

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

9 November 2016

- 1 The 590th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:50 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,
8 and clickers were distributed to them.
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- 10 **Minutes:** The minutes of September 21st were approved as revised. The minutes of October 5th were
11 circulated for review.
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- 13 **Report by the**
14 **Administrative** Professor DeGloma, presented the report as follows:
- 15 **a) Approved Curriculum Changes**
16 The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 9
17 November 2016 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for
18 the Senate's information. Items: US-2090 Geography (Change in Course), US-2091
19 Human Biology (Change in Degree Program), US-2092 Film & Media (Change in
20 Course), US-2093 Philosophy (New Courses), US-2095 Political Science (Change in
21 Minor).
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- 23 **b) Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
24 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*,
25 the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees received to date:
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- 27 Faculty: Peter Serrano (Psychology)
28 Jonathon Rendina (Psychology)
29 Rebecca Huselid (Psychology)
30 Chris Braun (Psychology)
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- 32 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
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- 34 The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
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- 36 **c) Resolution to Establish an Ad-hoc Committee on the Governance of Programs and**
37 **Interdisciplinary Structures**
38 Professor DeGloma presented the following resolution on behalf of the Administrative
39 Committee and said the following:
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- 41 "This resolution is being presented on behalf of the Administrative Committee based on
42 discussions that have arisen from the Arts & Sciences Bylaws Committee work. Since this is a
43 new resolution and has not been circulated in advance you are welcome to ask question of
44 clarification on the content of the resolution. But no formal debate or amendments can be made
45 until the next meeting on November 30th."
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54 **Resolution to Establish an Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of**
55 **Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures**

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57 Be it resolved that the Senate Administrative Committee establish an Ad-hoc Senate
58 Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures, including
59 those units officially named Programs, Institutes, Centers, Schools, or any other non-
60 departmental or interdepartmental entities offering or managing courses of study in any
61 capacity.

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63 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of
64 Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures include the following members (all with
65 vote): one full-time faculty member from each Division of the School of Arts and
66 Sciences, one full-time faculty member from the School of Education, one full-time
67 faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-time faculty member from
68 the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions and Urban
69 Public Health, one at-large full-time faculty member from the School of Arts and
70 Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary
71 program, two undergraduate students (one of whom shall be from an honors program),
72 and one graduate student.

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74 The committee shall also include the following members who will serve with voice but
75 without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental Governance Committee (or
76 designee), the Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee (or designee),
77 The Provost (or designee), and the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee).

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79 Be it further resolved that the Senate Nominating Committee will accept nominations
80 from any current Senator, the list to be shared with the Senate Administrative
81 Committee who will share the list with the Senate as a whole and any other relevant
82 bodies. Candidates may also self-nominate.

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84 Be it further resolved that the undergraduate committee members can be nominated by
85 the Undergraduate Student Government in consultation with the Senate Vice-Chair and
86 the graduate student committee member can be nominated by the Graduate Student
87 Association.

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89 Be it further resolved that the voting members of the committee shall elect a Chair
90 from among the pool of its full-time faculty members.

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92 Be it further resolved that Senate Administrative Committee, in consultation with the
93 Senate Nominating Committee, draft a committee membership list in compliance with
94 the representational requirements outlined above, and that the final committee
95 membership be confirmed by a vote of the full Senate.

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97 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of
98 Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures is charged with (A) researching the current
99 structures and practices pertaining to governance of such units at Hunter College, (B)
100 consulting and coordinating with any related Presidential or administrative task force
101 and with relevant administrative offices, (C) consulting and coordinating with all
102 relevant Senate committees, including the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee,
103 the Graduate Course of Study and Academic Requirements Committee, and the
104 Committee on Honors, and (D) reporting to the Senate and making recommendations
105 for Senate action concerning the following with regard to Programs and
106 Interdisciplinary Structures: the nature of governance and representation, pathways for

112 curricular development, issues related to coordination between such units and
113 departments and other offices at the college, and any other issues related to
114 governance.

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116 Be it finally resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of
117 Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures communicate with the Senate Charter
118 Review Committee to make recommendations for Senate action when and where those
119 actions require revision of The Charter for the Governance of Hunter College.

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121 Professor DeGloma answered clarification questions from the body and then invited President Raab
122 to present her report.
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125 **Report by the**
126 **President:**

Below is a summary of President Raab’s report:

127 “Thank you Tom, and we do hope that we can find a way to work together on the Interdisciplinary
128 Programs. As I mentioned at the last meeting, we are looking into the issue with the faculty dining
129 hall, but are not yet ready to give a presentation on our plans for the space. Vice President
130 Pignatello is interested in getting faculty feedback on dining services, and we welcome anyone who
131 is interested in leaving comments.
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133 “Now I would like to talk about a rather unfortunate issue. Many of you may have seen the letter or
134 press that the college has received from the Federal Office of Civil Rights regarding the issue of
135 Title IX and potential violations. I will turn my time over in a moment to Dean John Rose, but
136 before I do so I wanted to assure everyone that the college takes deeply seriously the Title IX
137 protections and investigations that come under this. The press and letter that was issued by OCR
138 was something that both Dean Rose and myself found of significant concern as we were put in a
139 position that we had to end the investigation and accept findings that we were not aware of. In this
140 case, it involved a relationship between a faculty member and student which at the time was
141 permitted under CUNY policy but has since been changed. We took the matter seriously and the
142 faculty member in question is no longer with the college. We went through a process, and the result
143 was a clear response to the complaint, and therefore the student withdrew the complaint, but the
144 federal government chose to still investigate the case along with other reported Title IX cases from
145 2011 to 2013. I will now ask Dean Rose to come up and say a few words.”
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147 Dean John Rose said the following:

148 “Thank you President Raab and I would also like to thank the Senate for the opportunity to address
149 the OCR findings and resolution. I would like to say how important Title IX is and we embrace our
150 responsibility to make our values and institutional goals align with Title IX requirements. As
151 President Raab noted our institution has been at the forefront of our sister CUNY schools in
152 addressing sexual misconduct issues. We are the first to require mandatory sexual conduct training
153 for students. We also were the first to promote bystander intervention. We go to residence halls in
154 the evenings and carry workshops for students. In addition to this we are the founding member of
155 the Metro Area Title IX Coordinators. This group is a collection of area college Title IX
156 professionals who meet periodically to discuss title IX issues and related legislation.
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166 “Just as CUNY has revised their policies regarding sexual misconduct to be in line with state and
 167 federal regulations we have responded with increased training and outreach for a wide variety of
 168 campus community members. Now that I have provided background I will touch on the case that
 169 led to the report that was issued. The case started as an investigation into a serious allegation of
 170 sexual misconduct and devolved into one on process and procedures. There was no finding that
 171 Hunter left students unsafe or unprotected. The findings were on other steps that could have been
 172 taken with no substance that these steps would have changed the outcome. OCR required that
 173 campus complete their investigation in 60 to 90 days. They took three years to investigate and
 174 report their findings and have been unable to respond adequately to the students concerns in these
 175 cases as they have all graduated and left Hunter College. The cases they looked at and never and
 176 investigated. They did a follow-up review and looked at our notes and cases files and found no
 177 investigative causes and raised concerns about non-investigative matters.

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 179 “They came to campus and spoke to students directly without our participation in March 2014.
 180 While here they looked for concerns into our policies and practices and found none. This visit was
 181 not mentioned in the report that they released.”
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184 **Resolution on** **Resolution to Annex Title IX Awareness & Counseling and Wellness Services**
 185 **Title IX** **Statement to Academic Syllabi Template**

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 187 Ms. Joy Nuga, Vice Chair of the Senate, presented the following resolution.
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189 **Resolution to Annex Title IX Awareness & Counseling and Wellness Services**
 190 **Statement to Academic Syllabi Template**

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 192 BE IT RESOLVED, that in addition to the ‘Hunter College Policy on Academic Integrity’
 193 and ‘ADA Policy’ statements, the Hunter College Academic Syllabi adopt the following
 194 language:
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196 A. “In compliance with the CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Hunter College
 197 explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, gender-based harassment and sexual violence
 198 (together “sexual misconduct”) against any student, employee or visitor. Students who
 199 have experienced any form of sexual violence on or off-campus (including CUNY-
 200 sponsored trips and events) are entitled to the rights outlined in the **Bill of Rights for**
 201 **Hunter College Students** and are strongly encouraged to immediately report the incident
 202 by calling 911, contacting NYPD Special Victims Division or their local police precinct,
 203 or contacting the College’s Public Safety Office (212-772-4444). Students are also
 204 encouraged to contact the College’s Title IX Campus Coordinator (212-772-4242) and
 205 seek complimentary services through the Counseling and Wellness Services Office,
 206 Hunter East 1123.”
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208 Be it further resolved that the aforementioned statement will read under the title of

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 210 **“Hunter College Policy on Sexual Misconduct”**
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212 Be it further resolved that the statement will be added to the current Hunter College
 213 Syllabus Checklist, *Recommendations based on Best Practices*, last updated November
 214 25, 2009 and all relevant Senate documents.
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216 Be it finally resolved that the aforementioned policy be implemented by Spring 2017.

220 There was a motion to amend the resolution to read as follows:

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222 “In compliance with the CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Hunter College explicitly
223 prohibits sexual harassment, gender-based harassment and sexual violence (together “sexual
224 misconduct”) against any student, employee or visitor. Students who have experienced any
225 form of sexual violence on or off-campus (including CUNY-sponsored trips and events) are
226 entitled to the rights outlined in the **Bill of Rights for Hunter College Students** and are
227 strongly encouraged to immediately report the incident by calling 911, contacting NYPD
228 Special Victims Division **Hotline (646-610-7272)** or their local police precinct, or contacting
229 the College’s Public Safety Office (**212-772-4444**). Students are also encouraged to contact
230 the College’s Title IX Campus Coordinator, **Dean John Rose (john.rose@hunter.cuny.edu**
231 **or 212-650-3262** and seek complimentary services through the Counseling and Wellness
232 Services Office, Hunter East 1123.”

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234 The question was called and carried. The amendment carried by voice vote without dissent.

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236 A motion was made to table the resolution until recommendations based on best practices can be
237 provided.

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239 The question was called and carried.

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241 The motion failed by voice vote.

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244 A motion was made to commit the resolution back to the Administrative Committee to take into
245 accounts of concerns raised and ring the resolution back at a later date.

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247 The question was called and carried.

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249 The motion failed by voice vote.

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251 The question was called.

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254 Voting by clicker provided the following results: 44 in favor, 16 against, and 3 abstentions.

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256 Motion to call the question carried.

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258 Voting by clicker provided the following results: 51 in favor, 11 against, and 3 abstentions.

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260 The resolution was approved as amended.

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263 Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting
264 adjourned at 5:23 PM.

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267 Respectfully submitted,

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270 Dana Reimer
271 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) A		Verna Segarra	A
		(A)		Pat Burke	(A) X
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Rob Thompson	(A) A
	Mike Steiper	(A) X		Chad Euler	E
	Marc Edelman	(A) X		Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
Art & Art History	Lynda Klich	A	Music	Dean Johnston	(A) X
	Paul Ramirez Jonas	X		Jewel Thompson	A
	Susanna Cole	(A) X			(A)
Biological Sciences	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X	School of Nursing	Michele Cabrini	(A) X
	Derrick Brazill	X		Christine Ganzer	A
	Shirley Raps	A		Abigail Kotowski	A
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Lynda Olander	(A) A
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Omar Dahbour	A
	Akira Kawamura	X		Laura Keating	(A) A
	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) A		Christa Acampora	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Nancy Grennbaum	(A) X	Physics & Astronomy		
	Joanne Spurza	A		Ying Chen	(A) X
	David Petrain	(A) X		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) A	Political Science	Jill Schwedler	X
	Lie Xie	A		John Wallach	(A) A
	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) X		Michael Lee	(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Peter Serrano	X
	Jody Polleck	X		Jonathan Rendina	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Rebecca Huselid	(A) X
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X		Chris Braun	(A) A
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	X
	David Capps	A			(A)
	Betsy Cooper	(A) X			
Economics	Kathleen Isaac	(A) X	Romance Languages	Milo Lipovac	(A) X
	Avi Liveson	A		Julie Van Peteghem	X
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Rolando Perez	(A) X
	John Li	(A) X		Monica Schinaider	(A) A
Educational Foundations & Cou		(A)	School of Social Work	Terry Mizrahi	A
	Veronica Muller	X			
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A		Samuel Aymer	(A) X
	Janet Neary	(A) A			(A)
English			Sociology	Mark Halling	X
	Leigh Jones	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) A
	Sarah Chinn	A		Michaela Soyer	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	John Keegan	(A) X	Special Education	Elizabeth Klein	A
		(A)		Jennifer Klein	X
	Larry Shore	A		Kristen Hodnett	(A) X
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A		Donald Vogel	(A) X
Geography	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	A
	Haydee Salmun	A		Carol Silverman	(A) A
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A		Jonathan Kalb	X
German		(A)	Theatre	Mia Rovegno	A
	Elke Nicolai	A		Claudia Orenstein	(A) X
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		Jill Gross	(A) X
History		(A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Stanley Moses	X
	Rick Belsky	A		Victoria Johnson	(A) A
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X		Phil Alcabes	(A) A
	Eduardo Contreras	A		Steven Trasino	X
Library			School of Urban Public Health	Jennifer Gaboury	(A) A
	Mee' Len Hom	A		Catherine Raissiguiet	X
	Sarah Ward	A			
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A			
	Danise Hoover	(A) A	Women & Gender Studies		

Students

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Stephanie Barragan	A
Albiona Aga	X
Sandra-May Flowers	A
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	A
Erica Fu	X
Noam Sohn	A
Shannon O'Rourke	A
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	E
Anna Ozbek	X
Sheana Budhoo	X
Stephany Graces	X
Samuel Genchikmakher	X
Ahmed Elsaeyed	X
Emaad Khwaja	X
Omar Elwany	X
Charles Bachmann	X
Mustafa Gadelrab	X
Jyothisraj Johnson	X
Sarah Lamsifer	A
Michael Mazzeo	X
Meghann Williams	A
Hieu Dang	X
Cara Fitzgerald	A
Melanie Lozier	A
Nicole Parker	X
Jawwaad Alam	X
Marie Mazzeo	X
Sarah Mathew	X
Elyas Amin	X
Edward Friedman	A
Adam Hobbins	X
Daniel Smith	X
Jennifer Uolla	X
Lena Suponya	X
Soumya Misra	A
Stephon Odom	A
Matthew LoCastro	A

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Brain Maasjo	E
	Shannon Silenas	(A) X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	A
Geography	Dana Reimer	A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Shawna Leigh	X
Medicial Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher	A
Dolciani Math Center	Barbara Barone	E
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Laxmi Ramasubramanian	E
History	Bernadette McCauley	A
THHP	Sarah Janinsky	A

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Melany Balaguera	X
Vice President, Graduate Student Association		X
President Alumni Association	James Amodeo	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Marylin Daley-Weston	E
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	X
Special Counsel to the President & Dean	Laura Hertzog	A
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	A