

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

5 April 2017

- 1 The 597th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:42 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 February 22 were approved as distributed.
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12 **Chair Remarks:** Professor DeGloma reminded Student Senators that the caucus meeting would be held on April 19
13 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. The location is still being worked out.
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15 Professor DeGloma read the following statement passed by the Administrative Committee that was
16 circulated at the door:
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18 “Be it resolved that the Administrative Committee of the Hunter College Senate expresses its
19 sincere gratitude to all of the donors who have helped make the renovations of the Leon and Toby
20 Cooperman Library a success. We are truly grateful for their generous gifts to Hunter College,
21 which will allow countless students a more fulfilling educational experience.”
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24 There was a motion to consider a new resolution as Old Business and allow the Senate to act on it,
25 suspending the rule that actionable items must be circulated to the Senate at least 10 days before
26 voting.
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28 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 48 in favor, 20 against, and 0 abstentions.
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30 The motion carries and the resolution is added to Old Business.
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33 **Report by the** Professor DeGloma presented the report as follows
34 **Administrative**
35 **Committee:** a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
36 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of*
37 *Hunter College*, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all
38 nominees received to date:
39 Students: Rani Allen
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41 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The
42 motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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45 **Committee** **Committee on Charter Review:**
46 **Report:** Professor Philip Alcabes, Chair of the Committee on Charter Review, presented the report dated 5
47 April 2017 for the First Reading of the Second Set of Proposed Amendments to the Charter for a
48 Governance of Hunter College. The report is attached as Appendix II.
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55 **Old Business: Statement from Committee on the Budget**

56 Professor Randall Filer, Chair of the Committee on the Budget, said the following:
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58 "If you recall just before the end of the first term the Budget Committee reported to the Senate
59 on the cooperation that we have received from the administration on ongoing investigations
60 and the sharing of documents regarding college finances. That report still stands as presented
61 and we have been kept in the loop.
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63 Second I had hoped that we would get good news from the President today on the budget, but
64 there is no final deal in place. From what we have seen there are good signs that funding will
65 be better than it has been in a long time. I want to discuss two items that are serious and may
66 need action. The first is that in the context of the proposed budget there is a tithe tax to be
67 placed on college endowments. We will be providing a resolution from the committee asking
68 the Senate to endorse that the tax is not in the best interest of the college.
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70 The next problematic issue is the process of Hunter requesting differential tuition. It is allowed
71 to be charged for graduate programs and it is different from excellence fees, which come to the
72 Budget Committee to be reviewed. There is a Senate resolution that requests all fees that are
73 charged that exceeds \$50 come to the Budget Committee to be considered and then to the full
74 Senate for a vote of support. Differential Tuition is an agreement between CUNY institutions
75 who offer the same programs to agree to charge the same and is an extensive process. After a
76 discussion with the Chair and President, we would like to request a modification of the passed
77 resolution."
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79 **Resolution on new College Center and Reorganized IDPs**

80 Professor Wallach presented the following resolution:
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82 **RESOLUTION ON NEW COLLEGE CENTERS AND REORGANIZED IDPs**
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84 "Whereas the Office of the Provost has indicated an intention to establish a Jewish Studies Center;
85 has advertised publicly for a Distinguished Lecturer to lead it who teaches and deals with curricular
86 development; and has selected a committee of faculty to administer the search;
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88 "Whereas the Office of the Provost has indicated an intention to establish an Asian American
89 Studies Center; has advertised publicly for a Distinguished Lecturer to direct the Center who deals
90 with curricular development, and has not rehired the current Director;
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92 "Whereas Rules 1.09, 2.1, and 3.1 of the Manual of General Policy for the Board of Trustees
93 require that actions to establish centers and institutes not duplicate traditional academic functions
94 and "are not to viewed as alternate routes to faculty appointment;"
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96 "Whereas the Governance of Hunter College stipulates that the Senate shall have full legislative
97 powers when it comes to curriculum and related educational matters,"
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104 "Whereas the senior administration (President, Acting Provost) of Hunter College has neither asked
105 for nor received approval from the Hunter College Senate to establish new institutes or centers or to
106 reorganize IDPs at Hunter College,"

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108 "Therefore, be it resolved that,"

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110 "The Hunter College senior administration cease, without prejudice, any practical actions taken so
111 far to establish the aforementioned centers or extend its aegis over interdisciplinary programs
112 (IDPs) until and unless the actions are discussed and approved by the Hunter College Senate and its
113 relevant committees."

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115 The question was called and carried.

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117 There was a motion to approve the resolution.

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119 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 45 in favor, 13 against, and 7 abstentions.

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121 The motion failed.

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124 **New Business:**

125 Acting Vice President Pignatello announced changes that were going to be made to the Faculty-
126 Staff Dining Hall to upgrade the experience that will begin after Spring Break. He encourages all
127 faculty and staff to go please go and try out the different daily hot and salad buffet options. The
128 President would like to promote this and is subsidizing the cost for anyone who tries out the new
129 options for two weeks after the spring recess. I would like to thank the faculty for their input while
130 we look to improve the services.

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132 Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting
133 adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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135 Respectfully submitted,

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138 Dana Reimer
139 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	E
	Denis Milagros	(A) A		Verna Segarra	A
Anthropology		(A)		Pat Burke	(A) E
	Jackie Brown	A	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
	Lynda Klich	(A) E			(A)
Biological Sciences	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X		Michele Cabrini	(A) X
	Derrick Brazill	X	School of Nursing	Christine Ganzer	E
	Shirley Raps	A		Abigail Kotowski	E
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Lynda Olender	(A) E
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Omar Dabhour	A
	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	X		Ying Chen	(A) X
	David Petrain	(A) A		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) A	Political Science	Jill Schwedler	A
	Lie Xie	X		John Wallach	(A) A
	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) A		Michael Lee	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Peter Serrano	X
	Jody Polleck	X		Jonathan Rendina	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Rebecca Huselid	(A) X
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X	Physical Therapy	Chris Braun	(A) A
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X		Herb Karpatkin	X
	David Capps	A			(A)
Economics		(A)		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
	Kathleen Isaac	(A) X	Romance Languages	Julie Van Peteghem	X
	Avi Liveson	X		Rolando Perez	(A) X
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Monica Schinaider	(A) A
	John Li	(A) X	School of Social Work	Terry Mizrahi	E
Educational Foundations & Cou		(A)		Michael Lewis	X
	Veronica Muller	A		Samuel Aymer	(A) X
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) E			(A)
English		(A)	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	Leigh Jones	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Sarah Chinn	A	Special Education	Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	Steven Wetta	(A) X		Elizabeth Klein	A
	Janet Neary	(A) A		Jennifer Klein	E
Film & Media Studies	Larry Shore	X	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Elissa Brown	(A) A
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A		Donald Vogel	(A) E
	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X		Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	A
Geography	Haydee Salmun	A	Theatre	Carol Silverman	(A) X
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) X		Jonathan Kalb	A
		(A)		Mia Rovegno	X
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) X
	Rick Belsky	A		Phil Alcabes	(A) A
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X		Steven Trasino	X
Library	Eduardo Contreras	A	Women & Gender Studies	Khursheed Navder	(A) A
	Mee' Len Hom	A		Jennifer Gaboury	A
	Sarah Ward	A		Catherine Raissiguier	(A) A
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A			(A)
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			

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Students

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

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Brian Maasjo	A
	Shannon Silenas	(A) X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	E
Geography	Dana Reimer	X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Shawna Leigh	E
Medicial Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher	A
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	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	E

Appendix II
Charter Amendments-First Reading-Second Set
5 April 2017

Article/ Section	Current	Proposed	Rationale
AMENDMENT TO THE EVENING COUNCIL			
V.3	The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Senate, together with the Chair of the Evening Council (Article VIII. Section 16) shall constitute the Administrative Committee of the Senate. The Chair of the Senate shall be the Chair of this Committee which will: [remainder of section unchanged]	The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Senate, together with the Chair of the Evening Council <u>Non-weekday Study Committee</u> (Article VIII. Section 16) shall constitute the Administrative Committee of the Senate. The Chair of the Senate shall be the Chair of this Committee which will: [remainder of section unchanged]	
VIII.16	<p>The Senate shall establish an Evening Council, consisting of one faculty member from each of the divisions (as defined in Article IV. 1. B. ii) and two faculty members from the divisions serving at-large who teach a course(s) in the evening; one faculty member 7 from the Library; 2 students and 2 student alternates who take a course(s) in the evening; and a Chair elected by the Senate. In addition the Director of Evening Student Services, the Registrar, the Director of Admissions, the Director of Financial Aid, and the Evening Affairs Commissioner of the Undergraduate Student Government, shall serve ex-officio without vote.</p> <p>The Evening Council shall have the following responsibilities:</p> <p>A. To develop and recommend to the President of Hunter College required improvements in the supporting services (library, business office, registrar, etc.) during the evening hours.</p>	<p>The Senate shall establish an Evening Council <u>a Committee on Non-weekday Study</u>, consisting of one faculty member from each of the divisions (as defined in Article IV. 1. B.) <u>and one each from the Schools of Social Work, Nursing, and Health Professions, all of these faculty committee members being chosen, to the extent possible, from among faculty who teach or have recently taught courses that meet in the evenings, on weekends, or in Summer or Winter session;</u> one faculty member from the Library; two students and two student alternates, undergraduate or graduate, who take course(s) in the evening, <u>on weekends, or in Summer or Winter;</u> and a Chair elected by the Senate (see below). In addition the <u>Dean of Students (or designee)</u>, the Registrar, the Director of Admissions, the Director of Financial Aid, <u>the president of the Graduate Students' Association</u>, and the Evening Affairs Commissioner of the Undergraduate Student Government, shall serve ex-officio without vote.</p> <p><u>The chair of the Committee, to be nominated by the Nominating Committee, shall be a full-time faculty member who is either a member of the faculty of one of the professional schools or who teaches graduate courses on a regular basis.</u></p> <p>The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:</p>	

	<p>B. To provide the Administrative Committee of the College Senate with agenda items of concern to the Evening Council that are not the responsibility of other Senate committees.</p> <p>C. To identify, review, and give focus to matters of interest to the evening students and faculty, with the right to express itself as an advisory body on these matters and to transmit its recommendations to the cognizant authorities.</p>	<p>A. To develop and recommend to the President of Hunter College required improvements in the supporting services (including but not limited to library, business office, registrar, advising, and food services) <u>to meet the needs of faculty, graduate students, undergraduate, and non-degree students attending in the evening and weekend hours of the Fall and Spring semesters and the evening and daytime hours of winter and summer sessions.</u></p> <p>B. To provide the Administrative Committee of the College Senate with agenda items of concern to the <u>community</u> that are not the responsibility of other Senate committees.</p> <p>C. To identify, review, and give focus to matters of interest to the faculty, graduate students, undergraduate, and non-degree students attending in the <u>evening and/or winter or summer sessions, with the right to express itself as an advisory body on these matters and to transmit its recommendations to the Senate.</u></p>	
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