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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

30 September 2015

1 The 576th 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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11 **Minutes:** The minutes from May 20 were approved as distributed.

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13 **Report by the**
14 **President:**

President Raab said the following:

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16 “First, I would like to officially welcome you all back. I would like to ask everyone to join me in
17 expressing our appreciation to Sandra Clarkson, who once again took the lead and stepped up to
18 Chair the Senate again. Thank you, Sandi, and also to the new administrative committee, for your
19 service.

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20 After a summer of transition, we begin a new academic year with some wonderful news. We
21 moved up three points in the *U.S. News & World Report* list of the nation’s best colleges. We are
22 tied for 47th position amongst the North’s regional universities, and we’re tied for 9th among the
23 top public regional universities in the North. We’re especially proud that U.S. News listed us
24 among the top 10 schools in the nation for Ethnic Diversity and Least Debt. We are proud of the
25 efforts of everyone in this room that have helped move us up in the rankings.

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27 Some wonderful news that we have just received is that we have been included in a New Princeton
28 Review book: *Colleges That Create Futures: 50 Schools That Launch Careers By Going Beyond*
29 *the Classroom*. This is a new ranking. Hunter is the only CUNY School to be mentioned and one
30 of only three colleges from New York City. Were excited because it focuses on the many student
31 oriented intensive programs that we have developed over the past few years. Examples are the
32 Muse Scholars Program and Chinese Flagship Center. Another component is the research
33 intensive experiences for students.

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35 We start off this year with new and wonderful members in the Hunter community as we say
36 goodbye to some old friends. We will be hearing soon from Lon Kaufman our new Acting
37 Provost. He comes to us from the University of Illinois-Chicago where he had more than 30 years
38 of service. There are significant similarities between Hunter and UIC – both are large urban public
39 colleges with major professional schools and diverse student bodies. Given Lon’s long experience
40 as an academic administrator who worked with a broad spectrum of faculty members, he is a
41 perfect fit for us. I’ve been pleased to arrange a series of small luncheons where he has met with
42 faculty members to hear first-hand about their interests and concerns, and I hope that in time you
43 all will get to meet him.

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45 We also bid reluctant farewells to two of our outstanding deans, David Steiner of the School of
46 Education and Jacqueline Mondros of the Silberman School of Social Work. David has joined the
47 Johns Hopkins School of Education as a full professor and the first Executive Director of its new
48 Institute for Education Policy. He will be greatly missed, since he was an exceptional leader who
49 took one of the greatest schools of education in the nation to new heights of innovation and
50 academic excellence. The good news is that his partnership with us continues. Our two schools are
51 collaborating on a new Hopkins-Hunter Forum on Education Policy to bring nationally recognized

55 educators and world-class scholars to Roosevelt House for policy discussions, and David will help
56 organize and moderate these events. The first Hopkins-Hunter discussion focusing on gifted
57 education will be held on October 29.

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59 Jacqueline Mondros has accepted the position of Dean of the School of Social Welfare and
60 Assistant Vice President for Social Determinant of Health at the SUNY Stony Brook School of
61 Medicine. During her nine years with us, Jackie worked tirelessly on behalf of students, faculty
62 and staff. Her innovative initiatives strengthened Silberman's already impressive national
63 reputation for outstanding academic and community accomplishments. And her leadership in
64 helping to get *All in East Harlem* up and running made an invaluable contribution to our
65 pioneering, college-wide program that is already having a positive impact on one of the most
66 challenged communities in the nation. We all wish her the best in this exciting new position.

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68 We're fortunate that two seasoned and talented faculty members, Jennifer Tuten and Mary
69 Cavanaugh, have stepped forward to serve as Acting Deans of the Schools of Education and Social
70 Work. The Hunter community is delighted to congratulate a group of talented leaders who have
71 moved into some of the College's most important positions.

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73 Through a national search we welcome Harold Holzer as the first permanent head of Roosevelt
74 House. He is an renowned Lincoln scholar who has written, co-authored or edited 50 books about
75 Lincoln and the Civil War period and contributed chapters and introductions to more than 60 other
76 books, while having a day job the past 20 years as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan
77 Museum of Art.

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79 I would like to welcome Betsy Cooper, the new director of our Dance Program, joining us from
80 the University of Washington where she helped develop the dance program into one of the
81 nation's best and was then promoted to Divisional Dean overseeing the university's arts programs.
82 One of the initiatives that will be coming to the Senate is the Dance Program's desire to become a
83 department. It would be the first Dance Department in CUNY and New York City.

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85 Many of you have been very patient through the various phases of construction. Hunter is going
86 through a historic period of renovation, modernization and expansion. We have broken ground on
87 the spectacular new science and health professions building that is being built in partnership with
88 Memorial Sloan Kettering. There will be six full floors of cutting-edge labs for Hunter researchers
89 in biology, chemistry, and physics. If you pass by the site on 74th Street and the East River you'll
90 see that construction work is already well underway. The base of the building will house our
91 nationally recognized School of Nursing and Physical Therapy Department. We are working with
92 the proper agencies to make sure that the funding will be there to complete the project.

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94 We are fully settled in at the Weill-Cornell Belfer Research Building on East 69th Street where
95 we've purchased an entire floor. Acting Associate Provost Mark Hauber loves to take people over
96 to give tours and meet the scientists. We have eleven scientists working there and it's a great
97 opportunity for them to collaborate with each other and with scientists from Weill-Cornell. The
98 space also has state-of-the-art conference halls, meeting rooms and outdoor spaces that you can
99 reserve for events.

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101 We will soon be the proud owners of what is currently called the Kennedy Child Study Center on
102 east 67th street. The Theatre Department will move into this building, which will be known as
103 Baker Hall. Meanwhile, the Kennedy Center has moved its outstanding pre-school program into a
104 new home in East Harlem.

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106 We are progressing with the remodeling of the Cooperman Library. The second phase, including
107 the installation of state-of-the-art compact shelving on the B-2 level, was completed last fall. That
108 allowed us to move most of the volumes from the 6th and 7th floors to B-2 so we could move
109 ahead with the third phase of the renovation of 6th and 7th floors. That work is now underway and
110 should be finished for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

114 The changes we have planned are truly exciting. In addition to the reading and study space on the
115 6th floor, the School of Education will have the first-class library it has long deserved, including
116 smart classrooms, a technology help-and-loan center, and a lab for analyzing student-teaching
117 videos, a field in which our School of Education is a national pioneer. The 7th floor will be home
118 to the new Silverstein Student Success Center, which will bring together in one place Hunter's
119 three student-tutoring facilities: the Dolciani Mathematics Learning Center, the Rockowitz
120 Writing Center and the new Skirball Science Center. The 7th floor will also house a lecture hall
121 and a new pre-professional center for students pursuing careers in law, business, medicine and
122 health.

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124 Our next exciting challenge is to continue to think about new ways to meet future needs. Urban
125 Planning Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian is another great hero in our community, who has
126 taken the lead as the Senate Master Planning Committee Chair to look at how we as a community
127 can advance our campus. She was asked to seek aspirational concepts for improving our facilities
128 and making the best use of our spaces from a broad range of Hunter stakeholders. This advice will
129 help the Committee develop a set of guiding principles. They've already taken the first step by
130 asking more than 300 students this question: "What advice would you give to improve the campus
131 for the next generation of students?" Stay tuned for future announcements, since the Senate
132 Committee will host a series of events including focus groups, idea sessions, and an online survey.

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134 The question on the budget has been raised and is on some of your minds. Giancarlo and I will be
135 meeting with the Senate Budget Committee in the coming weeks. Many have seen, in
136 announcements, that the Governor has not funded mandatory contractual cost of living increases
137 for this year. The estimated cost of this is 50 million dollars. CUNY Central will absorb 6 percent
138 and asked the colleges to absorb 3 percent each. For Hunter that is 5 million. We are trying to save
139 this in our tax-levy budget while trying to support faculty and students in our mission. I want to
140 assure you that my team and I are looking at the current budget issue with a laser like focus and
141 are looking to use all the resources valuable to us to address it.

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143 As you know another way that schools are being able to provide resources for their students is
144 through the Academic Excellence Fee. Last semester the Senate approved the fee for the School of
145 Education where money from this fee for specialized programs is returned to the School to support
146 it. I encourage schools and departments that have specialized programs to look into this as a way
147 of continued support for the programs.

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149 We are going to come back to you through the deans and department chairs to ask you all about
150 the Strategic Plan and creating entrepreneurial spirit in this college. We want to know the
151 incredible things that everyone in this room wants to do but will not be possible with the state
152 budget. We have to think about ways to bring in and raise money to keep increasing our
153 intellectual capital. We would like you all to get into the entrepreneurial spirit and think about how
154 you can help us bring in resources.

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156 The CUNY system is currently looking at experiential learning. As you may know, a bill backed
157 by Governor Cuomo was passed that requires CUNY and SUNY to have experiential learning
158 requirements for students. We have been asked to inventory internship programs and share this
159 information with CUNY. This has been ingrained in our culture, but there is a lot to discuss: are
160 they for credit, paid, unpaid, and when they are offered? Since this is a requirement from the
161 Governor, we now have to look at how to find the resources to implement this plan and to make
162 sure that it is high quality.

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164 Finally, I would like to ask our new Provost to come up and say a few words, especially on where
165 we are on the COACHE Survey."

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Acting Provost Kaufman said the following:

“Good afternoon. It is a thrill to be here at Hunter, a truly significant institution and leader in Higher Education. Previously, I was a member of the Senate while at the University of Illinois-Chicago, member of the Senate’s Conference, member of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and Chair of the Senate of Research.

Regarding the COACHE Survey, it is a faculty survey on engagement, centered on faculty needs and desires. This year, CUNY included data on its community colleges for the first time, which makes CUNY the largest institution nationally to do so. So far we have received campus results, though we are still waiting on the system results. The COACHE survey is running two months behind on their data analysis, and they are hopeful that all data will be released around October 14th. Preliminary data did suggest that faculty is not particularly satisfied with their salaries, workplace environment, and workload. Once we have received all the data and analyzed it, we will present it at a future meeting.”

**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

Chair Sandra Clarkson, presented the report as follows:

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, the Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date:

Faculty: Abigail Kotowski (School of Nursing)
Lynda Olender (School of Nursing)
Jonathan Kalb (Theatre)
Louisa Thompson (Theatre)

Students: Sara Shanaj (Biochemistry)

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

b) Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 30 September 2015 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate’s information. Items: GS-1059 (New Course) Special Education, GS-1060 (Change in Course) Special Education, GS-1061 (Change in Course) School of Nursing, UR-2023 (Change in Course) School of Nursing, and UR-2027 (Change in Course) Film & Media.

c) Appointment of Acting Ombudsman

Chair Clarkson asked for a motion to appoint Professor Bill Williams (Mathematics & Statistics) Acting Ombudsman for the 2015-2016 Academic Year. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent

d) Announcement regarding the Search Committee for Dean of the School of Education

Prof. Sandra Clarkson said the following:

“We are now accepting nominees for the chair and member panel for the Search Committee for Dean of the School of Education. The deadline for nominees is Friday, October 16th, 2015. All nominations should be sent to the Senate Office. Voting on the panels will take place at the October 28th, 2015 meeting.”

e) Senate Election of Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee (FSDC)

Chair Clarkson asked the body to please move that the Senate Election of Faculty Members for Committee on Appeals for Faculty Complaints be postponed to the next meeting. Motion carried without dissent.

233 **f) Election of Committee Chairs:**

234 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Budget Committee.
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236 Professor Randall Filer (Economics) was nominated.
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238 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.
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240 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
241 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Filer was elected.
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243 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Master Plan Committee.
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245 Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Studies) was nominated.
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247 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.
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249 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
250 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Ramasubramanian was re-
251 elected.
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255 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Nominating Committee.
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257 Professor Jeff Allred (English) was nominated.
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259 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.
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261 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
262 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Allred was re-elected.
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265 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the GER Committee.
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267 Professor Manu Bhagavan (History) was nominated.
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269 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.
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271 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
272 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Bhagavan was re-elected.
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275 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Charter Review Committee.
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277 Professor Thomas DeGloma (Sociology) was nominated.
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279 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.
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281 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
282 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor DeGloma was elected.
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291 **New Business:**

292 A member asked for an update on two items that were from last year. The first was the
293 Mission Statement on Academic Freedom. There had been a long discussion on it and it had
294 been sent back to the Committee. Second, the member also wanted to know the status of the
295 Committee to draft by-laws for the School of Arts & Sciences.

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297 Chair Clarkson responded that the Committee on Academic Freedom was scheduled to meet
298 in a few weeks and that they would be providing an update at a future senate meeting.

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300 Professor Thomas DeGloma, Chair of the Ad-Hoc By-Laws Advisory Committee, said that
301 the committee's work was done when he issued the report. The next steps were to form the
302 committee that would do the drafting of the bylaws.

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304 The questioner also explained that the Senate website changed over the summer. Resolutions
305 from 1970-2010 are now available. However, more recent ones are still missing.

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307 Chair Clarkson responded that the website is a work in progress and that the new page is an
308 archive with summaries of resolutions passed and that it will be fully updated shortly.

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310 Chair Clarkson announced that ACERT, FDA, and the Senate invite everyone to a reception
311 in the Faculty Lounge, following the meeting, from 5:30pm-7pm.

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314 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at
315 4:56 PM.

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317 Respectfully submitted,

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

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Students

Denise Bolognino	X
Maria Pia Sifuentes	X
Robert Revzin	X
Stephanie Barragan	A
Abdul Rad	A
Albiona Aga	A
Kidus Gebrekidan	X
Christine Hirt	A
Jonathan Ayala	A
Emily Skoutelas	X
Jasmine Parham	X
Michelle Zak-Strzalka	X
Jason Sloan	X
Sajda Waite	X
James Stanton	X
Victoria Hughes	X
Shawn Rafeey	X
Stephen Icaza	A
Jonah Garnick	A
Nishat Tabassum	X
Asad Mannan	X
Brandon Alexander	A
Christopher Lai	X
Abraham Gutman	X
Tamzeed Rahman	A
Javier Picayo	X
Ashley Wong	A
Joseph Lipari	X
Sheana Budhoo	X
Anastasiya Matreyenho	X
Stephany Garces	X
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	A
David Zysk	X
Omar Mason	X
Nayen Yisrael	X
Krishel Tracy Lasam	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Shannon Salinas	X
	Brian Maasjo	(A) X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	A
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
English	Jeff Allred	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Barbara Barone	X
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	A
SEEK	Sunday Coward	X
Ex-Officio		
President, USG	Steven Wendel	X
Vice President, Graduate Student Association	Luis Gutierrez	X
President Alumni Association	Patricia Rudden	X
President, HEO Forum	Dana Reimer	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:

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

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

Department/Program:		
Asian American Studies Program		
Religion	David Cereguas	A
Religion	Barbara Sproul	A