report annually to the Senate on the status of academic
73 freedom at the College;
- 74 • To make appropriate recommendations regarding academic freedom policies and
75 practices to the college's governance bodies and, as appropriate, through those bodies
76 to the University Faculty Senate;
- 77 • To investigate possible violations of academic freedom.
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79 Structurally, investigations into academic freedom complaints neither replace nor serve as an
80 alternative to pre-existing grievance or appeals procedures, including but not limited to the
81 functions of Ombuds officer, departmental appeals, collective bargaining, and complaints
82 handled by the Dean of Diversity and Compliance.
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84 After discussion and further recommended modifications. The resolution was taken back to the
85 Committee for revisions.
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87 **Report by the**
88 **Administrative**
89 **Committee:**

Chair Sandra Clarkson, presented the report as follows:

90 a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**

In accordance with Article IV, 2H.i & ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter College,
91 the Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date:
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93 Faculty:	Elizabeth Klein (Special Education)
94	Jennifer Klein (Special Education)
95	Alexander Fietzer (Educational Foundations & Counseling)
96	John Keegan (Educational Foundations & Counseling)
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98 Students:	Joy Nuga
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101 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
102 The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
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114 **b) Election of Nominees for the Search Committee for Dean of the School of Education**

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116 **NOMINEES FOR CHAIR PANEL:**

117 Professor Joseph Viteritti (Urban Policy & Planning)

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119 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee for
120 Chair Panel. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

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122 **NOMINEES FOR STUDENT PANEL:**

123 Bill Kuhn
124 Tashny Hopkins
125 Diana Velasquez
126 Fania Suarez Diaz
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130 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees
131 for Student Panel. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

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133 **NOMINEES FOR FACULTY PANEL:**

134 Karen Koellner
135 Marshall George
136 Terrie Epstein
137 Jason Wirtz
138 Tim Farnsworth
139 Markus Bidell
140 Sarah Bonner
141 Elizabeth Cardoso
142 Peggy Chen
143 Gess LeBlanc
144 John Brown

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146 Tellers were appointed, and written ballots were distributed for the election of 8 faculty
147 members for the Member Panel. The count will be available at the next meeting, after we
148 receive the paper ballots from Brookdale.

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150 **c) Resolution Establishing the Dance Department**

151 Acting Provost Lon Kaufman was called to present the resolution to Establishing the Dance
152 Department. He introduced Suzanne Farrin, the new chair of the Music Department, and
153 Betsy Cooper, Program Director who will become Chair of the Department if approved.

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155 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DANCE DEPARTMENT IN THE HUNTER**
156 **COLLEGE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

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158 **RESOLVED**, that effective spring semester 2016, the Hunter College Department of Dance
159 shall be established in the School of Arts & Sciences as part of the Division of Humanities &
160 Arts with all of the rights and responsibilities of a department at Hunter College.

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162 The question was called and carried.

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164 Voting by clickers produced the following results: 69 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
165 The resolution carried.

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 174 **Report by the** Professor Manu Bhagavan, Chair of the Committee reported the following:
 175 **Committee**
 176 **on General Education:** “I want to follow up very briefly on something Vita Rabinowitz reported on last semester and update you on an important task that the committee will be undertaking. She brought up that Middle States says that Hunter College needs Institutional Learning Outcomes and the committee has been tasked with coordinating this while working with other sectors of the college. As a committee we are going to assemble all this information and create a report. This is meant to involve everyone in the college and this will start with workshops that will be open to all faculty. They will take place on Tuesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 19th in the Faculty Lounge in the West Building. We invite everyone to attend. There will be brief presentations and materials handed out to help frame the discussion going forward. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or reach out to the Senate Office staff that will be able to answer questions also.”

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 188 **Report by the** Professor Thomas DeGloma, Chair of the Committee reported the following:
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 190 **on Charter Review:** “The Charter Review Committee will meet for the first time tomorrow morning. I wanted to go over a few items especially for new members that you can expect to see later in the semester. The Hunter College Charter is one of two foundational documents that set up how we function along with the CUNY Board of Trustees Policies. The Charter outlines Senate structure and committees and departmental structure and practices. When we look at this we do a couple of things. Some changes are superficial such as certain programs being referred to as departments and other types of language that needs to be updated. One of the personal goals that I and will bring up to the committee tomorrow is the representational structure of undergraduate and graduate students on the Senate. Currently it is my guess that most departments are not in compliance with what the charter requires for departmental representation and election of students. We are going to consult with students and develop a plan on how to increase student participation on the Senate. One idea is that the student governments elect their representatives to the senate at both levels. That would be a substantial change that will come to you in a resolution. The charter does outline the way in which it can be changed and that occurs in April in the form of the first reading to present the changes and not later than twenty-seven days later the second reading with amendments. The third reading will take place with the new senate in May who will vote to ratify any changes that have been proposed. If anyone has recommendations or would like to join the committee please reach out to me or the senate office.”

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 210 **Report by the** Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Chair of the Committee reported the following:
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 212 **Plan Committee:** **Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Chair of the Committee reported the following**
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 214 “Good afternoon everyone. I am here to make a brief report for the Master Plan Committee. As the president has mentioned there is a lot going on with space here on 68th Street. I wanted to let everyone know that this is a large committee that is working in conjunction with the Committee on Services and Facilities. There are some committee members who are senators also if you would like to be recognized please stand up or raise your hand.

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 220 We are beginning our community engagement activities next week and it will run until
 221 December 23rd. There are many ways that we are reaching out to the campus community on
 222 space needs. There is a survey going out and starting next week there will be focus group
 223 during deans hours. Also, there is a website that will be launched where interested members
 224 can participate in the process. You can reach out to me directly or any other committee
 225 member with ideas on how space can be improved. All of the information collected will be
 226 presented in a future report.”

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 228 Website link is: www.hunter.cuny.edu/hcspace

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233 **Old Business: Report by Ad-hoc Bylaws Advisory Committee**

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235 Professor Thomas DeGloma presented the following report:

236 “I am here to reiterate the report on some work that took place last semester and where we are
237 going from here. Last semester a committee was established to assist the School of Arts &
238 Sciences with a guide on how to create bylaws. The report is not binding and the School of
239 Arts & Sciences has the right to draft its own bylaws. The idea was to work with the Senate
240 since the bylaws would eventually come to this body to be ratified. A copy of the draft report
241 from last year was handed out at the door today and you can see that there are track changes
242 on it showing what the ad-hoc committee changed based off feedback we received. The
243 approved report has the Nominating Committee working with the Deans Advisory Committee
244 in A&S to select representatives who will be a part of the committee that will draft the actual
245 bylaws.”

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247 Professor Jeff Allred said the following:

248 “The Nominating Committee would like to close nominations as of November 20th. There
249 have been a big handful of nominations received already but we would like to receive more.
250 We will present the unfiltered list to the School of Arts & Sciences Advisory Committee who
251 will consider that list in early December. They will provide the Nominating Committee with
252 six additional names of their choosing and shortly after around mid-December the
253 Nominating Committee will meet and review all nominations and the six members sent by the
254 A&S Advisory Council. Three faculty will be selected from their recommended list and
255 another four will come from the unfiltered list to make a total of seven faculty representatives.
256 We will select one HEO representative, two students, and the Dean’s Office will appoint a
257 representative to meet the proposed eleven member committee who will draft the bylaws. The
258 completed list will be presented to the A&S Council for ratification and hopefully a working
259 committee will be in place before the start of the spring semester.

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262 Due to the late hour it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the
263 meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

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265 Respectfully submitted,

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268 Thomas DeGloma
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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) A		Verna Segarra	X
	Edgardo Melendez	(A) X		Pat Burke	(A) X
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	X	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Rob Thompson	(A) A
	Mike Steiper	(A) A		Hongxing Li	E
Art & Art History	Harper Montgomery	X	Music	Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
	Carrie Moyer	X		Dean Johnston	(A) A
	Daniel Bozhkov	(A) X		Jewel Thompson	A
Biological Sciences	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X	School of Nursing	Maura Donahue	(A) A
	Derrick Brazill	X		Michele Cabrini	(A) A
	Shirley Raps	X		David Keepnews	A
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Christine Anne Ganzer	X
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Abigail Kotowski	(A) A
	Akira Kawamura	A		Lynda Olender	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) A	Physics & Astronomy	Justin Garson	A
	Joanne Spurza	A		Omar Dahbour	(A) A
		(A) X		Laura Keating	(A) A
	Larry Kowerski	(A) A		Marilyn Rothschild	A
Computer Science	Lei Xie	A	Political Science	Ying Chen	(A) A
		(A)		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) A	Psychology	Rachel Schutte	A
	Jody Polleck	A		Jill Schwedler	(A) A
	Jason Wirtz	A			(A) 0
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X		Roseanne Flores	A
Economics	Ben Shuldiner	(A) X	Physical Therapy	Joseph Lao	A
	Timothy Goodspeed	X		Peter Serrano	(A) X
				Peter Moller	(A) X
Educational Foundations & Cou	Avi Liveson	(A) X	Romance Languages	Herb Karpatkin	A
	John Li	(A) X		Tom Holland	(A) X
	Veronica Muller	A			(A) A
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A		Julie Van Peteghem	A
English	John Keegan	(A) X	School of Social Work		0
	Leigh Jones	A		Rolando Perez	(A) A
	Sarah Chinn	A			(A) A
Film & Media Studies	Steven Wetta	(A) A	Sociology	Terry Mizrahi	E
	John Keegan	(A) X			(A)
	Bill Herman	X		Mark Halling	A
	Ricardo Miranda	X			(A) A
Geography	Joseph McElhane	(A) A	Special Education		(A)
	Larry Shore	(A) A		Elizabeth Klein	A
	Haydee Salmun	X		Jennifer Klein	(A) A
German	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo		(A) A
	Elke Nicolai	A		Susan Wortsman	A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) X		Donald Vogel	(A) A
History		(A)	Theatre	Elizabeth Galletta	(A) A
	Rick Belsky	A		Jonathan Kalb	A
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) A		Louisa Thompson	(A) A
Library	Eldor Mehilli	A	Urban Affairs		(A)
	Mee' Len Hom	A		Jill Simone Gross	A
	Sarah Ward	A			(A)
	Adina Mulliken	(A) X		School of Urban Public Health	Franklin Mirer
Danise Hoover	(A) A		(A)		
		Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury	E	
			Rupal Oza	X	
			Catherine Raissiguier	(A) A	

Students

Denise Bolognino	X
Maria Pia Sifuentes	X
Stephanie Barragan	A
Abdul Rad	A
Albiona Aga	A
Christine Hirt	A
Jonathan Ayala	X
Michelle Zak-Strzalka	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Shannon Salinas	A
	Brian Maasjo	(A) X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	E
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
English	Jeff Allred	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Barbara Barone	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Elizabeth Beaujour	A
Music	Brad Stoller	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Laxmi Ramasubramanian	A
History	Bernadette McCauley	E
SEEK	Sunday Coward	A

Ex-Officio

	President, USG	Chika Onyejiukwa	A
	Vice President, Graduate Student Association	Kelly Homenick	A
	President Alumni Association	Patricia Rudden	X
Stephen Icaza	President, HEO Forum	Dana Reimer	A
Jonah Garnick	President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:

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			X
	Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	X
	Vice President for Administration	Giancarlo Bonagura	X
	Provost, Acting	Lon Kaufman	A
Tamzeed Rahman	Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	X
	Alternate Senators (3):		
Ashley Wong	Dean of Education, Acting	Jennifer Tuten	X
	Special Counsel to the President & Dean	Laura Hertzog	X
	School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

	Department/Program:		A
Stephany Garces	Asian American Studies Program		A
Joy Nuga	Religion	David Cereguas	
Sara Shanaj	Religion	Barbara Sproul	A
Nayen Yisrael			X