

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

14 May 2008

1 The 490th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:50 PM in Room W714.
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3 **Presiding:** Richard Stapleford, Chair
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5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed 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:** The Minutes of April 16th were approved as distributed.
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12 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
13 **Administrative**
14 **Committee:**
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17 **Items Carried** **Resolution Re: School of Nursing**
18 **Over from Last**
19 **Meeting:** The motion on the floor was the motion to endorse the resolution concerning the School of Nursing as
20 presented by the Provost at the last meeting. (See Minutes of 7 May 2008, lines 103-177).
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22 The Provost yielded the floor to President Raab. The following is a summary statement of the
23 President's remarks. She said:
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27 After discussion the question was called and carried. The motion to endorse the resolution carried by
28 voice vote without dissent.
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30 **Mellon Project Special Committee to Review the GER**
31 Discussion of the topic "The Evolution of General Education at Hunter—Stage 1" as presented at the
32 last meeting continued.
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34 At 4:20 PM it was moved that the Senate dissolve into a semi committee of the whole for 30 minutes.
35 The motion carried.
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37 The Senate reconvened in formal session at 4:50 PM.
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39 **Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee Report Re: Plus/Minus Grading**
40 Professor Jason Young, a member of the Committee, presented the following report dated 7 May
41 2008:
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43 The current grading system, which added weighted plus and minus grades for all grades
44 between C and A, was initiated after Senate approval in October 1999. At the Senate
45 meeting of November 28, 2007, UAR was asked to "revisit the issue of the C- and D+
46 grades and submit a plan to the Senate." If approved, each will require clarification and
47 amendment of the CR/NC Grading System and the Course Repeat Rule.
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Current Grading System:

| <u>Quality Points</u> | <u>Grade Definition</u> | <u>(GPA Index)</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A+ | 97.5 – 100% | 4.0 |
| A | 92.5 – 97.4% | 4.0 |
| A- | 90.0 – 92.4% | 3.7 |
| B+ | 87.5 – 89.9% | 3.3 |
| B | 82.5 – 87.4% | 3.0 |
| B- | 80.0 – 82.4% | 2.7 |
| C+ | 77.5 – 79.9% | 2.3 |
| C | 70.0 – 77.4% | 2.0 |
| D | 60.0 – 69.9% | 1.0 |
| F | 0.0 – 59.9% | 0.0 |

Amendments to the Current Grading System:

Option A:

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| C | 72.5 – 77.4% | 2.0 |
| C- | 70.0 – 72.4% | 2.0 |
| D+ | 67.5 – 69.9% | 1.0 |
| D | 60.0 – 67.4% | 1.0 |
| F | 0 – 59.9% | 0.0 |

Option B:

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| C | 72.5 – 77.4% | 2.0 |
| C- | 70.0 – 72.4% | 1.7 |
| D+ | 67.5 – 69.9% | 1.3 |
| D | 60.0 – 67.4% | 1.0 |
| F | 0 – 59.9% | 0.0 |

Professor Shahn moved for approval of Option B.

After discussion the question was called and carried.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned because of the late hour. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gross,
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

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| Africana&PR/Latino Studies | Pedro Lopez-Adorno (A) Anthony Browne |
| Anthropology | Michael Steiper (A) |
| Art | Reiner Leist |
| Biological Sciences | Thomas Schmidt-Glenwinkel (A) |
| Chemistry | Pamela Mills "E" Namby Krishnamachari (A) |
| Classical & Oriental Studies | Fang Dai (A) |
| Computer Science | Ioannis Stamos (A) |
| Curriculum & Teaching | Ann Ebe (A) Sema Brainin |
| Economics | Howard Chernick Jonathan Conning (A) |
| English | Jeff Allred "E" Christina Alfar (A) |
| Film & Media Studies | Tim Portlock (A) Michael Gitlin |
| Health Sciences | Mimi Fahs (A) Jack Caravanos |
| History | Bernadette McCauley (A)"E" |
| Library | Luis Gonzales (A) |
| Music | David Capps (A) |
| Philosophy | Frank Kirkland (A) "E" |
| Physics/Astronomy | Ying-Chih Chen (A) |
| Political Science | John Wallach (A) |
| Psychology | Jeffrey Parsons (A) Tracy Dennis Tricia Striano |
| Romance Languages | Monica Calabritto (A) |
| SEEK | Patricia Martin (A) |
| School of Social Work | Bernadette Hadden Karun Singh (A) |
| Sociology | Charles Green (A) |

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| Special Education | Grace Lappin Thomas McIntyre (A) |
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| Student Services | Reva Cohen (A) |
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| Theatre | Alan Sikes |
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**Lecturers and
Part-Time Faculty**

Barbara Sproul (Religion) "E"
Claus Mueller (Sociology)
Aubrey Ewaroo
Case Willoughby
Jeffrey Mongrain (Art)

Administration

Vice President Eija Ayrvainen

Ex-Officio

Jason Ares, CLT Council President
Nadine Young, HEO Forum Pres.
Sarit Levy, GSA Pres.

Students

Jiayun Zhong
Karen Busani-Halevi
Binu Abraham (Classics, THH) "E"
Dulguun Maidar (Poli Sci)
Nicole Odom
Tonia Tiewul (THH)
Jean-Kenson Dorlouis (Biochem)
David Wexler (Poli Sci)
Senna Fan Ye (Nursing)
Jian Jie Ren
Mariya Kayumova (Poli.Sci)
Jakub R Walko (Econom)
Sera Yeysides (Econom/PoliSci)
Nia Smith (Media)
Meryam Bukhari (undeclared)
Julia Estevez (Art)