

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

5 April 2017

- 1 The 597th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:42 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:** Minutes of February 22 were approved as distributed.
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12 **Chair Remarks:** Professor DeGloma reminded Student Senators that the caucus meeting would be held on April 19
13 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. The location is still being worked out.
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15 Professor DeGloma read the following statement passed by the Administrative Committee that was
16 circulated at the door:
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18 “Be it resolved that the Administrative Committee of the Hunter College Senate expresses its
19 sincere gratitude to all of the donors who have helped make the renovations of the Leon and Toby
20 Cooperman Library a success. We are truly grateful for their generous gifts to Hunter College,
21 which will allow countless students a more fulfilling educational experience.”
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24 There was a motion to consider a new resolution as Old Business and allow the Senate to act on it,
25 suspending the rule that actionable items must be circulated to the Senate at least 10 days before
26 voting.
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28 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 48 in favor, 20 against, and 0 abstentions.
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30 The motion carries and the resolution is added to Old Business.
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33 **Report by the** Professor DeGloma presented the report as follows
34 **Administrative**
35 **Committee:** a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
36 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of*
37 *Hunter College*, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all
38 nominees received to date:
39 Students: Rani Allen
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41 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The
42 motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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45 **Committee** **Committee on Charter Review:**
46 **Report:** Professor Philip Alcabas, Chair of the Committee on Charter Review, presented the report dated 5
47 April 2017 for the First Reading of the Second Set of Proposed Amendments to the Charter for a
48 Governance of Hunter College. The report is attached as Appendix II.
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55 **Old Business: Statement from Committee on the Budget**

56 Professor Randall Filer, Chair of the Committee on the Budget, said the following:

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58 “If you recall just before the end of the first term the Budget Committee reported to the Senate
59 on the cooperation that we have received from the administration on ongoing investigations
60 and the sharing of documents regarding college finances. That report still stands as presented
61 and we have been kept in the loop.
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63 Second I had hoped that we would get good news from the President today on the budget, but
64 there is no final deal in place. From what we have seen there are good signs that funding will
65 be better than it has been in a long time. I want to discuss two items that are serious and may
66 need action. The first is that in the context of the proposed budget there is a tithe tax to be
67 placed on college endowments. In preliminary discussion, we think that this is a terrible idea
68 for a number of reasons. We will be providing a resolution from the committee asking the
69 sense of the Senate to endorse its position that the tithe tax is not in the best interest of the
70 college.
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72 The next problematic issue is the process of Hunter requesting differential tuition which some
73 have raised concerns with. It is allowed to be charged to graduate programs, and it is different
74 from excellence fees, which come to the Budget Committee to be reviewed and reported to the
75 Senate. Over the past 15 years, there has been seven requests for differential tuition for
76 different programs. In 2005, after one such request the Senate adopted a resolution stating that
77 Senate policy requires all requests for differential tuition to go through the Budget Committee
78 and then to the full Senate just like all fee requests. This policy has been honored in the breach
79 and not in the application. It is my belief and understanding that since this time six differential
80 requests have gone to the Board of Trustees and only one has come to the Senate including one
81 which went to the board yesterday. It is not clear that the Senate can require these fees to come
82 to the Senate and it is evident to me that this is more complicated than Excellence Fees.
83 Differential Tuition is an agreement between CUNY institutions who offer the same programs
84 to agree to charge the same and is an extensive process. After a discussion with the Chair and
85 President, we would like to request a clarification of the passed resolution such that differential
86 tuition requests that affect Hunter College only will be subject to Budget Committee and
87 Senate approval. In the case of policies that must be negotiated with other units of the
88 University, the Budget Committee will be briefed to ensure that consultation with affected
89 faculty and students has taken place and will report to the full Senate that policies have been
90 followed but neither body will explicitly approve final tuition amounts.”
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92 Chair DeGloma added:

93 “The 2005 resolution is binding as the Senate passed it. Additionally, the Senate has
94 maintained that it has the right to consult, be consulted and offer opinions on matters regarding
95 tuition and fees. The process as currently laid out in the 2005 resolution on tuition and
96 excellence fees should still be followed. When it comes to Differential Tuition, the Committee
97 on the Budget should be consulted and a report issued to the Senate. In my mind, the Senate is
98 not sacrificing anything in taking this clarified approach. There is currently no need to amend
99 the 2005 resolution as both the Budget Committee and Senate must still be consulted in either
100 case of new excellence fees and/or differential tuition.”
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108 Addendum: (A) When a proposal for differential tuition pertains solely to an academic
109 program at Hunter College, the Senate Committee on the Budget will be adequately consulted
110 and will present a full report to the Senate with a resolution containing its recommendation on
111 the differential tuition. (B) When a proposal for differential tuition pertains to an academic
112 program at multiple CUNY colleges, the Senate Committee on the Budget will be adequately
113 consulted and will present a report to the Senate. The Senate will vote on whether or not to
114 accept the Committee's report.

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116 **Resolution on new College Center and Reorganized IDPs**

117 Professor Wallach presented the following resolution:
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119 **RESOLUTION ON NEW COLLEGE CENTERS AND REORGANIZED IDPs**
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121 "Whereas the Office of the Provost has indicated an intention to establish a Jewish Studies Center;
122 has advertised publicly for a Distinguished Lecturer to lead it who teaches and deals with curricular
123 development; and has selected a committee of faculty to administer the search;

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125 "Whereas the Office of the Provost has indicated an intention to establish an Asian American
126 Studies Center; has advertised publicly for a Distinguished Lecturer to direct the Center who deals
127 with curricular development, and has not rehired the current Director;

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129 "Whereas Rules 1.09, 2.1, and 3.1 of the Manual of General Policy for the Board of Trustees
130 require that actions to establish centers and institutes not duplicate traditional academic functions
131 and "are not to viewed as alternate routes to faculty appointment;"

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133 "Whereas the Governance of Hunter College stipulates that the Senate shall have full legislative
134 powers when it comes to curriculum and related educational matters,"

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136 "Whereas the senior administration (President, Acting Provost) of Hunter College has neither asked
137 for nor received approval from the Hunter College Senate to establish new institutes or centers or to
138 reorganize IDPs at Hunter College,"

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140 "Therefore, be it resolved that,"

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142 "The Hunter College senior administration cease, without prejudice, any practical actions taken so
143 far to establish the aforementioned centers or extend its aegis over interdisciplinary programs
144 (IDPs) until and unless the actions are discussed and approved by the Hunter College Senate and its
145 relevant committees."

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147 The question was called and carried.

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149 There was a motion to approve the resolution.

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151 Voting by clicker produced the following results: 45 in favor, 13 against, and 7 abstentions.

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New Business: Acting Vice President Pignatello announced changes that were going to be made to the Faculty-Staff Dining Hall to upgrade the experience that will begin after Spring Break. He encourages all faculty and staff to go please go and try out the different daily hot and salad buffet options. The President would like to promote this and is subsidizing the cost for anyone who tries out the new options for two weeks after the spring recess. I would like to thank the faculty for their input while we look to improve the services.

Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 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 (A)		Verna Segarra	A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Pat Burke	(A) E
	Mike Steiper	(A) X		Rob Thompson	(A) X
Art & Art History	Marc Edelman	(A) X	Chad Euler	A	
	Susanna Cole	A	Robert Raffaniello	(A) X	
	Susan Crile	X	Dean Johnston	(A) X	
Biological Sciences	Lynda Klich	(A) E	Music	Jewel Thompson	A
	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X	School of Nursing	Michele Cabrini	(A) X
	Derrick Brazill	X		Christine Ganzer	E
	Shirley Raps	A		Abigail Kotowski	E
Paul Feinstein	(A) X	Lynda Olender		(A) E	
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Omar Dabbour	A
	Akira Kawamura	A	Laura Keating	(A) A	
Classical & Oriental Studies	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) A	Physics & Astronomy	Christa Acampora	(A) A
	Nancy Grennbaum	(A) X	Political Science	Ying Chen	(A) X
	Joanne Spurza	X		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
David Petrain	(A) A	Jill Schwedler		A	
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) A	Psychology	John Wallach	(A) A
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Curriculum & Teaching	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) A (A)	Physical Therapy	Rebecca Huselid	(A) X
	Jody Polleck	X	Herb Karpatkin	X	
	Jason Wirtz	A		(A)	
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X	Romance Languages	Milo Lipovac	(A) X
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X	Julie Van Peteghem	X	
	David Capps	A	Rolando Perez	(A) X	
Economics	Kathleen Isaac	(A) X	Monica Schinaider	(A) A	
	Avi Liveson	X	Terry Mizrahi	E	
	Tim Goodspeed	X	Michael Lewis	X	
	John Li	(A) X (A)	School of Social Work	Samuel Aymer	(A) X (A)
Educational Foundations & Cou	Veronica Muller	A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) E (A)	Special Education	Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
English	Leigh Jones	A	Elizabeth Klein	A	
	Sarah Chinn	A	Jennifer Klein	E	
	Steven Wetta	(A) X	Elissa Brown	(A) A	
Film & Media Studies	Janet Neary	(A) A	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Donald Vogel	(A) E
	Larry Shore	X	M ichelle MacRoy-Higgins	A	
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A	Carol Silverman	(A) X	
Geography	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X	Theatre	Jonathan Kalb	A
	Haydee Salmun	A	Mia Rovegno	X	
German	Jochen Albrecht	(A) X (A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Claudia Orenstein	(A) X
	Elke Nicolai	A	Jill Gross	(A) X	
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A (A)	Stanley Moses	X	
History	Rick Belsky	A	Victoria Johnson	(A) X	
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabes	(A) A
	Eduardo Contreras	A	Steven Trasino	X	
Library	Mee' Len Hom	A	Women & Gender Studies	Khurshed Navder	(A) A
	Sarah Ward	A	Jennifer Gaboury	A	
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A	Catherine Raissiguiet	(A) A	
	Danise Hoover	(A) A		(A)	

Students

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Stephanie Barragan	A
Matthew LoCastro	A
Sandra-May Flowers	X
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	X
Kendra Cornelis	A
Noam Sohn	A
Alfie Corteza	E
Lucien Formichella	A
Shannon O'Rouke	X
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	A
Nicole Parker	X
Hieu Dang	X
Meghann Williams	A
Cara Fitzgerald	A
Meliane Lozier	X
Bran May	X
Sarah Lamsifer	A
Sarah Mathew	X
Jawwaad Alam	X
Edward Friedman	A
Soumya Misra	X
Stephon Odom	A
Omar Albert	A
Jennifer Ulloa	X
Jacqueline Rozado	X
Rani Allan	E

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Brian Maasjo	A
	Shannon Silenas	(A) X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	E
Geography	Dana Reimer	X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Shawna Leigh	E
Medicial Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher	A
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Laxmi Ramasubramanian	X
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	A
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Marilyn Daley-Weston	E
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayraainen	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	E

Appendix II
Charter Amendments-First Reading-Second Set
5 April 2017

Article/ Section	Current	Proposed	Rationale
AMENDMENT TO THE EVENING COUNCIL			
V.3	The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Senate, together with the Chair of the Evening Council (Article VIII. Section 16) shall constitute the Administrative Committee of the Senate. The Chair of the Senate shall be the Chair of this Committee which will: [remainder of section unchanged]	The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Senate, together with the Chair of the Evening Council <u>Non-weekday Study Committee</u> (Article VIII. Section 16) shall constitute the Administrative Committee of the Senate. The Chair of the Senate shall be the Chair of this Committee which will: [remainder of section unchanged]	
VIII.16	<p>The Senate shall establish an Evening Council, consisting of one faculty member from each of the divisions (as defined in Article IV. 1. B. ii) and two faculty members from the divisions serving at-large who teach a course(s) in the evening; one faculty member 7 from the Library; 2 students and 2 student alternates who take a course(s) in the evening; and a Chair elected by the Senate. In addition the Director of Evening Student Services, the Registrar, the Director of Admissions, the Director of Financial Aid, and the Evening Affairs Commissioner of the Undergraduate Student Government, shall serve ex-officio without vote.</p> <p>The Evening Council shall have the following responsibilities:</p> <p>A. To develop and recommend to the President of Hunter College required improvements in the supporting services (library, business office, registrar, etc.) during the evening hours.</p>	<p>The Senate shall establish an Evening Council <u>a Committee on Non-weekday Study</u>, consisting of one faculty member from each of the divisions (as defined in Article IV. 1. B.) <u>and one each from the Schools of Social Work, Nursing, and Health Professions, all of these faculty committee members being chosen, to the extent possible, from among faculty who teach or have recently taught courses that meet in the evenings, on weekends, or in Summer or Winter session;</u> one faculty member from the Library; two students and two student alternates, undergraduate or graduate, who take course(s) in the evening, <u>on weekends, or in Summer or Winter;</u> and a Chair elected by the Senate (see below). In addition the <u>Dean of Students (or designee)</u>, the Registrar, the Director of Admissions, the Director of Financial Aid, <u>the president of the Graduate Students' Association,</u> and the Evening Affairs Commissioner of the Undergraduate Student Government, shall serve ex-officio without vote.</p> <p><u>The chair of the Committee, to be nominated by the Nominating Committee, shall be a full-time faculty member who is either a member of the faculty of one of the professional schools or who teaches graduate courses on a regular basis.</u></p> <p>The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:</p>	

	<p>B. To provide the Administrative Committee of the College Senate with agenda items of concern to the Evening Council that are not the responsibility of other Senate committees.</p> <p>C. To identify, review, and give focus to matters of interest to the evening students and faculty, with the right to express itself as an advisory body on these matters and to transmit its recommendations to the cognizant authorities.</p>	<p>A. To develop and recommend to the President of Hunter College required improvements in the supporting services (including but not limited to library, business office, registrar, advising, and food services) <u>to meet the needs of faculty, graduate students, undergraduate, and non-degree students attending in the evening and weekend hours of the Fall and Spring semesters and the evening and daytime hours of winter and summer sessions.</u></p> <p>B. To provide the Administrative Committee of the College Senate with agenda items of concern to the <u>community</u> that are not the responsibility of other Senate committees.</p> <p>C. To identify, review, and give focus to matters of interest to the faculty, graduate students, undergraduate, and non-degree students attending in the <u>evening and/or winter or summer sessions, with the right to express itself as an advisory body on these matters and to transmit its recommendations to the Senate.</u></p>	
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