

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

6 March 2013

The 546th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:46 PM in Room W714.

Presiding: Christa Davis Acampora, Chair

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.

Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the Senate, and clickers were distributed to them.

Report by the The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:

**Administrative
Committee:**

a) Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats

In accordance with Article IV, 2H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*, the Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date:

Faculty: Jennifer Hayashida (Asian American Studies Program)
David Cereguas (Program in Religion)
Jennifer Gaboury (Women and Gender Studies Program)

Students: Abdul Rad (Political Science)

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

b) Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 6 March 2013 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1844 (Special Education, Educational Foundations, and Curriculum & Teaching), GS-915/US-1843 (Special Education, Educational Foundations, and Curriculum & Teaching), US-1862 (Department of Film & Media), US-1863 (Program in Religion), US-1864 (Program in Religion), US-1865 (Philosophy), UR-1857 (Anthropology), UR-1858 (Psychology), UR-1860 (Computer Science), UR-1861 (Film & Media).

**Committee
Reports:**

GER Committee:

Annemarie Nicols-Grinenko, from the Provost's Office, and Prof. Eckhard Kuhn-Osius, Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, presented the report. Below is a summary of what Prof. Kuhn-Osius said.

"As far as the departments are concerned Pathways is not going to be more difficult. When the student comes to us, our departmental requirements are not affected. The Hunter Core requirements consist of two parts. One part is the CUNY Common Core, which are the 30 credits from Pathways. The other part is the Focused Core comprising 12 credits. These 12 credits will either be spent on learning a language or focusing on other subjects other than their majors. There will be Writing Intensive courses as well as Pluralism & Diversity. Please make sure that on the schedule of classes, courses under the various Pathways categories have the "W" Writing Intensive and P & D designations. Leave Pathways to student services. No one knows how this will affect our program and our enrollments. There is a very strong chance that language enrollments will be affected. There will be a change in the way languages are handled. Historically, 1 year of high school equals 1 semester of college. If the students have had 4 years of high school language then they are exempted. If the students had 3 years of

56 high school then they should register for the 4th semester. If they had 2 years of language they
57 should register for the 3rd semester. The problem is that someone who has had 2 years of high
58 school language most likely hasn't taken that language in the next 2 years. Therefore, they are
59 not really ready for the 3rd semester. To avoid any problems we have said that if they have 4
60 years they are exempted (or if they meet any of the other prerequisites for exemptions).
61 Anyone who is not fully exempted will have to see the department for placement.”

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64 **Report by the**
65 **President:**

The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate. She said:

66 “I wanted to thank everyone for the incredible work in Pathways, and all of your work with 80th
67 Street. We feel that you deserve a round of applause. We are very proud of the work that we have
68 done. We really want all of the freshmen and the transfers to have the ability to choose what they
69 want. The students that are coming in September will only be able to take classes in a block that
70 have been approved by the Senate for Pathways. We will have a lot of incentive to keep this
71 program going. Vita and I are willing to help departments, and people that need support. We have
72 ideas for course conversions that need some change in course objectives. We would be happy to
73 underwrite and support and continue with the work. We cannot stop now because we need more
74 classes to be in the buckets so students will have choices. This has been quite a year especially with
75 Brookdale campus and the dormitories. This semester, we are continuing with Pathways and
76 rushing to meet the requirements of CUNYfirst. So I want to spend a minute thanking Manfred
77 Kuechler, Mitch Ahlbaum, and Leonard Zinnanti. The team has converted approximately 40 % of
78 faculty to CUNYfirst. On the less positive note, 60 % of our faculty still hasn't. In March and April
79 you can view your class rosters, verify attendance, and post textbooks needed for registration.
80 However, you also must have CUNYfirst accounts. Even though there are many things going on
81 with CUNYfirst and Pathways, we need to encourage people and as a community we need to keep
82 moving forward.

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84 On a happier note, construction on the third floor of the library should be completed by the end of
85 the semester. We would like to thank everyone for their continued patience walking through the
86 construction site. To those who are here in the summer and coming back in September, they should
87 be able to enjoy the extraordinary new space. Thereafter, we will begin the work on the 6th and 7th
88 floor. We have raised the money for both floors. Upon completion there will be a floor dedicated to
89 the library of education. The 7th floor is dedicated to a 21st-century students' assistance learning
90 center. We are working very closely with Barbara Barone to move to the new space in the library.
91 The Writing Center will be moving from Thomas Hunter Hall. Moreover, the various science
92 centers will be combined into a science learning center. It will be state of the art. We have been
93 working with a number of the faculty departments and anyone who is interested regarding the next
94 stages of the library. It is going to be an extraordinary information commons. It was one of the first
95 things the committee really focused on and it was something we have not had in the school. It is a
96 really beautiful reading room, which will have windows on the south and east side of the building.
97 Moving on to major capital campaign, we believe the project will cost at least 45 million dollars.
98 We have raised about 18 million dollars. Our board's foundation is engaged. It is moving ahead to
99 bring more funding and makes it a top priority project. In terms of other physical moves, I am going
100 to be meeting with the Master Plan Committee next month and then we will have a better report.
101 We are working very closely with the residents of the Brookdale campus regarding their move.
102 Currently, we are planning to close the Brookdale campus at the end of the spring 2015 semester.
103 Moreover, we are planning to move Nursing and Physical Therapy to a space that has been made
104 available to us by LaGuardia Community College campus. Therefore, we have been working
105 closely with them to ensure that classrooms, office space, research support, and technology is ready
106 in the interim period before they can move to their new home on 74th St. Furthermore, we are
107 working with CUNY regarding the new building on 74th St. The remaining programs at the
108 Brookdale campus such as Speech Pathology, Audiology, and Medical Lab will be moving to the
109 68th St. Other science programs will be moving in January 2014 to the new space at Weiss
110 Cornell. We are actively looking for new dorm space for Hunter College. Currently, we have 3
111 spaces in the city. The first space is on 97th St, where we have 100 rooms in the facility run by the
112 educational housing service. The second space is on 87th and 3rd Ave. The third space is about 80
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rooms in the 92nd street Y. We are working very hard in finding different people that are interested in buying, renovating, and providing dorm rooms for the college.”

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It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Marie Anderson
Secretary

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APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

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

Faculty

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

Madlyn Stokely	Student Services
Taahira Maynard	Student Services
Barbara Barone	Mathematics & Statistics
Brian Buckwald	Student Services
Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	Library
Sarah Chinn	English
Nadine A. Bryce	Curriculum & Teaching
Elizabeth Beaujour	Classics
Claus Mueller	Sociology
Bill Williams	Mathematics & Statistics
Gabriela Smeureanu	Chemistry

Christa D. Acampora	Philosophy
Barbara Sproul	Religion

Ex-Officio

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

Students

E	Matthew Evanusa	A
(A) A	Matthew Ramos	X
E	Andy Lall	X
A	Ariela Hazan	X
X	Eamon Pickard	A
A	Shawn Rafeeq	A
X	Eileen Chen	X
X	Jimmy Qiu	A
X	Madiha Wasti	A
A	Ibrahim Alsaygh	X
A	Julia Camila Jones	X
	Alexander Lemell	X
A	Jarret Freeman	A
X	Patricia Colon	X
	Candace Lawrence	X
	Sandrea Sicangco	A
A	Dennis Luo	X
X	Sara Shenias	X
X	Muricio Bardales	A
X	Wilson Chow	X
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ADMINISTRATION

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

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

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