

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

### 27 April 2011

1                   The 525<sup>th</sup> 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,  
 8                   and clickers were distributed to them.  
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 10   **Report by the**        The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate. She said:  
 11   **President:**  
 12                   "I would like to give thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee and their effort. I will officially  
 13                   announce that we are about to launch an online Hunter community calendar. This is one of those things  
 14                   that has just been incredibly difficult to figure out and to work on. It obviously can't work unless  
 15                   people feed in events and give us enough time to get them up. We are actually going to hire a firm to  
 16                   create a way-finding system in Hunter College that is user friendly. There was a Chancellor's letter on  
 17                   the news wire about the General Education requirements. We will try to post it on our web-site since it  
 18                   was sent out by CUNY news wire. It states the Chancellor's intentions to take into consideration all of  
 19                   the comments he's been hearing from faculty throughout the CUNY system. There is a very strong  
 20                   indication in the letters that he's looking very clearly at two issues. The first being re-affirmation of the  
 21                   faculty control of curriculum and the second being our ability to preserve our Hunter requirements.  
 22                   The letter talks about the importance of the institutional requirements and cultures. Then the last part is  
 23                   talking about revising and coming together to re-affirm our commitment to helping students transfer  
 24                   through the system. The Chancellor and I have talked about this a number of times and it's clear that  
 25                   he is relying on the faculty to decide on these requirements. I think the most important thing in this  
 26                   process is going to be for the senior college faculty to make sure that we are holding community  
 27                   college students to a high standard while valuing credits in a more comprehensive way. One example  
 28                   is that one of the community colleges will be offering an AA in Urban Affairs. Our Urban Affairs  
 29                   faculty has worked very closely with the faculty and President of that community college to design the  
 30                   curriculum. We did not compromise any of our standards in order to make credits transferable to our  
 31                   Urban Affairs major. We have been the driver of these conversations about what is this Hunter  
 32                   standard. We are going to need a lot of faculty engagement in coming together with faculty across the  
 33                   CUNY system to express what are the standards for our students. I also wanted to report for a minute  
 34                   on our Dean Searches. I thank everybody here for your participation in the ongoing Arts & Science  
 35                   Dean searches. I wanted to thank Phil who did an extraordinary job with the committee and candidates.  
 36                   We are nearing the end of the interview process for the candidates visiting campus. We will be  
 37                   launching the search for CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College Dean search. There will be  
 38                   representatives on that committee from Hunter College, Brooklyn, Lehman and the Graduate Center.  
 39                   We will be working with the Search firm and we will be assembling that committee to represent  
 40                   broadly the entire CUNY faculty involved in the various disciplines. The ads will be posted over this  
 41                   summer and the committee can start screening candidates in the fall. We have news on the Dean of  
 42                   Education Search. We had a very hard working committee in the School of Education which had  
 43                   represented the chairs of the three major departments and the faculty from those departments under the  
 44                   great leadership of David Hodges. Our former Dean of Education, David Steiner, who had become the  
 45                   State Education Commissioner, applied for the position. We have met with the committee in a number  
 46                   of different meetings and we got a very strong recommendation that he would be one of the candidates  
 47                   for Dean. We offered him a job and he has accepted. He will be returning as the Dean starting August  
 48                   1<sup>st</sup>. He's also going to be launching the CUNY Institute in Education Policy which will be located at  
 49                   the Roosevelt House. Finally, I wanted to thank all the members of the Senate Committee on Roosevelt  
 50                   House for the flourishing of programs at the House. Our Human Rights program and Public Policy are  
 51                   up and running, the certificate programs and the minors are being launched, and the extra curricula

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56 internships and programming is all under way. We have just launched a program with the approval of  
 57 the Senate Committee to create for faculty a Roosevelt Faculty Associate program.”

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 59 **Report by the**  
 60 **Administrative**  
 61 **Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows:

62 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

63 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the attached Report dated 4/27/11, have been approved  
 64 as per Senate resolution, and are attached for the Senate’s information: Items US-1672 (Community  
 65 Health Education), US-1676 (Art History), and US-1692 (Medical Laboratory Sciences).

66 **Committee**  
 67 **Report:**

**Nominating Committee**

68 The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate  
 69 Committees:

70 1. Undergraduate Course of Study Committee: (Tuesdays 12-2)  
 71 Faculty At-large: Ramash Mallipeddi (English)

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 73 2. Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements Committee  
 74 Faculty from Humanities & Art: Alan Vardy (English)

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 76 3. Grade Appeals Committee  
 77 Student: Sherri Shaarbafan

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 79 4. Master Plan Committee  
 80 2 Student & 3 Student alternates: Jarret Freeman

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 82 5. Committee on Academic Freedom  
 83 Faculty from Social Sciences: Ida Susser (Anthropology)  
 84 Faculty from Science and math: Pat Burke (Math & Statistics)

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 86 6. Special Advisory Committee on Academic Freedom at Roosevelt House (RHAC)  
 87 Faculty from Sociology: Pam Stone  
 88 Faculty from Economics: Lisa George

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

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 94 **Departmental Governance Committee**

95 Professor Jill Gross, Chair of the Committee, presented the new By-laws of School of Urban Public  
 96 Health (UPH) as distributed.

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 98 The new by-laws were approved by voice vote without dissent after brief discussion.

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 101 **Strategic Planning Committee**

102 On behalf of the Committee, Prof. Andrew Polsky presented the “Hunter College Strategic Plan,  
 103 Academic Years 2012-2020” for Senate approval, as distributed.

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 105 At 4:15 PM it was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a committee of the whole for 30  
 106 minutes of informal discussion. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

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 108 At 4:40 PM it was moved that the Senate reconvene in formal session. The motion carried by  
 109 voice vote without dissent.

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 111 The question was called and carried.

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 113 The Strategic Plan was approved by voice vote without dissent.

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118 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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121 Respectfully submitted,

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125 Philip Alcabes,  
126 Secretary

**APPENDIX 1**

*The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:*

**Faculty**

Africana&PR/Latino Studies Milagros Denis-Rosario (A)  
Edgardo Melendez (A)  
Anthony Beowne

Anthropology Tom McGovern (A)  
Marc Edelman

Art Paul Ramirez  
Richard Stapleford "E"

Chemistry Dixie Goss (A)  
Pamela Mills (A)

Classical & Oriental Studies Laurence Kowerski (A)

Computer Science Saad Mneimeh (A)

Curriculum & Teaching Jody Polleck (A)  
Jason Wirtz (A)  
Steve De Meo "E"

Economics Timothy Goodspeed (A)  
Avi Liveson  
Howard Chernick

Educational Foundations Cynthis Walley (A)

Film & Media Shanti Thakur (A)  
Tim Portlock  
Steve Gorelick (A)

Geography Peter Marcotullio (A)  
Traci Warkentin

German Eckhard Kuhn-Osius

Health Sciences Stacey Plichta (A)  
Jack Caravanos

History Karen Kern (A)

Library Rolando Perez  
Danise Hoover (A)

Music Jewel Thompson

Nursing Carol Roye  
Lorraine Sanders  
Steven Baumann (A)

Physics & Astronomy Ying-Chih Chen (A)

Political Science Ann Cohen  
Robert Jenkins (A)

Psychology Peter Serrano (A)  
Tricia Striano (A)  
Peter Moller "E"  
Thomas Preuss

Romance Languages Michael Taormina  
Monica Shinaider

SEEK Patricia Martin (A)

School of Social Work Kenny Kwong (A)  
Michael Lewis  
Nancy Giunta (A)  
Jonathan Prince

Sociology Joong-Hwan Oh (A)  
Mark Halling

Special Education Donia Fahim (A)

Theatre Deepsikha Chatterjee (A)

**Lecturers and  
Part-Time Faculty**

Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Affairs)  
William Sakas (Computer Science)  
Christa Acampora (Philosophy)  
Barbara Sproul (Religion)  
Claus Mueller (Sociology)

**Administration**

Dean Sherryl Graves (A)  
Dean Kristine Gebbie (A)  
Bill Zlata

**Ex-Officio**

David Wexler, USG Pres.  
Sonya Acevedo, CLT Council Pres.  
Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.  
Patricia Rudden, Alumni Assoc.

**Students**

Kristopher Emanuel  
Sheila Spencer "E"  
Ambalika Boodrham (THHP)  
Andy Lall  
Fei Yan Mock  
Alexander Lemell (Philosophy) "E"  
Eli Cohen  
Runako Taylor (Grad. Classics)  
Raya Harris (undecl.)  
Kelly Postlewait (Urban Aff.)