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Serving as officers of The General Faculty
and The Faculty Delegate Assembly of
Hunter College this year are:

Tony Doyle (Library), President (through
2011)
Jason Young (Psychology), Vice President
(through 2011)
Debbie Sonu (Curriculum and Teaching),
Treasurer (through 2012)
Bernadette McCauley (History), Secretary
(through 2011)
Owen Gutfreund (Urban Affairs and
Planning) Day Session Representative
(through 2012)
Edward Fernandez (Educational
Foundations) Part Time Representative
(through 2012)
Vacant: Evening Session Representative

Administrative Assistants:
James Regan and Nipa Hossain

October Social

As we do each semester, the FDA sponsored a faculty social in the Faculty Lounge on October 19. The event was well attended. If you were there, you might have noticed that the space was newly painted. Look for further improvements in the coming months, thanks to Professors Bernadette McCauley and Debbie Sonu.

November Meeting

The FDA teamed up with PSC-Hunter for its November meeting. The FDA would like to thank its partners at PSC-Hunter for making this joint meeting possible. Our gratitude goes especially to Professor Tami Gold, Chair of PSC-Hunter, and to Mr. David Pavlosky of Film and Media Studies.

The first scheduled speaker was Professor Steve London, first Vice President of PSC-CUNY. Professor London discussed governance issues, the bylaws, CUNY Central's Pathways to Degree Completion initiative, the contract, and adjunct health insurance. He was followed by Professor Sandi Cooper, chair of the University Faculty Senate. Professor Cooper devoted most of her talk to Pathways. Professors London and Cooper offered numerous criticisms of Pathways, including the prospect of a significant reduction in the foreign language requirements the senior colleges. They both further pointed out that, if implemented, the proposal would leave the four year schools with substantially less control over general education curriculum than is currently the case. Professors London and Cooper then entertained questions. At the end of the discussion the group unanimously passed a resolution rejecting Pathways in its current form. The resolution's reasons were (1) that Pathways will substantially impair the general education curriculum and hence devalue our students' education; (2) that it mandates

curriculum contrary to national best practices of curricular reform and will hence erode the national reputation of the college and university; (3) that its imposition by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees shows a total disregard for the legally defined rights of faculty governance over curriculum; and (4) that it will make recruitment and retention of outstanding scholars increasingly difficult due to its weakening of curricular excellence. The final speaker was Ms. Joanne Mariner, Director of Hunter's Human Rights Program. Ms. Mariner offered a draft resolution opposing the NYPD's undercover intelligence gathering targeting Muslim student organizations and one faculty member at the following CUNY campuses: Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, LaGuardia, and Queens. This resolution also passed unanimously.

FDA Elections

The next FDA elections will be held this month. The elections will be online. Please watch for the announcement. Nominations for these offices are now closed. The following candidates have been nominated:

Bernadette McCauley (History), President
Tony Doyle (Library), Vice President
Jason Young (Psychology), Evening Session Representative

Executive Committee Vacancy

The FDA is seeking a Hunter faculty member who would be willing to serve a two year term as secretary. The secretary's chief responsibilities are taking minutes for at the FDA general meetings and at its monthly Executive Committee meetings, as well as helping to plan FDA-sponsored events. If you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague, please contact the FDA office at fda@hunter.cuny.edu.

Other news around campus

The School of Arts and Sciences

The FDA would like to welcome Dr. Erec Koch, who was appointed Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences in July and took office in mid-August. Dean Koch holds a Ph.D. in French Literature from Yale. He comes to us from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where he was chair of the Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures Department.

Contacting Us

We seek input from all faculty. The best way to get in touch is e-mail at fda@hunter.cuny.edu.

Welcome to Our Newest Colleagues

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate Assembly warmly welcomes our new faculty colleagues who have received full-time appointment to the faculty of Hunter College of The City University of New York effective August 1st, 2011:

Wen-Shing Chou-Art
Malik Gaines-Art
Lynda Klich-Art
Harper Montgomery-Art
Carrie Moyer-Art
Negahat Avcioglu-Art
Jayne Raper-Biological Science
Yasuhiro Ikezoe-Chemistry
Mande Holford-Chemistry
Wendy Raver-Classics
Saad Mneimneh-Computer Science
Lei Xie-Computer Science
Kathleen Isaac-Dance Program
Sagiri Kitao-Economics
Stephaney Carter-Morrison-Ed Found
John Keegan-Ed Found
Carolyn Kane-Film & Media Studies
Jonathan Cain-Library

Olga Kharlampovitch-Math & Stat
Justin Garson- Philosophy
Emily Zackin-Political Science
Daniel Wilkinson-Roosevelt House
Elizabeth Galletta-School of Health Science
Kristin Ferguson-Social Work
Michael Benedictsson-Sociology
Mark Bly-Theatre
Matthew Lasner-Urban Affairs

The Solarium

The Faculty Conference Room located at 1413 Hunter East now has wireless access to the Internet and is available for use, first come, first served. Please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Nipa Hossain at fda@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4181, or in HE 1414 for information about reserving the room.

The Faculty/Staff Lounge

The FDA faculty lounge is open to all faculty and staff. The lounge provides a comfortable, quiet space to read or meet with colleagues. Also, check out the latest issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* while you're there. The lounge is located in the northeast corner of the 8th floor of Hunter West, next to the Faculty Dining Room. Free coffee and cookies!

The Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 lounge hours are:

Monday	1-6 PM
Tuesday	1-6 PM
Wednesday	1-6 PM
Thursday	1-6 PM
Friday	1-6 PM

Outside of these times the lounge is available to faculty and staff who would like to schedule small events. If you are interested, please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Nipa Hossain at fda@hunter.cuny.edu, 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414 for information about reserving the room.