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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings. I hope you are wrapping up the semester so as to give yourselves a nice present at its conclusion.

Your FDA was busy this Fall term, convening Plenaries and meetings to enhance the public strength of Hunter faculty in the life of our college and university.

At the beginning of the semester, we facilitated the launch of the Senate Faculty Caucus. It is designed to ensure significant voice and influence of Hunter faculty in Hunter College Senate. It already has had a major impact in securing the conduct of Interdisciplinary Programs at Hunter. This work is ongoing.

The second plenary featured a discussion of the needs and concerns of Hunter’s adjunct faculty, which do (roughly) 70% of the teaching at Hunter (and nationwide), a symptom of the underfunding of higher education in the United States. It was led by Adjunct Professor of Art Peter Dudek, who also serves on the FDA executive Committee.

The next plenary involved the FDA joining with the PSC-CUNY union chapter to host Barbara Bowen, who talked about the contract (still not public) and answered questions. There were about 50 persons present.

The last plenary addressed various issues of concern to us: the interpretation of the COACHE data; the Faculty Dining Room; the staffing of the FDA lounge; the bolstered Hunter representation on the University Faculty Senate; faculty workload; criteria for faculty salaries; the cost of new administrative hires, especially in relation to the decline of regular faculty lines. We will be pursuing progress on these issues next term.

The FDA Executive Committee raised many of these issues in a meeting with President Raab and Provost Kaufman.

Speaking of next term, we are in the midst of planning a discussion of technology in the classroom and online teaching. We are looking to bring outside speakers. Recommendations are welcome.

We would like to increase our numbers at the plenaries. Come! In numbers we find power. Be sure your departments are sending your designated delegates.

Oh, yes…Please note our pitch for dues, contributions, etc. We failed to have an FDA social this term because of bad planning, but we will certainly have one in February. The more we can provide, the merrier will be our sociality.

All the best to you and yours for the upcoming holidays and winter break.

John and the entire FDA EC.

p.s This Faculty Voice lacks our traditional list of retired and newly hired faculty. The Office of the Provost had failed to provide it, asserting that they don’t have it yet…

John R. Wallach

President, Hunter College Faculty Delegate Assembly

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**FDA Meeting Schedule -- Spring, 2020**

- February 19 (In Faculty Lounge)

- March 18

- April 15

- May 20

Plenary meetings are held in room 1203 Hunter East, from 1:00 to 3:00.

**Dues**

It is also time to ask that you contribute to the funding of the coffee service, social events, and other potential activities. Our coffers are low, so we need you to contribute whatever you can before the end of 2019. Dues are voluntary but necessary to keep those activities and other incidentals of the office going. You will be receiving a request in the mail shortly and we appreciate your support. Please contribute whatever you think is appropriate. We suggest the following:

University, Distinguished, and Full Professors: $40.00

Associate Professors: $30.00

Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Instructors: $25.00

College Laboratory Technicians: $20.00

Adjunct and other part-time faculty: $15.00

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**Get in touch**

We seek input from all faculty. The best way to get in touch is to call us at 212-772-4123 or to email us at [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu). Please don’t hesitate to send your concerns, complaints, or suggestions along. We will address them promptly.

**FDA Spaces**

*Faculty/Staff Lounge, 8th Floor, Hunter West*

The space is available to book most weekday mornings and evenings and winter intersession. To see when the lounge is available go to [http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/fda/fda-resources/meeting-event-rooms/the-faculty-lounge](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/fda/fda-resources/meeting-event-rooms/the-faculty-loun). To book contact Ms. Canaan Theus or Ms. Pauline Djonovic at [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu), 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414.

*1413 Hunter East*

The Solarium, located at 1413 Hunter East, has wireless internet and is available for use, first come, first served. To book contact Ms. Canaan Theus or Ms. Pauline Djonovic at [fda@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:fda@hunter.cuny.edu), 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414.

**Faculty Lounge Hours**

For the Spring term we anticipate refreshment service (provided by our hard working Work study students!) M-F, 1-6pm. Any changes or updates will be posted to the FDA website.

**The 2019-2020 FDA Executive Committee**

**John Wallach** (Political Science), President

**Omar Dahbour** (Philosophy)

**Peter Dudek** (Art) Part Time & Evening Representative

**Fredericka Liggins** (SEEK) Daytime Representative

**Elke Nicolai** (German)

**Larry Shore** (Film & Media)

**Administrative Assistants**

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