

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

8 February 2017

- 1 The 593nd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:43 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:** Minutes of November 9 were postponed to next meeting. The minutes of November 30, and
11 December 7 were distributed at the door. All three sets will be voted on at the next meeting.
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- 13 **Report by the**
14 **Administrative**
15 **Committee:** Professor DeGloma presented the report as follows:
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- 17 **a) Approved Curriculum Changes**
18 The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 8 February 2017 have
19 been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Items:
20 GR-1139 Curriculum & Teaching (Change in courses) and UR-2124 Urban Public Health
21 (Change in course).
- 22 **b) Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
23 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter College, the
24 Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees received to date:
25 Faculty: Susana Cole (Art & Art History)
26 Susan Crile (Art & Art History)
27 Nebahat Avcioglu (Art & Art History)
28 Lynda Klich (Art & Art History)
29 Michael Lewis (School of Social Work)
30 Students: Omar Albert
31 Kendra Cornelis
32 Lucien Formichella
33 Alfie Corteza
- 34 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
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36 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
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- 38 **Report by**
39 **the President:** President Raab said the following:
40 "Welcome back, everyone. I wanted to start with the issue on everyone's mind: the impact of the
41 recent executive order from President Trump. I want to reassure everyone that Hunter is focused on
42 our community and the potential impact this may have on faculty, staff, and students. We were able
43 to ascertain that three current students could be affected by the order and we reached out to them to
44 make sure they were okay and to see if there is any way in which we can support them. We are
45 focused on reaching out and reminding everyone that we are here to help members of our
46 immigrant community. We recommend that students with questions or concerns about the
47 executive order or other immigration issues contact Chris Aviles in Student Services and that
48 faculty and staff contact John Rose, Dean for Diversity and Compliance. We will continue to offer
49 assistance through CUNY Citizenship Now, CUNY-CLEAR and other resources. Hunter remains
50 committed to honoring our diversity and preserving our inclusive community. We firmly believe

54 that talent knows no border, and we cherish the contributions and creativity of our immigrant and
55 international students, faculty, and staff.”

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57 “On a happier note we have many accolades for students and faculty, and I wanted to share a few
58 with you. Professor of Studio Art Nari Ward is the winner of the 2017 Vilcek Prize in Fine Arts for
59 exploring such complex topics as race, poverty, immigration and the Caribbean diaspora identity.
60 The \$100,000 Vilcek Prize recognizes immigrants to the U.S. who have made outstanding
61 contributions in the creative arts or biomedical sciences. We celebrated Hunter’s first Marshall
62 Scholar, Faiza Masood at the end of the semester. Ms. Masood is a child of Pakistani immigrants
63 and one of two recipients from New York State this year. She is a student in the Thomas Hunter
64 Honors Program, majoring in Religion with a double minor in Arabic and Asian American Studies.
65 The Marshall Scholarship will allow her to pursue a Master’s degree at the University of London’s
66 School of Oriental and African Studies.”

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68 “I wanted to touch on the Governor’s executive budget. The basic news is good for the system. The
69 budget includes a \$250 increase in undergraduate tuition over five years. Tuition increases are
70 never popular, but this increase, in combination with the funds from CUNY savings and from the
71 Governor, will cover operating costs with a gap of only \$20 million. Without the increase, there
72 would be cuts that affect the services we provide to students. I want to remind everyone that we are
73 dedicated to raising scholarship money and other support for students. I encourage you to tell
74 students to see advisors and apply for the opportunity to get funds. We are here to help and support
75 you; please make use of the opportunities.”

76 “Also in the budget was the surprise of the Excelsior Scholarship, which would start to implement
77 free tuition at CUNY and SUNY institutions. We are still waiting for more details and to see
78 whether this will get through the legislature. The proposal now is for phased-in scholarships that
79 will start for students in a household making \$100,000 or less and will go up to \$125,000. As you
80 know the budget is due to be voted on by April 1st. There is opposition from private schools and
81 discussion on how students who receive TAP and PELL will be affected. We will provide everyone
82 with more information when we know more.”

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84 “A bit of unfortunate news was that this morning the State Senate denied the Governor’s request to
85 cover Dreamers through the TAP Program. This was the first time he included it in the budget, and
86 he has vowed to keep this conversation going. Another interesting and unexpected provision would
87 require all non-profit affiliates of CUNY Colleges to provide ten percent of their annual revenue to
88 the CUNY Board of Trustees to support needy students. What this means is that ten percent of the
89 annual revenue from the Hunter College Foundation, Hunter College Research Foundation, and
90 Auxiliary Corporation would go to CUNY. We estimate that this would be \$35 million dollars to
91 help scholarships throughout the system. We are working to understand how this would work as
92 this money is usually restricted when donated. We do not have much information but are watching
93 developments.”

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95 “On March 14th we will hold the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 6th and 7th floors of the
96 library. The entire 7th Floor will be dedicated to student achievement and will house the Silverstein
97 Student Success Center, which will include our three major tutoring centers. Also, a new pre-
98 professional center will be located on this floor along with the Office of Prestigious Scholarships &
99 Fellowships. The 6th floor is the home of the new and long-deserved Frankfort Education Library
100 for the School of Education. Smart classrooms, a new technology help-and-loan center and a lab for

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104 analyzing student-teaching videos will be among the excellent new facilities for the School, whose
 105 undergraduate program in Childhood Education has just been ranked in the 99th percentile among
 106 800 programs reviewed by the National Council on Teacher Quality.”

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 108 “I want to encourage you all to get involved in our reaccreditation process. We have made real
 109 progress towards composing our Institutional Learning Outcomes Committee and have recruited a
 110 new Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, James Llana, who will take a leadership role
 111 in the reaccreditation process. We are happy to have you.”

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 113 **Report by**
 114 **FDA President**
 115 **on University**
 116 **Faculty Senate**
 117 **Elections:**

118 Professor John Wallach, President of the Faculty Delegate Assembly said the following:

119 “The University Faculty Senate represents faculty from all the colleges and addresses the concerns
 120 of the faculty to the CUNY Administration. In the recent past Hunter has been underrepresented. I
 121 want to urge you to tell your departments about us to help ensure full representation from Hunter.
 122 All you have to do to join is submit your name to the FDA Office at fda@hunter.cuny.edu. Please
 123 submit your name for nomination by March 1, and we will produce a list of names for the election.
 124 Information about the Hunter/UFS elections will be posted on the FDA web page. UFS Plenary
 125 Meetings occur on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8 pm. You also can get involved by serving on one of
 126 their many committees. Please ask me for any further information about Hunter/UFS representation
 127 (jwallach@hunter.cuny.edu).

128 **Search Committee**
 129 **for Dean of Social**
 130 **Work:**

131 Chair DeGloma announced that the list of nominees received so far was available at the door. The
 132 deadline to submit names for the member and chair panel is no later than 5 PM on February 9th.

133 **CUNY Sanctuary**
 134 **Resolution**

135 Professor Catherine Raissiguier introduced the following resolution:

136 **Resolution to make CUNY a *Sanctuary University* and Hunter College a *Sanctuary Campus***

137 **SECTION I**

138 WHEREAS the Hunter College values “learning in the liberal arts and sciences as a cornerstone of
 139 individual development and a vital foundation for a more just and inclusive society,” and stresses
 140 “the significance of human diversity.”

141 WHEREAS the Senate and our academic community and college and universities across the
 142 country are concerned about the recent increase in hate crimes and inflammatory language around
 143 the United States.

144 WHEREAS there have been repeated examples of threats against women, LGBTQAI-identified
 145 individuals, specific ethnic and religious groups, Latino/as and immigrants during and after a
 146 divisive presidential election.

147 WHEREAS proposed immigration policies of the incoming presidential administration could
 148 undermine the safety and security of members of our educational community and their families,
 149 particularly those students and staff without the privileges of US citizenship.

150 WHEREAS two internal 2011 memos indicate that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
 151 officers are subject to certain restrictions upon entering college campuses, and should avoid
 152 persecuting high school and college students.
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158 <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>
159 <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/secure-communities/pdf/prosecutorial-discretion-memo.pdf>

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161 WHEREAS enforcement actions covered by the policy include arrests, interviews, searches, and
162 surveillance for the purposes of immigration enforcement.

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164 WHEREAS a large number of universities and colleges throughout the country are declaring
165 themselves to be “Sanctuary Campuses” to signal their continued commitment to protect all their
166 members regardless of their immigration status.

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168 **SECTION II**

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170 THEREFORE, the HUNTER College Senate, requests that Hunter College, the Chancellor, and the
171 university administration take the following actions, to the extent legally possible:

- 172 1. Develop a protocol to make CUNY a *Sanctuary University* and Hunter College a *Sanctuary*
173 *Campus*, in order to protect the safety and security of our students, faculty, staff, and the
174 broader community.
 - 175 2. Ensure that the identities of undocumented members of our community continue to be
176 protected.
 - 177 3. Refuse all voluntary information sharing with ICE (U.S. Department of Homeland Security
178 Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection)
179 across all aspects of the University to the fullest extent possible under the law.
 - 180 4. Instruct campus police to refrain from collaborating with ICE for the purposes of immigration
181 enforcement.
 - 182 5. Refuse ICE physical access to all land owned or controlled by the University.
 - 183 6. Commit to providing adequate mental health services for our students, including mental health
184 professionals who have competency in working with politically marginalized communities.
 - 185 7. Increase administrative support to Student Affairs to assist DACA students and other students
186 who lack the protections of citizenship on a strictly confidential basis. This should include
187 counseling DACA students on their educational situations and advertise that such counseling
188 services are available on a strictly confidential basis. It should also include providing for
189 students and other members of the CUNY community immigration-related information and
190 facilitating access to legal counsel. This could be done easily by establishing close working
191 relationships with agencies that do offer such counsel and actively making referrals as needed.
192 Free or low-cost legal support should be made available not just to students with DACA status,
193 but also to undocumented students and to others who are out-of-status or facing different
194 immigration problems.
 - 195 8. Implement campus-wide training in de-escalation intervention techniques including for CUNY
196 campus police.
 - 197 9. Implement a forum for ongoing feedback from students, faculty and staff about campus climate
198 and additional future actions to protect the safety and dignity of the CUNY community.
 - 199 10. Take these measures during the current semester so that DACA students can be assured of
200 institutional support.
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212 It was moved that the resolution be amended as follows and received a second:

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- 214 7. Increase administrative support to Student Affairs to assist **Deferred Action for Childhood**
215 **Arrivals (DACA)** students and other students who lack the protections of citizenship on a
216 strictly confidential basis.

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218 The question was called and carried.

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220 The motion to amend carried by voice vote without dissent.

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232 protected.
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234 Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection)
235 across all aspects of the University, ~~to the fullest extent possible under the law.~~
236 The question was called and carried.

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238 The question was called and carried.

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240 A vote by clicker produced the following results: 42 in favor, 29 against, 7 abstentions.

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242 The motion to amend carried.

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244 The question was called and carried.

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246 A vote by clicker produced the following results: 64 in favor, 7 against, 4 abstentions.

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248 The resolution was approved as amended.

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250 Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting
251 adjourned at 5:24 PM.

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253 Respectfully submitted,

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256 Dana Reimer
257 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	
Anthropology		(A)		Pat Burke	(A) A	
	Jackie Brown	X	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Rob Thompson	(A) X	
	Mike Steiper	(A) X		Chad Euler	A	
Marc Edelman	(A) X	Robert Raffaniello		(A) X		
Art & Art History	Susanna Cole	A		Dean Johnston	(A) X	
	Susan Crile	X	Music	Jewel Thompson	A	
	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X			(A)	
Lynda Klich	(A) X			Michele Cabrini	(A) A	
Biological Sciences	Derrick Brazill	A	School of Nursing	Christine Ganzer	A	
	Shirley Raps	A		Abigail Kotowski	A	
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Lynda Olender	(A) A	
	Maria Pereira	(A) X		Omar Dabhour	A	
Chemistry	Akira Kawamura	A		Laura Keating	(A) A	
	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) X	Physics & Astronomy	Christa Acampora	(A) A	
	Nancy Grennbaum	(A) X			Ying Chen	(A) X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Joanne Spurza	X			Kelle Cruz	(A) A
	David Petrain	(A) E		Jill Schwedler	A	
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) A	Political Science	John Wallach	(A) A	
	Lie Xie	A		Michael Lee	(A) A	
	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) X			Peter Serrano	A
		(A)	Psychology	Jonathan Rendina	A	
Curriculum & Teaching	Jody Polleck	X			Rebecca Huselid	(A) X
	Jason Wirtz	X			Chris Braun	(A) A
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	X	
Ben Shuldiner	X			(A)		
Dance	David Capps	A			Milo Lipovac	(A) X
		(A)	Romance Languages	Julie Van Peteghem	X	
Economics	Kathleen Isaac	(A) X			Rolando Perez	(A) X
	Avi Liveson	X			Monica Schinaider	(A) X
	Tim Goodspeed	A	School of Social Work	Terry Mizrahi	X	
John Li	(A) X			Michael Lewis	X	
		(A)			Samuel Aymer	(A) X
Educational Foundations & Cou	Veronica Muller	X			(A)	
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A	Sociology	Mark Halling	E	
		(A)			Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
English	Leigh Jones	A		Michaela Soyer	(A) X	
	Sarah Chinn	A	Special Education	Elizabeth Klein	X	
	Steven Wetta	(A) X			Jennifer Klein	X
Janet Neary	(A) A			Kristen Hodnett	(A) X	
Film & Media Studies	Larry Shore	A	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Donald Vogel	(A) X	
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A			Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	A
	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X			Carol Silverman	(A) X
Geography	Haydee Salmun	A	Theatre	Jonathan Kalb	A	
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A			Mia Rovegno	X
				(A)		Claudia Orenstein
German	Elke Nicolai	A	Urban Policy and Planning	Jill Gross	(A) X	
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A			Stanley Moses	X
		(A)		Victoria Johnson	(A) X	
History	Rick Belsky	A	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabes	(A) X	
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X			Steven Trasino	X
Library	Eduardo Contreras	A	Women & Gender Studies	Khursheed Navder	A	
	Mee' Len Hom	A			Jennifer Gaboury	(A) A
	Sarah Ward	A			Catherine Raissiguier	A
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A				
	Danise Hoover	(A) A				

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Students

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Stephanie Barragan	A
Matthew LoCastro	X
Sandra-May Flowers	A
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	X
Kendra Cornelis	A
Noam Sohn	A
Alfie Corteza	A
Lucien Formichella	X
Shannon O'Rourke	X
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	A
Nicole Parker	X
Hieu Dang	X
Meghann Williams	A
Cara Fitzgerald	A
Meliane Lozier	A
Bran May	X
Sarah Lamsifer	A
Sarah Mathew	X
Jawwaad Alam	X
Edward Friedman	A
Jennifer Uolla	E
Soumya Misra	A
Stephon Odom	A
Omar Albert	A

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

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

Ex-Officio

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

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Marilyn Daley-Weston	E
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	X
Vice President for Administration	Robert Pignatello	X
Provost, Acting	Lon Kaufman	X
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	E
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	A