

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
1 May 2013

- 1 The 549th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:44 PM in Room W714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Christa Davis Acampora, Chair
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- 6 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.
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8 Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the
9 Senate, and clickers were distributed to them.
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- 12 **Minutes:** The minutes from November 14th and December 5th were approved as distributed.
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14 The minutes from December 12th were approved pending an updated presentation from the
15 Committee on Computing & Technology.
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- 18 **Report by the** CUNYFirst
19 **Chief Operating**
20 **Officer:** Len Zinnanti, Chief Operating Officer, and Manfred Kuechler, from the Provost's Office,
21 reviewed the CUNYFirst website: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/cunyfirst>. The college is urging
22 faculty, staff, and students to claim their CUNYFirst accounts.
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- 25 **Report by the** The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:
26 **Administrative**
27 **Committee:** a) Hunter-L Revised Guidelines
28 Professor Thomas DeGloma and Professor John Wallach presented the final document with
29 revisions:
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31 **HUNTER - L**
32 **Guidelines and Protocols**
33 *For Submission to Hunter College Senate – May 1, 2013*
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35 Hunter-L was founded as a forum for communications of presumed general interest to
36 significant segments of Hunter College – faculty, students, and staff – without regard to their
37 status. To serve this end, guidelines were adopted for Hunter-L in June, 2003 by the FDA
38 Executive Committee and Senate Administrative Committee—the entities responsible for the
39 maintenance of Hunter-L—to guide its proper use and specify what constitutes its abuse. In the
40 wake of ten years of experience operating under the previous guidelines, the leaders of the FDA
41 and Senate have instituted a committee to update and clarify the charter for Hunter-L. By
42 signing on to Hunter-L, users agree to abide by the following guidelines and protocols.
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44 The following signifies the results of the committee's work. They are designed to preserve
45 Hunter-L as a resource for robust intra-college communication.
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56 **A. General Principles**

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58 1. While Hunter-L is not a deliberative body, *Robert's Rules of Order* (Section 43) provides
59 instructive criteria for the proper use of Hunter-L. To paraphrase: When engaging in debate or
60 posting a critical message, post-ers should speak directly to an issue, policy, or measure relevant
61 to the Hunter community or higher education more generally. In order to protect and promote
62 spirited and informative debate among members of the college, one should not arraign the
63 motives of others, criticize persons, or malign individuals. These prohibited behaviors unduly
64 constrain the use of Hunter-L, often generating hostility and discouraging individuals from
65 participating.

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67 2. **Affirmatively**, Hunter-L encourages posting of matters of potential relevance to the Hunter
68 community, broadly conceived. **Negatively**, the guidelines for Hunter-L condemn posting of
69 matters of private concern to departments of the college; forbid direct endorsements of, or
70 solicitations for, private groups and public groups not affiliated with the college, and prohibit
71 personal attacks.

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73 **B. SPECIFICS**

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75 1. The guidelines are limited, so as to nourish a broad-based conception and use of Hunter-L as
76 an important dimension of Hunter's public realm. We desire self-regulation and the
77 demonstration of mutual respect on Hunter-L, as they are necessary to promote free, lively
78 participation on, and usage of, Hunter-L. Fictional illustrations of an acceptable, robust post and
79 prohibited post are listed below.
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81 **a. ACCEPTABLE**

82 "The proposal to remove heat from the West building during February in order to balance the
83 college budget is outrageous. Beyond its harm to the health of members of the college, it
84 threatens the quality of education we can comfortably conduct. This is just another example of a
85 policy of false savings, in which public higher education is made to suffer while corporations
86 use their profits to fund lobbyists and seal bargains that secretively drain our common wealth."
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88 **b. UNACCEPTABLE**

89 "Jane Doe's idiotic proposal to issue summons to persons who do not immediately move to the
90 right on escalators so as to allow those of us on the fast track to fulfill our ambitions threatens
91 the reputation of Hunter as a college on the move. To be sure, it's not surprising, given her
92 disagreeable nature as evidenced in departmental meetings, but it just shows why one should
93 avoid her classes."
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95 **Note:** Attachments or direct links to material that primarily elaborates such unacceptable
96 messages are also prohibited in posts on Hunter-L.
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98 **III. COMPLIANCE**

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100 As noted above, Hunter administration, faculty and staff who sign on to Hunter-L accept these
101 guidelines when they do so. In that sense, the listserv is a self-monitoring operation.

102 However, reality and practicality suggest that at times there may be disagreement over
103 interpretation of the guidelines or alleged violations. Since Hunter-L is maintained under the
104 auspices of the FDA and the Senate, those bodies have the responsibility to protect the integrity
105 of the listserv and its members, and the FDA president and Senate chair, in order to do so, are to
106 initiate action or respond to complaints about non-compliance, in the following manner:

107 For a case where they jointly* find a party to have violated the guidelines for Hunter-L, they
108 may take any of the following actions, in series or individually, orally and/or accompanied by a
109 written justification, in communication with the alleged offender:
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111 **a.** Private clarification of the guideline/s violated to the post-er and warning that determination
112 of another violation may result in **(b)**; notification to Hunter-L that a violation has occurred and
113 reiteration on Hunter-L of pertinent guideline/s.
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119 **b.** Temporary suspension from Hunter-L (up to one year, after which a decision about
120 reinstatement would be made jointly by the FDA and Senate chairs);

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122 *For any case in which the FDA President and Senate Chair *disagree*, the matter should be
123 referred to a vote by an equal number of members from the Senate Administrative Committee
124 and the FDA Executive Committee.

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126 The question was called and carried. The Hunter-L Guidelines and Protocols were adopted without
127 dissent.

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130 **Old Business: Study of Faculty Tenure**

131 Clay Williams, from the Library, presented the report. Below is a summary of what he said.

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133 “Following the lead of Adelphi University and other schools, I would like to be able to conduct
134 a survey regarding the faculty’s perceptions and process of tenure. There will be an email that
135 will inform you how to take the survey followed by a reminder email. This survey is an
136 opportunity for you to speak your voice on the matter. It is completely anonymous. The survey
137 has to do with the perception of justice in the tenure process. The people at Adelphi had a 77 %
138 participation rate. The information from the survey will be provided to this body and the
139 administrators. The administrators can do what they will with it. However, the data would
140 remain under lock and key. The data will be viewed by Christa Acampora and Sandi Clarkson
141 and ACERT only. We all have opinions about tenure. It is important to study that.”

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144 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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147 Respectfully submitted,

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152 Lisa Marie Anderson
153 Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

(A)=Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excused

Faculty

AFPRL	Anthony Browne	X	History	Benjamin Hett	A
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) X		Richard Belsky	(A) A
	Edgardo Melendez	(A) X		Thomas Head	(A) X
Anthropology	Ida Susser	X	Library	Hal Grossman	A
	Ignasi Clemente	(A) X		Mee'Len Hom	A
	Jessica Rothman	(A) X		Danise Hoover	(A) X
Art	Malik Gaines	X		Jonathan Cain	(A) A
		A	Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson	A
		(A) X		Robert Thompson	X
		(A) X		Verna Segarra	(A) X
Biological Sciences	Shirley Raps	X		Patrick Burke	(A) A
	Paul Feinstein	X	Music	Jewell Thompson	A
		(A) X		Michele Cabrini	(A) A
		(A) X		Jana Freiman	(A) X
Chemistry	Akira Kawamura	A	School of Nursing	Anita Nirenberg	X
		X		David Keepnews	X
	Pamela Mills	(A) X		Lorie Goshin	(A) X
	Gary Quigley	(A) X		Theresa Yannaco	(A) X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Joanne Spurza	X	Philosophy	Frank Kirkland	A
	Lawrence Kowerski	(A) A		Omar Dahbour	(A) A
		(A) X		Laura Keating	(A) A
Computer Science	Feliza Vasquez-Abad	X	Physics & Astronomy	Marilyn Rothschild	X
	Saad Mneimneh	(A) X		Noel Goddard	(A) X
	Virginia Teller	(A) A			(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching	Nadine A. Bryce (pending election)	X	Political Science	Robyn Marasco	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Zachary Shirkey	(A) A
		0 (A) X		Charles Tien	(A) X
		0 (A) X	Psychology	Joseph Lao	A
Economics	Howard Chernick	X		Jason Young	X
	Avi Liveson	X			(A) X
	Timothy Goodspeed	(A) X		Peter Moller	(A) A
		(A) X	Romance Languages	Michael Perna	A
Educational Foundations	Cynthia Walley	A		Rolando Perez	X
	John Keegan	(A) X		Paolo Fasoli	(A) X
	Arnold Wolf	(A) X		Monica Calabrito	(A) X
English	Chong Chon-Smith	A	School of Social Work		0 X
	Michael Thomas	X		Nancy Giunta	X
	Cristina Alfar	(A) A		Mimi Abramovitz	(A) X
	Barbara Webb	(A) A			(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Gustavo Mercado	A	Sociology	Mark Halling	X
	Tami Gold	X		Joong-Hwan Oh	(A) X
		(A) X		Thomas Degloma	(A) A
		(A) X	Special Education	Sara Hines	X
Geography	Haydee Salmun	A		Angela Mouzakitis	(A) X
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) X			0 (A) X
		(A) X	Theatre	Dong Shin Chang	A
German	Lisa Marie Anderson	A		Mia Rovegno	(A) A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A			(A) X
	Elke Nicolai	(A) A	Urban Affairs	Stanley Moses	X
School of Health Sciences	Shahana Mahajan	A		Jill Simone Gross	(A) A
		(A) X			(A) X
			School of Urban Public Health	Lydia Isaac	A
					(A) X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Madlyn Stokely	Student Services	A
Taahira Maynard	Student Services	(A) X
Barbara Barone	Mathematics & Statistics	A
Brian Buckwald	Student Services	A
Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	Library	A
Sarah Chinn	English	X
Sarah Jeninsky	Thomas Hunter Honors	A
Elizabeth Beaujour	Classics	X
Claus Mueller	Sociology	X
Bill Williams	Mathematics & Statistics	A
Gabriela Smeureanu	Chemistry	X
Craig Harwood	Macaulay Honors	X
Christa D. Acampora	Philosophy	X
Barbara Sproul	Religion	X

Ex-Officio

Benedict Joson	President, USG	A
Victoria Mead	Vice President, GSA	X
Anne Seifried	President, Alumni Assoc.	X
Sarah Jeninsky	President, HEO Forum	X
Amy Jeu	President, CLT Council	X

Students

Matthew Evanusa	X
Matthew Ramos	X
Andy Lall	X
Ariela Hazan	X
Eamon Pickard	X
Shawn Rafeeq	X
Nicole Lyalin	X
Kidus Gebrekidan	X
Joseph Franzese	X
Eileen Chen	X
Jimmy Qiu	X
Madiha Wasti	X
Ibrahim Alsaygh	X
Julia Camila Jones	X
Alexander Lemell	X
Jarret Freeman	X
Jason Sloan	X
Wilson Chow	X
Sara Shenas	A
Abdul Rad	A
Patricia Colon	X
Christina Chaise	X
Mauricio Bardales	X
Candace Lawrence	X
Sandrea Sicangco	X
Dennis Luo	X

ADMINISTRATION

HEO/CLT Representative	Bill Zlata	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Chief Operating Officer	Len Zinnanti	A
Provost	Vita Rabinowitz	X
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Erec Koch	A
School of Education	Dean David Steiner	X
School of Social Work	Dean Jacqueline Mondros	A
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	X

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

Asian American Studies Program	Jennifer Hayashida	A
Program in Religion	David Cereguas	X
Women and Gender Studies Program	Jennifer Gaboury	A