

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

19 May 2021

1 The 655th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:47 PM via Zoom.

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3 **Presiding:** Laura S. Keating, 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 consistent with the procedures approved by the Senate for in-
8 person meetings, and they were enabled to vote using iClicker.

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10 **Agenda:** The revised agenda was adopted with the provision that the Resolution to Reinstate Theatre MA be moved
11 after the Resolution on Procedure for the Suspension Academic Programs. Also, Chair Keating informed
12 the body that the President would not report today.

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15 **Resolution on**
16 **Procedure for**
17 **the Suspension**
18 **of Academic**
19 **Programs**

20 Chair Keating reminded the body that at the end of the last meeting, the motion to Call the Question had
21 been made (and seconded) with regard to the **Resolution on Procedure for the Suspension of Academic**
22 **Programs.**

23 The motion to Call to the Question carried by unanimous consent.

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25 Voting by iClicker produced the following results: 62 in favor, 13 against, and eight abstentions.
26 The Resolution passed.

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29 **RESOLUTION ON PROCEDURE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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31 WHEREAS the design, administering, and teaching of degree-granting academic programs are the
32 primary responsibility of the faculty, and

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34 WHEREAS longstanding practice at Hunter College presumes prior consultation between the Hunter
35 College administration and all interested stakeholders (e.g. faculty, department and program heads, and
36 students) about the changes that affect the College's curriculum and academic mission, and

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38 WHEREAS "Hunter College of the City University of New York, a distinguished public university, values
39 learning in the liberal arts and sciences as a cornerstone of individual development and a vital foundation
40 for a more just and inclusive society" (Hunter mission statement) and has built and maintained strong
41 undergraduate and graduate curricula that are true to these core values, and

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43 WHEREAS the Hunter College Senate is actively involved in the creation and removal of Academic
44 Programs and Courses, having established and adopted formal procedures for such actions that were not
45 followed in the administration's Fall 2020 suspension of the master's in Theatre program (cf. minutes of
46 Senate meetings held 10 May 1995 and 23 October 2013),

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48 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

49 Any plan or proposal for the suspension of an academic program, including the suspension of admissions,
50 can go forward to the Senate only after a process that includes meetings of the Hunter College
51 administration, with affected faculty, students, relevant academic departments and programs, and their
52 curriculum committees, and

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:
58 Senate consultation for the suspension of programs, including suspension of admissions, required by the
59 May 10, 1995 resolution concerning the Creation, Consolidation, Merger and/or Abolition of Majors,
60 Programs, Departments, or Disciplines, shall follow the same Senate process as for discontinuing or
61 reorganizing programs that is laid out in the Format for Special Actions Resolution from October 23 2013,
62 including the Prospectus of Program Development and Review, and must conclude with a vote by the
63 Senate on the suspension of programs, including suspension of admissions, as is required for the
64 consolidation, merger, or abolition of programs by the above resolution from May 10, 1995.
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67 **Resolution to**
68 **Reinstate**
69 **Theatre MA**

70 Chair Keating called on Professor Jonathan Kalb (Theatre Department) to present the **Resolution on**
71 **Reinstatement of the Theatre MA Program**. Professor Kalb read the Resolution to the record.
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73 **RESOLUTION ON REINSTATEMENT OF THE THEATRE MA PROGRAM**

74 Whereas the Senate resolution of May 10, 1995 established clear procedures for Senate consultation
75 and vote on all matters pertaining to the suspension of academic programs, and whereas such
76 consultation and vote did not occur in the case of the 2020 suspension of the Theatre MA Program,
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78 BE IT RESOLVED that:
79 All decisions and actions taken with regard to suspending the MA degree program in Theatre –
80 and/or suspending admissions thereto – should be rescinded, effective immediately.
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83 After discussion and debate, the voting by iClicker produced the following results: 59 in favor,
84 twelve against, and 13 abstentions.
85 The Resolution passed.
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88 **Report by the**
89 **Administrative**
90 **Committee:**

91 a) **Approved Curriculum Change**
92 The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 19 May 2021 have been
93 approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate’s information. Items: US-
94 2431 Nutrition (New degree program), US-2424 Religion (New course), US-2407 Religion
95 (Change in courses), US-2425 English (Change in degree program), US-2426 AFPRL (New
96 courses; P&D; WoC), US-2427 Jewish Studies Program (New course; W; ENG); US-2428
97 Political Studies (Change in courses), US-2429 Computer Science (Change in courses), GS-1383
98 Nursing (Change in courses).

99 b) **The Establishment of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Compiling Senate Rules, Practices, and**
100 **Procedures**
101 Chair Keating presented the **Resolution on an Ad-Hoc Committee to Compile Senate Rules,**
102 **Practices, and Procedures**. Discussion and debate followed.
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105 **RESOLUTION ON AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO COMPILE SENATE RULES,**
106 **PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES**

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108 Be it resolved that an ad hoc committee be established with the charge and membership below:
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110 Charge: To collect from past minutes and other sources, and then organize and make easily
111 accessible on the Senate website, existing Senate rules of order, standing rules, practices, and
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117 approved procedures. To report to the Senate by the end of Fall 2021 on progress and on any
118 relevant recommendations for Senate approval.
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- 120 Membership:
- 121 Chair: Laura Keating (Chair, Senate)
- 122 Sarah Jeninsky (Secretary, Senate)
- 123 Lara Miranda (Administrator of Senate Office)
- 124 Tony Doyle (Parliamentarian)
- 125 Sandra Clarkson (Former Chair of Senate, Co-Chair Graduate Course of Study Committee)
- 126 Eckhard Kuhn-Osius (Former Chair Undergraduate Course of Study Committee)
- 127 Elke Nicolai (Chair, Charter Review Committee)

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129 The Resolution carried by unanimous consent.
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131 **Committee**
132 **Report:**

Nominating Committee

133 Chair Keating called on Professor Lisa Marie Anderson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present
134 a report.
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136 The Nominating Committee is submitting the following nominations for seats currently vacant on
137 Senate Committees:
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139 **1. GRADE APPEALS COMMITTEE**

140 Student: Nicole Palmetto

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142 **2. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS APPEALS COMMITTEE**

143 Faculty: Kelly Nims (English)
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145 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
146 The motion carried by unanimous consent.
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149 **Governance Committee**

150 Chair Keating called on Professor Sarah Chinn, Chair of the Governance Committee, to present **Revised**
151 **School of Nursing By-Laws**. By-Laws are available on the Senate website. Questions and debate
152 followed.
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154 The motion to adopt the School of Nursing By-Laws carried by unanimous consent.
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157 **Old**
158 **Business:**

Committee on Evaluation of Teaching

159 Chair Keating called on former Vice Chair, Nibras Ahmed to present the **Resolution on Increasing**
160 **Student Participation in Teaching Evaluations** and the **Resolution on Evaluating Equitable**
161 **Learning Environments**.
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163 **Resolution on Increasing Student Participation in Teaching Evaluations**

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165 Whereas, teaching evaluations serve a central role in the improvement of academic programming, and
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167 Whereas, student completion rate of evaluation forms has dramatically decreased since the
168 implementation of an online evaluation process, and
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170 Whereas, instructors may voluntarily ask students to fill out teaching evaluations during a class period,
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177 Whereas, students may be subject to the inadvertent influence when completing evaluations in the
178 presence of an instructor, thus

179 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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182 • That instructors teaching synchronous (in-person or remote) classes should allocate 5-10
183 minutes per semester to allow students to fill out teaching evaluations
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185 • That instructors teaching remote classes should turn off their video and microphone during this
186 period of time
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188 • That instructors teaching in-person classes should leave the classroom during this period of
189 time
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191 • That instructors teaching asynchronous classes should post an announcement with a link to
192 access the portal for teaching evaluations
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194 After discussion and debate, the iClicker voting produced the following results: 65 in favor, five against,
195 and six abstentions.

196 The Resolution passed.
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199 **Resolution on Evaluating Equitable Learning Environments**

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201 Whereas, feedback from teaching evaluations can help instructors foster an equitable learning
202 environment, thus

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204 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following question be added to teaching evaluations as
205 a sliding scale question (1 to 3, with an option of N/A):

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207 • “Did the professor instructor create an equitable learning environment where student diversity
208 was respected?”
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211 Discussion and debate followed.

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213 There was a motion to recommit the Resolution to the Committee on Evaluation of Teaching.
214 The motion carried by unanimous consent.
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217 Due to the late hour, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.
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219 Respectfully submitted,

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222 Sarah Jeninsky
223 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
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A			0
	Lázaro Lima	(A) A		Robert Thompson	(A) A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	X		Barry Cherkas	(A) X
	Leo Coleman	(A) A	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Abigail Morales	A
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Chad Euler	(A) X
Art & Art History	Harper Montgomery	X		Muktar Mahajan	(A) X
	Reiner Leist	X	Music	Jewel Thompson	A
	Emily Braun	(A) X		Michele Cabrini	(A) A
	A. K. Burns	(A) X			(A)
Biological Sciences	Ben Ortiz	A	School of Nursing	Carolyn Sun	A
	Shirley Raps	A		William Samuels	X
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Ellen McCabe	A
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Ah-Yun (Emily) Yeh	(A) A
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu	A	Philosophy	Laura Keating	A
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) X		Frank Kirkland	(A) A
	Brian Zeglis	(A) X		Omar Dahbour	(A) X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Yasha Klots	X	Physics & Astronomy	Kelle Cruz	A
	Joanne Spurza	(A) A		Yuhang Ren	(A) X
	Doron Friedman	(A) A			(A)
Computer Science	Sven Dietrich	A	Political Science	Robert Jenkins	A
	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	(A) X		Erin Mayo-Adam	(A) A
		(A)		Michael Lee	(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching	Lacey Peters	A	Psychology	Roseann Flores	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Darlene Defour	A
		0 (A)		Glenn E Schafe	(A) A
	Tim Farnsworth	X		Michael Lewis	(A) X
Dance	David Capps	A	Physical Therapy	Leon Cohen	A
	Maura Donohue	(A) X		Thomas Holland	(A) X
		(A)			(A)
Economics	Randall Filer	X	Romance Languages	Paolo Fasoli	A
	John Quiang Li	X		Magdalena Perkowska	(A) X
	Tim Goodspeed	(A) A		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) X
	Avi Liveson	(A) A	School of Social Work	Samuel Aymer	X
Educational Foundations & Coun	Goeum Na	X		George Patterson	A
	Jeanne Weiler	(A) A		Marina Lalayants	(A) X
	Markus Bidell	(A) X		Keith Chan	(A) A
English	Sarah Chinn	A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	Amy Robbins	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Njah Cunningham	X		Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	Janet Neary	(A) A	Special Education	Elaine Gale	A
Film & Media Studies	Tami Gold	X		Imani Irving Perez	(A) A
				William Longsworth	(A) X
	Andrew Demirjian	(A) X	SLPA	Donald Vogel	A
	Larry Shore	(A) A		Nancy Eng	(A) X
Geography	Allen Frei	A		JungMoon Hyun	(A) A
	William Solecki	(A) X	Theatre	Louisa Thompson	A
		(A)		Jonathan Kalb	A
German	Elke Nicolai	A		Claudia Orenstein	(A) A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) X	Urban Policy and Planning	Lily Baum Pollans	A
	Aine Zimmerman	(A) A		Victoria Johnson	(A) X
History	Daniel Hurewitz	A		Matthew Lasner	(A) X
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabas	A
	Jill Rosenthal	A		Susan Cardenas	(A) A
Library	Sarah Ward	A		Victoria Fischer	(A) A
	Jennifer Newman	A	Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury	A
	Mee' Len Hom	(A) X		Catherine Raissiguier	(A) A
		(A)		Rupal Oza	(A) X

Students

Nibras Ahmed	A
Aysheh Barqawi	A
Alexa Michel	A
Leon Sarpong	A
Aamna Arshad	A
Nafeeza Ali	X
Ariana Ahmed	A
Ariel Glazman	A
Fariha Uddin	A
Ketia Newell	A
Feda Hammood	A
Alia Isabekova	X
Junia Sharmin	X
Rida Akhlaq	A
Afrin Ansary	X
Hunter Moran	A
Afia Abida	A
Vinh Phan	A
Pearl Gross	A
Tasneem Sultana	A
Betty Wu	X
Nicole Kuznetsov	A
Lauritta Gazaryan	A
Ariela Radoncic	X
Luisais Taveras	A
Nicole Palmetto	A
Alia Codelia-Anjum	X
Katherine Unite	X
Michelle Ma	A
Christopher Lee	A
Avi Mikhaylov	X
Tabia Ahmed	A
Christopher Orzech	A
Pema Yuelden	X
Secura Morgan	X
Noa Hacker	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Kevin Nesbitt	X
	Luis Roldan	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
Library	Tony Doyle	A
Psychology	Stefan Schlussman	A
Economics	Kevin Sachs	X
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Religion	Barbara Sproul	A
THHP	Jerry Press	A
Special Education	Gina Riley	A
Sociol Work	James Mandiberg	X
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Art and Art History	Peter Dudek	X

Ex-Officio

President, USG		0
Vice President, GSA	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
President Alumni Association	Barbara Poseluzny	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Lori Janowski	X
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Provost	Valeda Dent	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Dean of Education	Michael Middleton	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Social Work	Mary Cavanaugh	A
General Counsel & Dean of Faculty	Suzanne Piper	X
School of Nursing	Gail McCain	A