

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

7 December 2016

- 1 The 592nd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 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 October 26th were approved as amended. The minutes of November 9th were
11 distributed.
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- 13 **Senate Chair's** Professor Thomas DeGloma said the following:
14 **Open Remarks:**
- 15 • The President and Provost had productive meetings with faulty members from the School
 - 16 of Social Work on Monday. They have asked us to start the process to open the search for
 - 17 the next Dean of the School of Social Work.
 - 18 • The Senate News Bulletin has been distributed at the door. It outlines the process for
 - 19 electing members for the search committee. It will be emailed to all members after the
 - 20 meeting.
 - 21 • On the Interdisciplinary Resolution and a mistake made when conducting the vote. The
 - 22 question was called and approved but the amendment was never voted on. We will add
 - 23 this to old business with a vote on this amendment.
 - 24 • It was learned that the Expressive Conduct Policy Draft from CUNY has been
 - 25 significantly altered by the author with a section being completely cut out that is
 - 26 referenced in the resolution on our agenda.
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- 28 **Report by the** Professor DeGloma presented the report as follows:
29 **Administrative**
30 **Committee:**
- 31 a) **Approved Curriculum Changes**
32 The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report Part I and Part II dated 7
33 December 2016 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's
34 information. Items: GS-1109 Geography (New course), GS-1112 Geography (Change in
35 Course), US-2097 Dance (Change in course), US-2098 Classical & Oriental Studies/Classics
36 (Change in courses), US-2110 Classical & Oriental Studies/Classics (New course), US-2104
37 Classical & Oriental Studies/Classics (Change in degree program), US-2105 Classical &
38 Oriental Studies/Latin (Change in degree program), US-2099 Film & Media (Change in course),
39 US-2111 Film & Media (New courses), US-2106 Mathematics & Statistics (Change in degree
40 program), US-2100 Computer Science (Change in course), US-2101 Theatre (Change in
41 course), US-2109 Theatre (Change in course), US-2107 Geography (Change in degree
42 program), US-2108 Geography (New courses), US-2087 Chemistry (Change in minor), GS-
43 1114 Educational Foundations (Change in degree program), GS-1116 Special Education Change
44 in degree program), GS-1117 Special Education (Change in degree program), GS-1118 Special
45 Education (Change in degree program), GS-1126 Special Education (Change in courses), GS-
46 1127 Special Education (Change in courses), GS-1128 (Change in courses), GS-1130 Special
47 Education (New courses), GS-1131 Special Education (New course), GS-1119 Curriculum &
48 Teaching (Change in degree program), GS-1120 Curriculum & Teaching (Change in degree
49 program), GS-1121 Curriculum & Teaching (Change in degree program), GS-1122 Curriculum
50 & Teaching (Change in degree program), GS-1123 Curriculum & Teaching (New program),
GS-1132 Curriculum & Teaching (New course), GS-1096 Romance Languages/Curriculum &

54 Teaching (Change in degree program), GS-1135 Medical Laboratory Sciences (Change in
 55 degree program), GS-1136 Medical Laboratory Sciences (Change in course), GS-1137
 56 Romance Languages (New course), US-2125/GS-1138 Urban Public Health (Change in degree
 57 program), US-2114 Art & Art History (Change in degree program), US-2116 Art & Art
 58 History (Change in degree program), US-2117 Art & Art History (Change in degree program),
 59 US-2119 Art & Art History (New course), US-2118 Physics & Astronomy (Change in degree
 60 program), US-2120 Computer Science (New courses), US-2121 Philosophy (New course), US-
 61 2123 Philosophy (New Minor), and UR-2126 Art & Art History (Changes in prerequisites for
 62 various courses).

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64 **b) List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees**

65 Chair DeGloma moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and
 66 degrees to be awarded in January 2017. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

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69 **Committee****Master Plan Committee**70 **Reports:**

71 Professor Laxmi Ramasubramian, Chair of the Committee, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the
 72 Master Plan Committees work over the past year. A copy of the presentation is available in the
 73 Senate Office.

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76 **Charter Review Committee**

77 Professor Philip Alcabes, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, said the following:

78 “Thank you and greetings. I promised to do this in two minutes and I am going to do so. There are
 79 three things I would like to mention. The first is what does the Charter Review Committee do? Well
 80 we review the Charter and recommend changes and amendments to it. Revisions can be proposed
 81 by both the committee and college community members if sponsored by a senator. The next item I
 82 would like to talk about is the process, which includes two readings that have to be done at least 28
 83 days apart, and the final with vote, which takes place at the final senate meeting in the spring when
 84 the new Senate is seated.

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86 “The second item is we are bringing to you next semester. Proposed new wording in regards to the
 87 representation of Undergraduate students. We hope to solve how to increase their participation
 88 which has been a problem over the years, while keeping their representation fair. The second
 89 proposed change is creating a committee that will replace the defunct evening council and calendar
 90 committee taking on the tasks of college life that are increasingly fall outside of normal work hours.
 91 Finally, if you would like to contact the committee, you can e-mail me or contact our email account
 92 set up by the senate charter@hunter.cuny.edu.”

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95 **Committee on the Budget**

96 Professor Randall Filer, Chair of the Committee on the Budget said the following:

97 “Good afternoon I would like to report that the Budget Committee today approved an excellence
 98 fee for the Program in Geo-Informatics and will be presented when we reconvene in the spring
 99 semester. Secondly I would like to reiterate how difficult it is to deal with the construction issues
 100 here at CUNY as it can go a number of different ways.

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“The state budget for Hunter and CUNY is a mess. We do know that next year we will be okay as we have reserve funds and one offs that have been approved that will keep us afloat in the next calendar year. What 2108 will look like is unknown as the relationship between the city and state, tuition increases and if the state will fund the contract as required.

“What I mostly want to focus on today is the news that we have all read about the Inspector General’s report. I want to reassure this body and the college community that all is well. We know that there are trade offs across the college and there are balancing projects. There is such a thing as too much transparency and it is not a good idea to have all information available publically to have all money shown as they can use it to determine how we should use it. We met earlier today with the President and Vice President of Administration to get an update on the state of the budget for the college. We looked at the Research Foundation financial statements and expenditures today and happy to report that they are well below the recommended guidelines for spending.

“We have adopted a resolution today that will be coming to you in the future which states the following:

The Hunter College Senate Budget Committee appreciates the willingness of the administration of the college and the Hunter College Foundation to share all requested information on the sources and uses of college funds with appropriate supervisory organizations including the committee. It wants to express its gratitude to donors whose support is essential to the college’s mission and reassure them that to the best of its ability to discern all such funds have been appropriately used to create an environment of excellence for students and faculty.

“We adopted it today and it will come to you as old business in February. We wanted something on record to express our appreciation for the willingness to have this information shared with us. This has not been the case in the past and we are grateful that under current circumstances they have chosen to do so.”

Old Business: Resolution to Establish an Ad-hoc Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures

Professor DeGloma said the following:

“I would like to start with voting on the amendment before we look at the newly proposed amendments that have been worked since the last meeting which have been included in the packet for you to review.”

Resolution to Establish an Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures

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

Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures include the following members (all with vote): one full-time faculty member from each Division of the School of Arts and Sciences, one full-time faculty member from the School of Education, one full-time faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-time faculty member from the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions and Urban Public Health, one at-large full-time faculty members from the School of Arts and Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary program, two undergraduate students (one and only one of whom shall be from an honors program), one graduate student, the Provost (or designee), the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee), and a Dean from an additional School to be determined by the Provost. The committee shall also include the following members who will serve with voice but without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental Governance Committee (or designee) and the Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee (or designee).

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

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

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

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

Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures is charged with (A) researching the current structures and practices pertaining to the governance of such entities at Hunter College, (B) consulting and coordinating with any related Presidential or administrative task force and with relevant administrative offices, (C) consulting and coordinating with all relevant Senate committees, including the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, the Graduate Course of Study and Academic Requirements Committee, and the Committee on Honors, and (D) reporting to the Senate and making recommendations for Senate action concerning the following with regard to Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures: the nature of governance and representation, pathways for curricular development, issues related to coordination between such entities and departments and other offices at the college, and any other issues related to governance.

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

216 It was moved that the resolution be amended as follows and received a second:

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218 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and
219 Interdisciplinary Structures include the following members (all with vote): one full-time faculty
220 member from each Division of the School of Arts and Sciences, one full-time faculty member from
221 the School of Education, one full-time faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-
222 time faculty member from the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions
223 and Urban Public Health, ~~one~~ three at-large full-time faculty members from the School of Arts and
224 Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary program, two
225 undergraduate students (one and only one of whom shall be from an honors program), one graduate
226 student, the Provost (or designee), the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee), and a Dean from an
227 additional School to be determined by the Provost. The committee shall also include the following
228 members who will serve with voice but without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental
229 Governance Committee (or designee) and the Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study
230 Committee (or designee).

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232 The question was called and carried.

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234 A vote by clicker produced the following results: 49 in favor, 27 against, 3 abstentions.

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236 The motion to amend carried.

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238 It was moved to amend the resolution by adding the following text and received a second::

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240 **Whereas CUNY assigns its component colleges sole responsibility for establishing guidelines**
241 **for their Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures; and**

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243 **Whereas, in accord with the Governance of Hunter College, college faculty are principally**
244 **responsible for regulating the form and content of academic curricula; and**

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246 **Whereas the establishment of such programs and structures requires coordination with the**
247 **college administration;**

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249 Be it resolved that the Senate Administrative Committee establish an Ad-hoc **Senate Committee**
250 **on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures**, including those entities
251 officially named Programs, Institutes, Centers, Schools, or any other non-departmental or
252 interdepartmental entities offering or managing courses of study in any capacity.

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254 The question was called and carried.

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256 The amendment to the resolution carried by voice vote without dissent.

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258 It was moved that the resolution be amended as follows and received a second:

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260 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and
261 Interdisciplinary Structures is charged with (A) researching the current structures and practices
262 pertaining to the governance of such entities at Hunter College, (B) ~~consulting and coordinating~~
263 ~~with any related Presidential or administrative task force and with relevant with all relevant~~
264 programs and administrative offices, (C) consulting and coordinating with all relevant Senate
265 committees, including the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, the Graduate Course of
266 Study and Academic Requirements Committee, and the Committee on Honors, and (D) reporting to

270 the Senate and making recommendations for Senate action concerning the following with regard to
271 Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures: the nature of governance and representation, pathways
272 for curricular development, issues related to coordination between such entities and departments
273 and other offices at the college, and any other issues related to governance.

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275 The question was called and carried.

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277 The amendment to the resolution carried by voice vote without dissent.

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279 It was moved that the resolution be amended as follows and received a second:

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281 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and
282 Interdisciplinary Structures is charged with (A) researching the current structures and practices
283 pertaining to the governance of such entities at Hunter College, (B) with all relevant programs and
284 administrative offices, (C) consulting and coordinating with all relevant Senate committees,
285 including the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, the Graduate Course of Study and
286 Academic Requirements Committee, and the Committee on Honors, and (D) reporting to the Senate
287 and making recommendations for Senate action ~~concerning the following with regard to to~~
288 ensure the faculty governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures: ~~the nature of~~
289 ~~governance and representation, pathways for curricular development, issues related to~~
290 ~~coordination between such entities and departments and other offices at the college, and any~~
291 ~~other issues related to governance.~~

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293 The question was called and carried with 1 against.

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295 The motion carried by voice vote with 1 abstention.

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297 It was moved to call the question.

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299 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 53 in favor, 21 against, 3 abstentions.

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301 Motion to call the question carried.

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303 It was moved to approve the amended resolution.

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305 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 67 in favor, 6 against, and 2 abstentions.

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307 Motion carries and the amended resolution is approved.

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310 Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting
311 adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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313 Respectfully submitted,

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316 Dana Reimer
317 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) A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Rob Thompson	(A) A
	Mike Steiper	(A) X		Chad Euler	A
	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	X
	Akira Kawamura	A		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
	Shawna Leigh	(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) A
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Peter Serrano	X
	Jody Polleck	A		Jonathan Rendina	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Rebecca Huselid	(A) A
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X		Chris Braun	(A) X
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	X
	David Capps	A			(A)
		(A)		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
Economics	Kathleen Isaac	(A) A	Romance Languages	Julie Van Peteghem	X
	Avi Liveson	X		Rolando Perez	(A) X
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Monica Schinaider	(A) A
	John Li	(A) X			(A)
Educational Foundations & Counseling		(A)	School of Social Work	Terry Mizrahi	A
	Veronica Muller	X			
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A		Samuel Aymer	(A) X
English		(A)	Sociology		(A)
	Leigh Jones	A		Mark Halling	A
	Sarah Chinn	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) E
	Steven Wetta	(A) A		Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	Janet Neary	(A) A		Elizabeth Klein	A
		(A)		Jennifer Klein	A
Film & Media Studies	Larry Shore	A	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Kristen Hodnett	(A) X
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A		Donald Vogel	(A) A
	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X		Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	E
Geography	Haydee Salmun	E	Theatre	Carol Silverman	(A) A
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A		Jonathan Kalb	A
		(A)		Mia Rovegno	A
German		(A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Claudia Orenstein	(A) X
	Elke Nicolai	A		Jill Gross	(A) X
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		Stanley Moses	X
History		(A)	School of Urban Public Health	Victoria Johnson	(A) A
	Rick Belsky	A		Phil Alcabes	(A) A
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X		Steven Trasino	X
Library	Eduardo Contreras	A	Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury	(A) A
	Mee' Len Hom	A		Catherine Raissiguer	A
	Sarah Ward	A			
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A			
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			

Students

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	X
Stephanie Barragan	A
Albiona Aga	X
Sandra-May Flowers	A
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	E
Erica Fu	X
Noam Sohn	A
Shannon O'Rourke	A
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	A
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	X
Michael Mazzeo	X
Meghann Williams	A
Hieu Dang	A
Cara Fitzgerald	A
Melanie Lozier	X
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	E

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

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

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Marilyn Daley-Weston	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	A
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	X