

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate 8 December 2010

- 1 The 521st meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:50 PM in Room W714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Sandra Clarkson, 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, and
8 clickers were distributed to them.
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- 10 **Minutes:** The Minutes of November 10th were approved as distributed.
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- 12 **Report by the** There was no report. Instead, the Provost made the following announcement:
13 **President:**
- 14 “You will be receiving a formal announcement from me shortly, but it is my great pleasure to
15 announce that we have a new Acting Associate Provost for General Education. This is a position
16 that means a great deal to this body and, indeed, the Mellon Committee which will soon become a
17 standing committee of the Senate on General Education, made this one of its first and most impor-
18 tant recommendations to the Administration. We were fortunate to have Ahmed Bawa, Professor of
19 Physics, in that position for a time. Some of you know Prof. Bawa has left Hunter College to take a
20 senior academic leadership role in South Africa. Our new Acting Associate Provost will be Dr.
21 Rebecca Connor of the Department of English. We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Connor
22 with us. She is a specialist in 18th century British literature and her book “Women and Economics
23 in the 18th century” was published by Rutledge to great acclaim. Rebecca is one of the college’s
24 best, most engaged, dynamic and passionate teachers and if you ever heard her talk about teaching
25 or talk about General Education and how the Department of English can contribute to that, you
26 know what I mean. She has been a member of the Mellon Committee from its inception. I feel
27 lucky to have her in this position and I know she is eager to start working with you. So, thank you.”
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- 29 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
30 **Administrative**
- 31 **Committee:** **Special Election for Vacant At-large Seats on the Senate – Fall 2010**
32 The Chair presented the following nominations in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2.H.i & ii, of
33 the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*:
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- 35 Students: Krishan Sharma (Chemistry Major)
36 Fei Yan Mock (Biochemistry/Religion)
37 Andy Lall (Physics Major)
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- 39 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The mo-
40 tion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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- 42 Clickers were distributed to the newly elected senators.
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- 44 **Approved Curriculum Changes**
45 The following curriculum changes as listed in Part I and II the Report dated 8 December 2010 were
46 approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate’s information: Items US-1664
47 PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY (New Course: ASTRO 101 and inclusion in GER Core 2E (Lab)); US-
48 1665 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (New Courses: BIOL 125, 150 and inclusion of BIOL 125 and 150 in
49 GER Core 2E (lab)); US-1666 MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS (Change in description & prereq.:

55 STAT 212, Change in prereq: MATH 100; US-1668 GEOGRAPHY (New Course: PGEOG 311,
56 Cross-listing of PGEOG 311/PHYS 311); US-1669 PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY (New Course: PHYS
57 311, Cross-listing of PGEOG 311/PHYS 311); GS-857 CURRICULUM & TEACHING/
58 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS (Changes in a Degree Program: Addition of Technology
59 Assessment as Exit Requirement); GS-858 CURRICULUM & TEACHING (Changes in Student
60 Teaching Requirements BILED 782, 785, 786; GS-859 SPECIAL EDUCATION (Combined Master's
61 Degree in Rehabilitation Teaching and Orientation and Mobility); GS-860 CURRICULUM &
62 TEACHING (Revision to courses of study for the TESOL Master's Program 1 & 2); GS-861 PSY-
63 CHOLOGY (New Course: PSYCH 757); SCHOOL OF NURSING: GS-862 (Various Changes in
64 NURS 771), GS-863 (Various Changes in NURS 772 GS-864 (Various Changes in NURS 773;
65 SCHOOL OF NURSING/SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES: GS-865 (New Course: NURS 776/PH
66 770.13), GS-866 (New Course: NURS 775/PH 770.14); GS-867 SCHOOL OF NURSING (Estab-
67 lishment of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).
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69 **List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees**

70 Professor Clarkson moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and
71 degrees to be awarded in January 2011. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
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73 **Membership Slate for Standing Committee on General Education**

74 The following up-dated list was distributed.
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76 **Chair:** Pamela Mills (Chemistry)

77 **Faculty:**

78 Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Trudy Smoke (English)
79 Faculty from Social Sciences: Manu Bhagavan (History)
80 Faculty from Sciences & Math: Derrick Brazill (Biology)
81 Faculty At-Large from A&S: Alicia Ramos (Romance Languages)
82 Faculty At-large from A&S: Lucille Croom (Math & Stat)
83 Faculty At-large from A&S: David Capps (Dance Program)
84 Faculty from Education: Sarah Bonner (C&T)
85 Faculty from Nursing: Christine Cutugno
86 Faculty from Health Sciences: Jessie Daniels (Community Health)
87 Associate Provost for General Education: Rebecca Connor
88 Faculty Alternate: Brian Lym (Library)

89 **Students:**

90 At-large: Stephanie Krom (History/Religion)
91 At-large: Sorrell Stetson (THHP)
92 Student Alternates: Aklima Hossain (religion)
93 Susan Konz (THHP)

94 **Ex-officio without vote:**

95 Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences: Robert Greenberg
96 Provost (or designee): Vita Rabinowitz
97 The Director of Assessment: Mosen Auryan
98 Chair of Undergraduate Course of Study Committee (or designee): Eckhard Kuhn-Osius
99 Chair of Academic Assessment & Evaluation Committee (or designee): Jill Gross
100 Registrar (or designee): Marilyn Daley-Weston
101 Director of Advising Services (or designee): Case Willoughby

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103 The Chair informed the Senate that the Administration had requested to delay this item and that the
104 Administrative Committee agreed to this request, and is asking for Senate approval for postponement to
105 the next meeting.
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107 In response to a question from the floor Provost Rabinowitz stated:

108 "I want to thank you for even considering this request. I am delighted that the Senate is
109 institutionalizing what once was called the Mellon Committee and recognizes that General
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116 Education reform is a regular and on-going task of a great university. Recent survey showed that
117 88% of all colleges are undergoing General Education reform at any one time. We ask for the
118 deferral because we are in a time of transition. We have been without an Acting Associate Provost
119 in that position for several months, and something else has happened that gives us all pause and
120 frankly moves me to ask for more consultation at this critical time. The Chancellor announced at
121 the November 22nd Board of Trustees meeting that he has tasked Executive Vice Chancellor with
122 the duty of re-examining General Education at CUNY with an eye to overhauling general
123 education at CUNY. He is moving quickly. We do expect in February that there will be a proposal
124 before the Board of Trustees that sets forth principles of integration of General Education
125 throughout the system. That does not mean that the Chancellor will pass down a Core curricula for
126 all the colleges but it does mean that CUNY is going to get involved in General Education in a big
127 way, and it is moving fast. We will know in January what is coming before the Board in February
128 and we would like to have some sense of what that is. There is one other aspect that I want to put
129 before the group. We all know in this room that all curricula belong to the faculty and General
130 Education, of course, belongs to the faculty, but General Education implementation belongs to all
131 of us. It crosses many different areas from Student Affairs, including the Registrar and Advising, to
132 Finance and Administration because Gen Ed reform always has financial implications. Because it
133 does cross so many units, we ask your indulgence that we just have a little more time to talk with
134 the Senate leadership about the general constitution of the Committee. Again, we are going to
135 move quickly as well, we are not looking to stall, we do want more time. Richard, because you
136 asked the question I will just say quickly, that when we formed the Senate Advisory Committee on
137 Roosevelt House a couple of years ago, we recognized that Roosevelt House had undeniable
138 academic components. It also had public programming and student service elements. We worked
139 together to form a committee and the Senate took leadership on that. Of course, it is a Senate
140 committee, as this is, but the consultation yielded a balanced committee that took into account that
141 there might be Student Service and financial elements. We are just asking for a chance to do the
142 same. We understand the urgency of the Senate to try to get this done before the end of the
143 semester.
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145 After further discussion, the question was called and carried. Voting by clickers produced the
146 following results: 32 in favor, 27 opposed, and 6 abstentions. The motion carried.
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148 **Committee**
149 **Report:**

148 **Strategic Planning Committee**

149 It was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a Committee of the Whole until 5:00 PM, and that
150 Professor Richard Stapleford, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, chair the committee.
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152 The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. At 5:00 PM the Senate reconvened in formal session.
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154 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:00
155 PM.
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159 Respectfully submitted,
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162 Philip Alcabes,
163 Secretary
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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Africana&PR/Latino Studies	Milagros Denis-Rosario (A)
Anthropology	Tom McGovern (A) Marc Edelman
Chemistry	Pamela Mills (A) Dixie Goss (A)
Classical & Oriental Studies	Yitzhak Berger (A)
Computer Science	Virginia Teller (A) Saad Mneimeh (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Jody Polleck (A) Jason Wirtz (A)
Economics	Timothy Goodspeed (A) Avi Liveson
Educational Foundations	Cynthia Walley (A)
English	Marlene Hennessy (A)
Film & Media	Gustavo Mercado Tim Portlock Steve Gorelick (A)
Geography	Peter Marcotullio (A)
Health Sciences	Stacey Plichta (A) Jack Caravanos
History	Richard Belsky (A)
Library	Patricia Woodard (A) Danise Hoover (A)
Nursing	Steven Baumann (A) Lorraine Sanders "E"
Philosophy	Alan Hausman Laura Keating (A)
Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A)
Psychology	Peter Serrano (A) Tricia Striano (A)
Romance Languages	Michael Taormina "E"
SEEK	Patricia Martin (A)
School of Social Work	Kenny Kwong (A) Michael Lewis Nancy Giunta (A)

Sociology	Joong-Hwan Oh (A) Mark Halling "E"
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Special Education	Donia Fahim (A) David Conner (A)
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Theatre	Mia Rovegno (A)
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Urban Affairs	Stanley Moses (A)
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Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Affairs)
Barbara Sproul (Religion)

Administration

Bill Zlata

Ex-Officio

Deborah Francois, USG Pres.
George Wallace, CLT Council Pres.
Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.

Students

Manuel Andino (Classics)
Lauren Hecker (Music)
Kristopher Emanuel
Meriam Bukhari
James Broughel
Henrik Dumanian
Sheila Spencer
Wesley Gagerie
Samuel Cooper
Ambalika Boodrham (THHP)
Aaron Quisenberry
Ayman Ahmed (Comp Sci)
August Wojtkiewicz (Classics)
Francisco Mena (Sociology)
Alexander Lemell (Philosophy)
Jarret Freeman (undecl) "E"
Umar Khan
Runako Taylor
Marta Petryna (Biology)
Raya Harris (undecl)
Randy Wagenheim (Grad. Sociology)
Kelly Postlewait (Urban Aff.)