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### **MINUTES**

## Meeting of the Hunter College Senate 9 December 2009

The 510<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 PM in Room W714.

**Presiding:** Sandra Clarkson, Chair

4 5 **Attendance:** 

The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.

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

**Minutes:** The Minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.

12 Report by the 13 President:

A summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate is as follows. She said:

"I want to remind everyone to please join me after the meeting upstairs on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor East for a Holiday toast to the Senate.

I know you have been following the budget news in the press and despite the stress on the NY State Budget, we actually have relatively good news to report. There was a reduction in State funding for CUNY, which had been anticipated. As I reported here before, we were asked to hold in reserve a particular percentage of our budget, and the CUNY Central Office was able to absorb most of the \$53M cut that the State had applied to the CUNY system. So, we actually are not required to give back all of the money that we held in reserve to support this cut, and we are very much where we are expected to be with a little bit of an extra cushion. We will be holding on to that cushion because we are very concerned about what happens as we go forward in the next year, but there are no additional cuts for next semester, and we are continuing with the 26 searches that are ongoing for new and replacement faculty positions. We will have more information on next year's budget for our school year starting in September after the Governor announces his budget in January.

I also want to talk a little bit about the Middle States accreditation process and the results. I want to start by again thanking all of you who participated and particularly our Senate Chair Sandi Clarkson and her co-chairs on the Middle States Steering Committee, Phil Alcabes and our Provost Vita Rabinowitz. They brought us to a very successful re-accreditation of Hunter College. That reaccreditation is posted on the web-site along with the report of the visiting team when they were here in April. They gave us an oral report that was followed by a written report a few months later. That report was submitted to the Middle States Commission, which reviewed it and rendered their opinion that we should be re-accredited with the requirement that in the next two years we address the need for a Strategic Plan and that we begin to implement the plan in that two year period. So, by October 2011 we need to have a Strategic Plan in place, and we have to show evidence of implementation. The Commission made another very important point, and that is that we take a look at our Mission Statement as the beginning of the conversation regarding a Strategic Plan. That is very important because obviously the mission influences all of the planning that comes after.

This morning I had the pleasure of meeting with our Strategic Planning Committee, which is so ably run by Richard Stapleford. It is already hard at work re-envisioning and thinking of the future of Hunter College. We talked about how the Committee and the Hunter community would work together to move ahead and have a time-line for the Strategic Plan and for starting with the mission and re-thinking or re-looking at the mission and the strategic plan, and then an implemen-

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tation plan so that we would meet all the requirements of the Commission which are fully stated on the web-site.

The other item that the Commission asked us to very carefully address in the Strategic Plan is institutional assessment. It is not only the academic assessment that Sandi has so ably led us in with our new addition of Mosen Auryan, our Director of Assessment, but assessment of all aspects of our school. So, Student Services, Administrative Services, and External Relations, all need to begin to create assessment plans. The Commission was very clear that this has to be school-wide assessment. We have a fair amount of work to do in that area, but we are gearing up to do this.

I hope that all of you will look at the Commission letter but even more importantly the report that the visiting team, led by Earl Richardson from Morgan State University, created after they visited the campus for three days last spring. They also spent a lot of time reviewing our self-study and our supporting materials. There are interesting recommendations, suggestions, and concerns. I think it is a very useful process to look at their reactions and see what we can all learn together. I look forward very much to working with all of you, and want to conclude by urging all of you to be involved in this process. The Strategic Plan is only as good as those of us coming together to work on it. This is the vision for the future of Hunter College and we need committed, real conversation from students, faculty, and administrators to think about what the future of Hunter College should look like, what our aspirations are, and how we get there. These are obviously broad principles affecting the entire college which will then inform the work of the schools and the departments. There is a lot of work ahead of us, but I think it is very interesting and very rewarding work. We are clearly a school that is very much on the move, continuing in its excellence because of the work of all of you in the room. I think it is an exciting prospect to think about the future and to begin to plan for it."

The President concluded the report by opening the floor for questions.

## Report by the Administrative Committee:

The Chair presented the report as follows:

### Special Election for Vacant At-large Seats on the Senate - Fall 2009

The Chair presented the following nomination in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2.H.i & ii, of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College:* 

Faculty: Bernadette McCauley (History)

 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.

### **Approved Curriculum Changes**

The following curriculum changes as listed in Part I and II of the Report dated 12/9/09 were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1611 (Political Science), US-1616 (Letter of Intent for a Minor and Certificate in Human Rights), US-1612/GS-821 (Education: de-registration of various programs), GS-818 (C&T/Ed. Found./Special Education), GS-819 & GS-820(Special Education), GS-822 and GS-823 (Psychology), GS-824 (Mathematics & Statistics), US-1615 (Mathematics & Statistics: New Course STAT 110 & inclusion in GER Core 1B).

The following two proposals were submitted for Senate approval:

US-1618 (THHP: Modification of Description of Major)
US-1619 De-registration of programs and re-registration of underlying BA Programs

After brief discussion US-1618 and US-1619 were approved by voice vote without dissent.

#### **List of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees**

Professor Clarkson moved for the ceremonial adoption of the list of candidates for diplomas and degrees to be awarded Summer and Fall 2009. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

Minutes Page 5390 Meeting of the Hunter College Senate 9 December 2009 **Election of Faculty to Appeals Committee** At the request of the Provost, and in accordance with CUNY Procedures for Student Complaints, the Senate is required to elect two faculty members to the Appeals Committee: The nominees are: Barbara Bosch (Theatre) Makram Talih (School of Health Sciences) The floor was open for further nominations. It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried. It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent. **Web-Access to Teacher Evaluations** Dr. Manfred Kuechler, Acting Associate Provost for Instructional Technology, gave a PowerPoint Presentation (see Appendix II). He informed the Senate that in accordance with Senate resolution of 6 May 20089 Teacher Evaluations can now be accessed on-line at: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/myprof. He then thanked the people who got it done. They are: Michael Medved, ICIT, Lead Oracle DBA Joan Lambe, Head Institutional Research Margarett Silva, TE Coordinator Gil Giannini, Director ICIT/MIS After discussion it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM Respectfully submitted, Philip Alcabes, Secretary 

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### APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

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Anthropology Tom McGovern (A)

Ruchi Chaturvedi (A)"E"

Ida Susser

Art Paul Ramirez

Biological Science Ezra Shahn "E"

Chemistry Pamela Mills

Classical&Oriental Studies Yitzhak Berger (A)

Computer Science Saad Mneimeh (A)

Ioannis Stamos (A)

Curriculum & Teaching Bede McCormack (A)

Jason Wirtz

Economics Timothy Goodspeed (A)

Avi Liveson

Educational Foundations Markus Bidell (A) "E"

Sarah Bonner "E"

English Christina Alfar (A)

Film & Media Tim Portlock

Peter Parisi (A)

Geography Frank Buonaiuto "E"

German Annette Kym

Health Sciences Stacey Plichta (A)

Jack Caravanos "E"

History Richard Belsky (A)

Library Lisa Finder (A)

Danise Hoover (A)

Mathematics & Statistics Dana Draghicescu (A) "E"

Patrick Burke (A)

Music Jewel Thompson (A)

Richard Burke

Nursing Peggy Schuber (A)

Lorraine Sanders 'E'

Physics & Astronomy Ying-Chih Chen (A)

Political Science Charles Tien (A)

Psychology Peter Serrano (A)

Tricia Striano (A)

Romance Languages Guiseppe DiScipio (A)

Michael Taormina Monica Shinaider Maria Cornelio (A)

SEEK: Patricia Martin (A)

School of Social Work: Kenny Kwong (A)

Willie Tolliver (A)

Sociology Claus Mueller (A)

Thomas Degloma (A)

Theatre Deepsikha Chatterjee

Lecturers and

**Part-Time Faculty** 

Joan Spurza (Classics)

Barbara Barone (Math&Stat) Case Willoughby (Student Serv) "E"

Dana Reimer (Geography) "E"

Christa Acampora (Philosophy)

Barabara Sproul (Religion)

Administration

Dean Sherryl Graves (A)

Ex-Officio

Deborah Francois, USG Pres.

George Wallace, CLT Council President

Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.

Students

Ian Katz (English)

Umar Khan (Poli Sci)

Leticia Ribeiro (Math)

Cristian Vergara (undecl)

Mariya Yefremova (Poli Sci/Engl)

Sarah Alshawish (undecl)

Andrew Rice (undecl) Angelo Rosado (History)

Leanne Tory-Murphy

Luard Dilja (undeclared)

Kyle Sabo (Grad) "E"

Camille Lampel (Archaeo)

Jennifer Liu (undecl)

Raya Harris (undecl)

### **APPENDIX II**

# **Teacher Evaluations – Online Now at Hunter College**

**The Senate Mandate:** (Excerpt from page 5333 of the Senate Minutes of 6 May 2009)

Mr. Steven Beard, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 6 May 2009. The following resolution was on the floor:

WHEREAS, the right to evaluate teachers has been a cornerstone right of Hunter students since the creation of the Hunter College Senate in 1970; and

WHEREAS, the right of access to teacher evaluations, guaranteed in the Senate Charter, is a necessary corollary of this right; and

WHEREAS access to evaluation summaries of individual classes is available only by request at the Library reference desk; and

WHEREAS, the evolution of technology since 1970 when the Charter was written has made it possible to create new means of access to teacher evaluation summaries; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the evaluation summaries of each class (but not the verbatim comments) be made available by ICIT online, subject to the user's authentication via a Hunter Net-Id.

After discussion the question was called and carried. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

## The People who got it done:

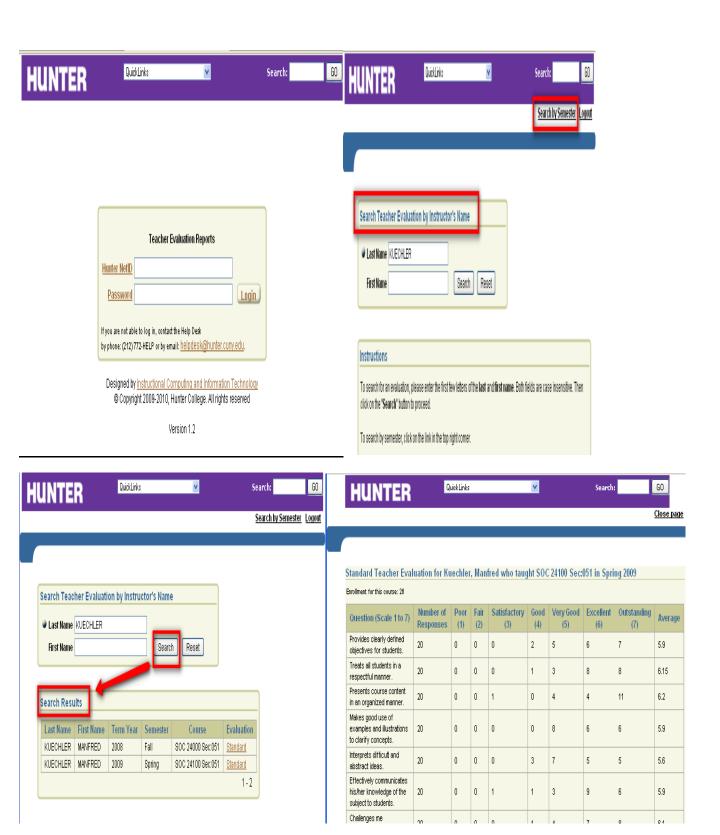
- Michael Medved, ICIT, Lead Oracle DBA
- Joan Lambe, Head Institutional Research
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- ▶ Gil Giannini, Director ICIT/MIS

Thank you all !!!

### Access:

http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/myprof

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### **Compare:**

- Rate My Professor
- Hunter Teacher Evaluation

### **Queens College**

#### http://courses.qc.cuny.edu

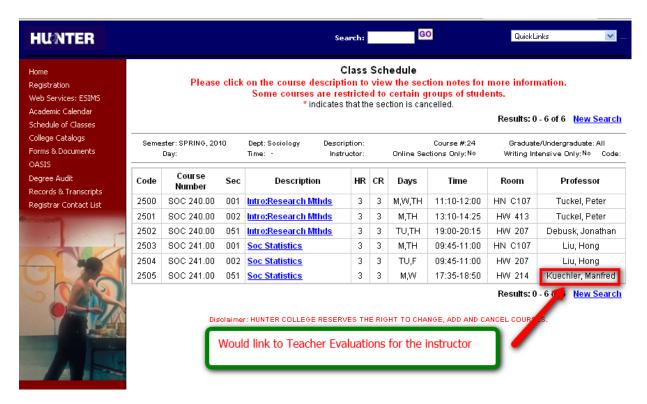
- Evaluations open to the world
- Plus grade distributions
- Data collection also online

### What stays the same?

- Faculty will still receive the original bubble sheets with written comments on the back
- Department/Programs will still receive summaries with aggregate scores for all sections in their area (may become online as well)

### TE online – version 2?

- ▶ Integration with "Informed Registration"
- Access via Online Schedule of Classes



## **Online Data Collection at CUNY**

- Brooklyn College
- ▶ Hostos Community College
- Queens College
- ▶ Hunter College ????