

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

### 30 November 2016

1 The 591<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:40 PM in HW room 714.  
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3 **Presiding:** Thomas DeGloma, 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 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 October 5<sup>th</sup> were approved.  
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12 **Report by the** Below is a summary of President Raab's report:  
13 **President:** "Good afternoon. I know you have a long agenda and Tom asked me to come today and speak on  
14 the current budget issues. I wanted to start with recent changes that have been in the news. There  
15 have been some significant leadership changes in the central office at CUNY. In April, the long-  
16 serving Chief Operating Officer retired and was not replaced, and last week before Thanksgiving  
17 the long-serving General Counsel announced his retirement at the end of this month. We just found  
18 out earlier this week that the long-term Vice Chancellor for External Relations and Secretary to the  
19 Board of Trustees has stepped down from his position at CUNY Central and will return to his home  
20 campus of Queens College. I cannot say if the position will be replaced or if the Central Office  
21 organizational structure will change.  
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23 I also want to follow up on the New York State Inspector General's report and the implication for  
24 our campus. Soon after the announcement of the resignation of the City College President, the  
25 Chairman of the CUNY Board asked the State Inspector General to investigate how the various  
26 college foundations raised and used money. This was an unusual type of request as it was focused  
27 on CUNY college foundations which are independent 501 (c)3 organizations. They are governed by  
28 the Attorney General. Part of the issue with the investigation was the use of private money to  
29 support compensation packages for college presidents. The letter that was sent to the Inspector  
30 General asked to look at the presidents' use of money and the designation and authority from the  
31 central office to the presidents. The investigation has been ongoing, and it was determined that five  
32 campuses in each borough would be randomly selected and reviewed by the Inspector General. City  
33 College was on the list, and Hunter was added, making it two colleges from Manhattan, and one  
34 from the other four boroughs. We have been under a review pursuant to the Board of Trustees  
35 request, and the review which started with the foundation has changed to a college-wide review.  
36 There have been questions asked about who has state credit cards and how we manage and spend  
37 our funds.  
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39 One item that they reported and flagged us on was the money that we have devoted to lobbyists.  
40 When they looked at the reports, it did not look like they were providing decent service for the  
41 amount that we have paid the firms. We are in the process of trying to explain why that is. The  
42 reason is that if someone is a registered lobbyist, he or she has to report on a sheet every  
43 conversation they have with governmental and elected officials. They do more than this, however,  
44 but that is all they have to report. They do more than this for example during the period when we  
45 were getting our 74th Street project approved and we had to get out there to get the community  
46 board approval. These are the type of things that the firms help us with.  
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48 I just want to say that the College Foundation does a lot for the campus. While we have taken  
49 budget cuts over the past few years, the money donated has gone to support the campus community  
50 directly. The library renovations, student scholarships, and event support comes from it."

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 55 **Report by the** Professor DeGloma, presented the report as follows:  
 56 **Administrative**

57 **Committee:**

a) **Approved Curriculum Changes**

The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 30 November 2016 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Items: Items: UR-2096 School of Social Work (Change in Course) and UR-2112 School of Urban Public Health (Change in course).

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 64 **Committee**  
 65 **Report**

**Report by the Nominating Committee**

Professor Jeff Allred, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 30 November 2016. The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate committees:

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 70 **1. Undergraduate Course of Study Committee**

Professor Jeff Allred, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 30 November 2016.

Faculty from

Health Professions: Lorraine Byrnes (School of Nursing)

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 74 **2. Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements Committee**

Faculty Alternate: Sandra Clarkson (Mathematics & Statistics)

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 77 **3. Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee**

Faculty from Sciences & Mathematics: Kristen Grant (Chemistry)

Faculty At-large: Philip Alcabes (Community Health)

Faculty Alternates: Jason Young (Psychology)

Monica Calabritto (Romance Languages)

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 83 **4. Committee on the Budget**

Student: Hieu Dang

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 86 **5. Departmental Governance Committee**

Faculty in Education: Elizabeth Klein (Special Education)

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 89 **6. Committee on the Library**

Faculty from

Sciences & Mathematics: Weigang Qiu (Biology)

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 93 **7. Committee on Grade Appeals**

Student: Noam Sohn (MHC-Computer Science)

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 96 **8. Nominating Committee:**

Faculty: Neepa Maitra (Physics & Astronomy)

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 99 **9. Committee on Master Plan:**

Faculty from Social Sciences: Marnia Lazreg (Sociology)

Students: Samuel Genchikmakher (Economic, Environmental Science)

Emaad Khwaja (Chemistry and Mathematics)

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109 Student Alternates: Sandra-May Flowers (Theatre)  
 110 Hieu Dang (Graduate Student)

111 **10. Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching:**

112 Students: Michael Mazzeo (Biochemistry)  
 113 Marie Mazzeo (Biochemistry)  
 114 Noam Sohn (MHC-Computer Science)  
 115 Darcie Dominianni (History)  
 116 Elias Amin (Undecided)

117 **11. Committee on Charter Review**

118 Faculty from Sciences & Mathematics: Sandra Clarkson (Mathematics and Statistics) Faculty  
 119 from Social Sciences: John Chin (Urban Policy and Planning)  
 120 Faculty from Health Professions: Steven Trasino (Urban Public Health)  
 121 Faculty Alternate: Jonathan Prince (School of Social Work)  
 122 Student: Matthew LoCastro (Political Science)  
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124 **12. Committee on Computing & Technology**

125 Faculty from School of Social Work: Adina Mulliken  
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127 **13. Committee on Academic Assessment & Evaluation**

128 Faculty from Nursing: Steve Baumann  
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130 **14. Committee on General Education**

131 Faculty At-large from A&S: María Hernández (Romance Languages)  
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133 **15. General Education Requirements Appeals Committee**

134 Faculty: Robert Thompson (Mathematics & Statistics)  
 135 Student: Noam Sohn (MHC-Computer Science)

136 **16. Committee on Student Success**

137 Student: Charles Bachmann (Philosophy)  
 138 Asheley Siewnarine

139 **17. Committee on Honors**

140 Faculty from A&S: Lynda Klich (Art & Art History)  
 141 Student from MHC: Asheley Siewnarine  
 142 Student from THHP: Julia Canzoneri  
 143 Student At-Large: Demi Moore  
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145 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The  
 146 motion carried by voice vote without dissent.  
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 149 **Report on**  
 150 **2016 AAUP**  
 151 **Shared**  
 152 **Governance**  
 153 **Conference**  
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Professor Sarah Chinn and Professor Laura Keating gave a report with a PowerPoint presentation of the 2016 AAUP Shared Governance Conference. A copy is available in the Senate Office.

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 163 **Report from the**  
 164 **Task Force on**  
 165 **Faculty Dining**  
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Professor Bernadette McCauley said the following:

“I am one of three members of the ad-hoc committee on the faculty and staff dining room. I just wanted to say that we take the improvements of the space seriously and we have visited other CUNY campuses to see their faculty and staff dining rooms. We want the faculty and staff to be involved in whatever will be done to improve the dining room. The President said she cannot reveal to us what is going on, but some plans are in the works. We have asked for meetings with the President and others involved in this. We ask that anyone who has had good experiences in college dining services to contact us and let us know. Also, please contact us with ideas of what you would like to see.”

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 175 **Old Business:**

**Resolution to Establish an Ad-hoc Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures**

Professor DeGloma said the following:

“At the last meeting, the Administrative Committee introduced the following resolution. I will read the resolution into the record again and then it belongs to the body be debated, amended or adopted as it.”

**Resolution to Establish an Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures**

Be it resolved that the Senate Administrative Committee establish an Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures, including those units officially named Programs, Institutes, Centers, Schools, or any other non-departmental or interdepartmental entities offering or managing courses of study in any capacity.

Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures include the following members (all with vote): one full-time faculty member from each Division of the School of Arts and Sciences, one full-time faculty member from the School of Education, one full-time faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-time faculty member from the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions and Urban Public Health, one at-large full-time faculty member from the School of Arts and Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary program, two undergraduate students (one of whom shall be from an honors program), and one graduate student.

The committee shall also include the following members who will serve with voice but without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental Governance Committee (or designee), the Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee (or designee), The Provost (or designee), and the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee).

Be it further resolved that the Senate Nominating Committee will accept nominations from any current Senator, the list to be shared with the Senate Administrative Committee who will share the list with the Senate as a whole and any other relevant bodies. Candidates may also self-nominate.

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216 Be it further resolved that the undergraduate committee members can be nominated by the  
217 Undergraduate Student Government in consultation with the Senate Vice-Chair and the  
218 graduate student committee member can be nominated by the Graduate Student  
219 Association.

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221 Be it further resolved that the voting members of the committee shall elect a Chair from  
222 among the pool of its full-time faculty members.

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224 Be it further resolved that Senate Administrative Committee, in consultation with the  
225 Senate Nominating Committee, draft a committee membership list in compliance with the  
226 representational requirements outlined above, and that the final committee membership be  
227 confirmed by a vote of the full Senate.

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229 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs  
230 and Interdisciplinary Structures is charged with (A) researching the current structures and  
231 practices pertaining to governance of such units at Hunter College, (B) consulting and  
232 coordinating with any related Presidential or administrative task force and with relevant  
233 administrative offices, (C) consulting and coordinating with all relevant Senate  
234 committees, including the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee, the Graduate  
235 Course of Study and Academic Requirements Committee, and the Committee on Honors,  
236 and (D) reporting to the Senate and making recommendations for Senate action concerning  
237 the following with regard to Programs and Interdisciplinary Structures: the nature of  
238 governance and representation, pathways for curricular development, issues related to  
239 coordination between such units and departments and other offices at the college, and any  
240 other issues related to governance.

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242 Be it finally resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs  
243 and Interdisciplinary Structures communicate with the Senate Charter Review Committee  
244 to make recommendations for Senate action when and where those actions require revision  
245 of The Charter for the Governance of Hunter College.

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247 It was moved to amend the resolution as follows and received a second:

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249 Be it further resolved that this Ad-hoc Senate Committee on the Governance of Programs and  
250 Interdisciplinary Structures include the following members (all with vote): one full-time faculty  
251 member from each Division of the School of Arts and Sciences, one full-time faculty member from  
252 the School of Education, one full-time faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-  
253 time faculty member from the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions  
254 and Urban Public Health, one at-large full-time faculty member from the School of Arts and  
255 Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary program, two  
256 undergraduate students (one of whom shall be from an honors program), ~~and one graduate student,~~  
257 **The Provost (or designee), and the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee) Dean from an**  
258 **additional school determined by the Provost.** The committee shall also include the following  
259 members who will serve with voice but without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental  
260 Governance Committee (or designee), the Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee  
261 (or designee), ~~The Provost (or designee), and the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee).~~

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263 After lengthy discussion and debate, the question was called and carried with 2 opposed and 1  
264 abstention.

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266 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 57 in favor, 21 against, and 3 abstentions.

271 The motion to amend carries.

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278 the School of Education, one full-time faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-  
279 time faculty member from the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions  
280 and Urban Public Health, one at-large full-time faculty member from the School of Arts and  
281 Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary program, two  
282 undergraduate students ~~(one of whom shall be from an honors program), (one and only one~~  
283 ~~whom shall be from an honors program)~~, one graduate student, The Provost (or designee), and  
284 the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee) Dean from an additional school determined by the  
285 Provost. The committee shall also include the following members who will serve with voice but  
286 without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental Governance Committee (or designee), the Chair  
287 of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee (or designee).  
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289 The question was called and carried.

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291 The motion to amend carried by voice vote without dissent.

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298 the School of Education, one full-time faculty member from the School of Social Work, one full-  
299 time faculty member from the Division that includes the School of Nursing and Health Professions  
300 and Urban Public Health, ~~one~~ **three** at-large full-time faculty member from the School of Arts and  
301 Sciences, one additional full-time faculty member affiliated with an interdisciplinary program, two  
302 undergraduate students (one and only one whom shall be from an honors program), one graduate  
303 student, The Provost (or designee), and the Dean of Arts and Sciences (or designee) Dean from an  
304 additional school determined by the Provost. The committee shall also include the following  
305 members who will serve with voice but without vote: the Chair of the Senate Departmental  
306 Governance Committee (or designee), the Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee  
307 (or designee).  
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309 The question was called but not acted upon. Please see minutes of December 7, 2016 for  
310 clarification.  
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The question was called and carried.

Voting by clicker produced the following results: 18 in favor, 51 against, and 1 abstention.

The motion to amend failed.

Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Reimer  
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	E
	Denis Milagros	(A) A		Verna Segarra	A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Pat Burke	(A) A
	Mike Steiper	(A) A		Rob Thompson	(A) A
	Marc Edelman	(A) X		Chad Euler	A
Art & Art History	Lynda Klich	A	Music	Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
	Paul Ramirez Jonas	X		Dean Johnston	(A) X
	Susanna Cole	(A) X		Jewel Thompson	X
Biological Sciences	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X	School of Nursing		(A)
	Derrick Brazill	A		Michele Cabrini	(A) X
	Shirley Raps	A		Christine Ganzer	A
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Abigail Kotowski	A
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Lynda Olender	(A) A
	Akira Kawamura	A		Omar Dahbour	X
	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) X		Laura Keating	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) X	Physics & Astronomy	Christa Acampora	(A) A
	Joanne Spurza	A			
	Shawna Leigh	(A) E		Ying Chen	(A) X
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) A	Political Science	Kelle Cruz	(A) A
	Lie Xie	E		Jill Schwedler	A
	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) A		John Wallach	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Michael Lee	(A) A
	Koel Wer	A		Peter Serrano	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Jonathan Rendina	A
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X		Rebecca Huselid	(A) A
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X	Physical Therapy	Chris Braun	(A) X
	David Capps	A		Herb Karparkin	X
Economics		(A)	Romance Languages		(A)
	Kathleen Isaac	(A) E		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
	Avi Liveson	E		Julie Van Peteghem	X
	Tim Goodspeed	A		Rolando Perez	(A) X
Educational Foundations & Cou	John Li	(A) X	School of Social Work	Monica Schinaider	(A) A
		(A)		Terry Mizrahi	A
	Veronica Muller	X			X
English	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A	Sociology	Samuel Aymer	(A) X
		(A)			(A)
	Leigh Jones	A		Mark Halling	A
Film & Media Studies	Sarah Chinn	A	Special Education	Mike Benediktsson	(A) E
	John Keegan	(A) X		Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	Janet Neary	(A) A		Elizabeth Klein	A
	Larry Shore	A		Jennifer Klein	A
Geography	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Kristen Hodnett	(A) X
	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X		Donald Vogel	(A) E
	Haydee Salmun	A		Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	A
German	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A	Theatre	Carol Silverman	(A) A
		(A)		Jonathan Kalb	A
History	Elke Nicolai	A	Urban Policy and Planning	Mia Rovegno	A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		Claudia Orenstein	(A) X
		(A)		Jill Gross	(A) X
Library	Rick Belsky	A	School of Urban Public Health	Stanley Moses	X
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) A		Victoria Johnson	(A) A
	Eduardo Contreras	A		Phil Alcabas	(A) A
Women & Gender Studies	Mee' Len Hom	A	Women & Gender Studies	Steven Trasino	X
	Sarah Ward	E		Jennifer Gaboury	(A) A
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A		Catherine Raissiguier	A
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			



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**Students**

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Stephanie Barragan	A
Albiona Aga	X
Sandra-May Flowers	A
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	X
Erica Fu	X
Noam Sohn	A
Shannon O'Rourke	A
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	A
Anna Ozbek	X
Sheana Budhoo	X
Stephany Graces	X
Samuel Genchikmakher	X
Ahmed Elsaeyed	X
Emaad Khwaja	X
Omar Elwany	X
Charles Bachmann	X
Mustafa Gadelrab	X
Jyothisraj Johnson	X
Sarah Lamsifer	X
Michael Mazzeo	X
Meghann Williams	A
Hieu Dang	X
Cara Fitzgerald	A
Melanie Lozier	A
Nicole Parker	X
Jawwaad Alam	E
Marie Mazzeo	X
Sarah Mathew	X
Elyas Amin	X
Edward Friedman	A
Adam Hobbins	X
Daniel Smith	X
Jennifer Uolla	X
Lena Suponya	X
Soumya Misra	X
Stephon Odom	A
Matthew LoCastro	A

**At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty**

Student Services	Brain Maasjo	A
	Shannon Silenas	(A) X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	E
Geography	Dana Reimer	A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	E
Classical & Oriental Studies	Shawna Leigh	E
Medicial Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher	A
Dolciani Math Center	Barbara Barone	X
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Laxmi Ramasubramanian	A
History	Bernadette McCauley	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A

**Ex-Officio**

President, USG	Melany Balaguera	X
Vice President, Graduate Student Association		X
President Alumni Association	James Amodeo	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

**ADMINISTRATION**

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Marilyn Daley-Weston	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Vice President for Administration	Robert Pignatello	A
Provost, Acting	Lon Kaufman	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Education	Michael Middleton	A
Special Counsel to the President & Dean	Laura Hertzog	A
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	X