

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
6 May 2015

- 1 The 573th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:46 PM in Room W714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Christa Davis Acampora, 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
8 Senate, and clickers were distributed to them.
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- 11 **Report by the President:** **Report by the President:**
12 President Raab gave a PowerPoint presentation on Student Success and Engagement. The
13 Administrative Committee has requested a copy of the presentation.
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- 16 **Report by the Administrative Committee:** The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:
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18 **a) Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
19 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter*
20 *College*, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees received, if
21 any.
22 Faculty: Brian Pavilonis (School of Urban Public Health)
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24 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
25 The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
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- 28 **b) Approved Curriculum Changes**
29 The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 6 May 2015 have been
30 approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Items:
31 US-2006 Anthropology (Changes in Courses), US-2008 Classical & Oriental Studies/Russian
32 Division (Changes in Courses), US-1993 Film & Media (Changes in Courses), US-2010
33 Political Science (Changes in Courses), US-2011 Psychology (Change in Existing Degree)
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- 36 **c) Resolution Recommending Modified Procedure for Provost Search**
37 Professor Christa Acampora, Senate Chair, presented the resolution. Below is what she said:
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39 "I will read the resolution into the record, I will explain to you why I am bringing this here, I
40 will share the deliberations of the Administrative Committee, and then we will have a
41 discussion about it."
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- 43 **Resolution of the Administrative Committee Recommending a Modified Search**
44 **Procedure for the Office of Provost**
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46 Approved by the Administrative Committee April 28, 2015
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55 **WHEREAS**, unexpectedly, Hunter College will have a vacancy in the Office of Provost
56 commencing July 1, 2015; and

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58 **Whereas**, a potential candidate for the position was produced through a national search for
59 Dean of Arts & Sciences in accordance with Hunter College Senate procedures; and

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61 **Whereas**, this same individual was a finalist in national searches for CUNY University
62 Provost and Provost of Queens College; and

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64 **Whereas**, the Senate search committee was reconvened once Hunter's Provost vacancy was
65 announced, and, when polled for its assessment of the suitability of the candidate for Hunter's
66 Provost position, the committee endorsed the candidate; and

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68 **Whereas**, all deans outside of the School of Arts & Sciences had the opportunity to meet the
69 candidate during his campus visit, and when polled after the announcement of the vacancy,
70 the deans supported the candidate; and

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72 **Whereas**, all chairs, including those outside of the School of Arts & Sciences, reviewed the
73 candidate's credentials, discussed his candidacy, and met him at a meeting of FP&B;

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75 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** The Senate Administrative Committee recommends the
76 process described above as a one-time modified procedure for identifying a candidate for the
77 position of Provost. This recommendation is limited to the particular case. The Administrative
78 Committee believes this action is in the best interest of the college.

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80 "I bring this to the body on behalf of the Administrative Committee, because the
81 Administrative Committee has the responsibility—when it acts as your elected committee
82 outside of business that occurs on the floor of the Senate and in ways that would be of interest
83 to the body—to inform you of our actions. And the Administrative Committee felt it was
84 important to state its opinion about this matter.

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86 This remains, presented to *you*, a statement of opinion of the Administrative Committee. It is
87 not a substitute for a statement of the opinion of the body, so that that's clear.

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89 As your elected chair I am the guardian of the procedures of the Senate. I have lived and
90 breathed that for nearly three years, every single minute of my exercise in the office. I take the
91 Senate's procedures very seriously, I take my responsibility in protecting them and enforcing
92 them very, very seriously, as do my colleagues on the Administrative Committee. In taking up
93 this question of whether or not some alternative procedure was warranted, the Committee
94 considered several things. We first asked, What do our procedures require? What does the
95 process produce? And, finally, what is in the best interest of the college? Because our
96 responsibility is not simply to doggedly and blindly defend the procedures: the procedures
97 always have to be weighed against what is in the best interest of the college.

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99 With respect to what our procedures require, our procedures require that the Senate elect a
100 panel of our colleagues, and based on the position being filled, the composition of the
101 committee will be different. As an example, for the search for the Dean of Arts and Sciences,
102 the faculty panel needs to come from the School of Arts and Sciences and from different
103 departments and divisions within the school. And, the Chair of the Committee has to be a
104 member of the community outside of the School of Arts and Sciences. Each position has a
105 slightly different tweaking of that panel. What our procedures require is that the Senate elects
106 that panel and then the President selects, from the elected panel, who will serve on the Search
107 Committee.

114 *What do our procedures produce?* Our procedures produce that panel and then in the exercise
115 of the responsibilities of the Search Committee, they identify acceptable candidates for the
116 position they are searching for. And make a recommendation to the President as to whom the
117 acceptable candidates are. They are *not* selecting the person who will be hired. That's the
118 responsibility of the President. They are recommending persons they deem fit for the position.
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120 In considering whether the Senate should waive its procedures, the Administrative Committee
121 decided that it should *not*. The Administrative Committee could not recommend a waiver of
122 its procedures. The question was then, did we have in front of us acceptable alternative
123 procedures that produced an acceptable candidate for the position. And we concluded that we
124 did. We concluded that a senate-seated search committee reviewed this candidate's
125 credentials and made their recommendations for a search that subsequently concluded—
126 simultaneously with the one we are discussing—and when posed with the question about
127 Provost recommended him, and that were was another vetting of this candidate, another
128 process, a regular process, that recommended this candidate for University Provost, and
129 another regular process that identified this same candidate as an acceptable candidate for a
130 provost position at another institution within our system. So the Administrative Committee
131 felt the community had access to procedures that would recommend this person.
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133 Before opening the floor for discussion, and I know that there is interest in discussing this
134 matter, I also want to clarify the question of the matter before us that we're contemplating.
135 The president has the authority to go to CUNY on her own and ask for a search waiver, and
136 there are all kinds of occasions when one might need to be requested, and CUNY can say
137 'yes' or 'no' to that. That's the level of the conversation. It is not the case that this body
138 makes that request. It's not the Administrative Committee, or FP&B, or anyone else, really.
139 So, we can express our opinions about these matters, but we don't ultimately make the request
140 ourselves.
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142 Since I know that there is interest in discussing these matters, and that is why I brought them
143 to the body, in conferring with our parliamentarian, I would like to suggest the rules guide our
144 debate will be in keeping with *Robert's Rules of Order*, so we'll ask persons who wish to
145 speak to no more than two minutes and to give the body the benefit of the full range of
146 opinion that people wish to express, I ask that you wait until everyone has had an opportunity
147 to make a comment or ask a question before you make a second statement, and I ask that we
148 alternate, that you self-monitor, in terms of expressing opinions or making arguments *for* or
149 *against* accepting the Administrative Committee's recommendation.
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151 There was question as to what was the matter before the body.
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153 The Chair responded: The Administrative Committee has recommended that this serve as an
154 alternative procedure for recommending a candidate for the position of Provost. We are a
155 committee of the Senate, and like other committees of the Senate, we report to the body. Our
156 report normally does not include motions for you to act on—although as you will see next
157 week, that can sometimes occur—we provide informational reports to the Senate.
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159 In this case, the body can accept our resolution as its own, or not, or the body can allow us to
160 express our opinion—thank you very much, we don't wish to share it with you. That's an
161 option as well. The President can go to CUNY and seek a waiver if she wants to, regardless of
162 what we say. It is the case that *A Charter for the Governance of Hunter College* states, and
163 our esteemed colleague, Chair of the Committee on Charter Review will back me up with
164 Article and Section, that for certain administrative positions there shall be certain search
165 procedures. And that's why the Administrative Committee did not say we'll just waive that.
166 That's why the recommendation is of a special kind, why we're recommending that a
167 modified procedure be accepted.
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173 A series of additional questions were asked to Chair Christa Acampora about the reasoning
174 for the resolution, and after a lengthy discussion, including multiple arguments against the
175 Senate accepting the recommendation, the chair called for a motion to bring the matter to a
176 rest so that the body could proceed with its own business.

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178 It was moved to conclude discussion of the Administrative Committee’s recommendation
179 on a Modified Search Procedure for the Office of Provost.

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181 The motion to conclude discussion carried by voice vote with one dissent.

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183 There was a point of order question about where the matter rests with the body: in concluding
184 discussion, has it recommended, or not, the Administrative Committee’s action?

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186 The Chair clarified that in voting to conclude discussion, the body has *not* accepted the
187 recommendation of the Administrative Committee and that to affirmatively accept or reject
188 the Administrative Committee’s recommendation, the body would have to have its own
189 motion to do so. The body just resolved to close the discussion, so if it wishes to make a
190 motion of this sort it may do so at any time in the future as old business. The matter now
191 belongs to the body—it’s your business—and it is up to you to dispose of it as you see fit,
192 including ignoring the recommendation of the Administrative Committee, that’s your
193 prerogative.
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196 **Committee**
197 **Report:**

Report by Committee on Charter Review

198 Professor John Wallach, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 6 May 2015 for the
199 Second Reading of Batch 1 Proposed Amendments to the Charter for a Governance of Hunter
200 College. The report is attached as Appendix II. (Items in bold are amendments for the Second
201 Reading).

202 The Chair of the Committee summarized the Committee’s recommended amendments in four
203 parts. He then presented a resolution of the Committee, not for inclusion in the proposed
204 amendments because it couldn’t be voted upon this year, concerning the professional standing of a
205 candidate for Chair of the Senate. We wanted to make our sentiments clear that, inline with the
206 bylaws of a number of departments, which require a chair of the department to be a tenured
207 member of the faculty, we thought that we ought to make this a requirement for becoming Chair of
208 the Senate. It would function as an amendment to Article V, section 1.

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210 The Chair pointed out that there is a mistake in the distributed report: Where it say at VIII.A.1,
211 there is a mistake where it says, “candidates for Senate Officers and”—those are words that should
212 not appear.
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214 The Chair of the Senate clarified the nature of the Second Reading: namely, voting on whether or
215 not to amend the items introduced as part of the First Reading. Voting today does not amend the
216 Charter; it only potentially amends the proposals that will be part of the Third Reading on May 20,
217 2015.
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219 Discussion focused on proposed amendments to VIII.A.1 with respect to an expanded role of the
220 Nominating Committee and its relation to the Administrative Committee and the Chair of the
221 Senate. Some suggestions for revision were offered and discussed, but no motions were advanced.
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223 The Chair of the Senate observed that remaining time for the meeting was short and called for a
224 motion on amendments appearing prior to the one that had been the subject of discussion.
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226 The motion on the floor was to amend the proposed amendment to Article IV.1.B.i, as follows:
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232 **Article IV, Section 1.B (i)**

233 The word "department" shall mean any unit of the college ~~which~~ **that** elects members to its
234 Personnel & Budget Committee, and shall include as well the School of Nursing, ~~School of~~
235 ~~Health Sciences Professions~~, School of Urban Public Health, School of Social Work and the
236 Library. In addition, for the purposes of Article IV, Student Services shall be included as a
237 department.

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239 After discussion the question was called and carried.

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241 Voting by voice vote carried without dissent.

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244 The following amendments to Batch 1, Articles IV.1.B.i, were on the floor:

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246 **Article IV, Section 1.B (ii)**

247 The word "division" shall mean any unit of the college ~~which~~ **that** has a P & B Committee
248 consisting of representatives of more than one department but fewer than all the departments.
249 They include Humanities and the Arts, Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences
250 (which form the School of Arts and Sciences), School of Education, ~~School of~~ **Together, the**
251 **Schools of Nursing, Health Sciences Professions, and Urban Public Health comprise a**
252 **division.**

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254 After discussion the question was called and carried.

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256 Voting by voice vote carried without dissent.

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258 It was observed that the proposed amendment to Article IV.2.c from the First Reading had no
259 proposed changes from the Charter Review Committee. Hearing no further proposed amendments,
260 the item as affirmed as ready for the Third Reading.

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262 The following amendments to Batch 1, Articles IV.1.B.i, were on the floor:

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264 **Article VIII, Section 3.D**

265 There shall also be Committees on Curriculum in the School of Arts and Sciences, the
266 Division of the Schools of Health Professions

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268 After discussion the question was called and carried.

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270 Voting by voice vote carried without dissent.

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

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276 Respectfully submitted,

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281 Manu Bhagavan
282 Secretary
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APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

(A)=Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excuse

| Faculty | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|--|-----------------------|-------|
| AFPRL | Anthony Browne | X | Mathematics & Statistics | Sandra Clarkson | A |
| | Denis Milagros | (A) A | | Verna Segarra | A |
| | Edgardo Melendez | (A) X | | Rob Thompson | (A) A |
| Anthropology | Jacqueline Nassy Brown | X | | Patrick Burke | (A) A |
| | Ignasi Clemente | (A) X | Medial Laboratory Sciences | Shahana Mahajan | A |
| | | (A) | | Robert Raffaniello | (A) X |
| Art & Art History | Malik Gaines | X | | Dean Johnston | (A) X |
| | Wen-Shing Chou | A | Music | Jewel Thompson | A |
| | Carrie Moyer | (A) A | | Maura Donahue | (A) X |
| | Nebahat Avcioglu | (A) X | | Catherine Coppola | (A) X |
| Biological Sciences | Derrick Brazill | A | School of Nursing | David Keepnews | A |
| | Shirley Raps | X | | Christine Anne Ganzer | A |
| | Paul Feinstein | (A) X | | Lorraine Brynes | (A) X |
| | Maria Pereira | (A) X | | Anita Nirenberg | (A) A |
| Chemistry | Akira Kawamura | A | Philosophy | Justin Gerson | X |
| | | (A) | | Omar Dahbour | (A) A |
| | Gabriela Smeureanu | (A) A | | Laura Keating | (A) A |
| Classical & Oriental Studies | Joanne Spurza | X | Physics & Astronomy | Marilyn Rothschild | A |
| | Chris Stone | (A) A | | Kelle Cruz | (A) A |
| | Larry Kowerski | (A) A | | Ying-chih Chen | (A) X |
| Computer Science | Lei Xie | X | Political Science | Leonard Feldman | A |
| | Saad Mneimneh | (A) X | | John Wallach | (A) A |
| | Feliza Vasquez-Abad | (A) X | | Charles Tien | (A) X |
| Curriculum & Teaching | Nadine A. Bryce | A | Psychology | Joseph Lao | A |
| | Jason Wirtz | X | | Roseanne Flores | A |
| | Stephen Demeo | (A) X | | Brooke Wells | (A) X |
| | Ben Shuldiner | (A) X | | Jason Young | (A) X |
| Economics | Timothy Goodspeed | | Physical Therapy | Herb Karpatkin | A |
| | | | | Tom Holland | (A) X |
| | Avi Liveson | (A) X | | | (A) |
| | John Li | (A) X | Romance Languages | Monica Schinaider | A |
| Educational Foundations | Stephaney Morrison | X | | | |
| | Veronica Muller | (A) A | | Rolando Perez | (A) X |
| | John Keegan | (A) X | | | (A) |
| English | Leigh Jones | X | School of Social Work | Juan Pena | X |
| | Sarah Chinn | A | | Mary Cavanaugh | X |
| | Jeff Allred | (A) A | | | (A) |
| | Stephen Wetta | (A) A | | Ilze Earner | (A) X |
| Film & Media Studies | Bill Herman | X | Sociology | Mark Halling | A |
| | Ricardo Miranda | A | | | (A) |
| | Joseph McElhaney | (A) A | | Mike Benediktsson | (A) X |
| | Larry Shore | (A) A | Special Education | Nilofer Naqvi | X |
| Geography | Haydee Salmun | A | | Elissa Brown | (A) X |
| | Jochen Albrecht | (A) X | | | (A) |
| | | (A) | 0 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo, | Susan Wortsman | A |
| German | Lisa Marie Anderson | X | | Don Vogel | (A) X |
| | Eckhard Kuhn-Osius | (A) X | | Elizabeth Galletta | (A) E |
| | Elke Nicolai | (A) A | Theatre | Dong Shin Chang | 0 A |
| History | Daniel Margocsy | A | | Mia Rovegno | (A) X |
| | Manu Bhagavan | (A) A | | Deepsikha Chatterjee | (A) X |
| | Rick Belsky | A | Urban Affairs | Jill Simone Gross | A |
| Library | Mee'Len Hom | A | | Stanley Moses | (A) X |
| | Sarah Ward | A | | | (A) |
| | John Pell | (A) A | School of Urban Public Health | Franklin Mirer | X |
| | Danise Hoover | (A) A | | | (A) A |
| | | | Women & Gender Studies | Jennifer Gaboury | A |
| | | | | Rupal Oza | X |
| | | | | Catherine Raissiguier | (A) A |

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Students

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| Denise Bolognino | X |
| Maria Pia Sifuentes | A |
| Robert Revzin | X |
| David Ascienzo | X |
| Stephanie Barragan | X |
| Abdul Rad | A |
| Albiona Aga | X |
| Kidus Gebrekidan | X |
| Christine Hirt | A |
| Jonathan Ayala | X |
| Ariela Hazan | X |
| Emily Skoutelas | X |
| Jasmine Parham | X |
| Michelle Zak-Strzalka | X |
| Jason Sloan | A |
| Sajda Waite | X |
| James Stanton | X |
| Eamon Pickard | X |
| Victoria Hughes | X |
| Shawn Rafeey | A |
| Jonah Garnick | X |
| Benedict Joson | X |
| Nishat Tabassum | X |
| Asad Mannan | A |
| Roman Povolotskiy | X |
| Brandon Alexander | X |
| Pascal Maguin | X |
| Christopher Lai | X |
| Abraham Gutman | X |
| Tamzeed Rahman | A |
| Javier Picayo | X |
| Ashley Wong | X |
| Maria Rodriguez | X |
| Joseph Lipari | X |
| Maria Rodriguez | X |
| Sheana Budhoo | X |
| Anastasiya Matreyenko | X |
| Stephany Garces | X |
| Christian Ribeiro | X |
| Genesis Smith | X |
| David Zysk | X |
| Omar Mason | X |
| Jonathan Wong | X |
| Stephen Icaza | A |

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

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| Student Services | Shannon Salinas | X |
| | Brian Maasjo | (A) A |
| Mathematics & Statistics | Bill Williams | X |
| Sociology | Thomas DeGloma | A |
| Library | Jocelyn Berger-Barrera | X |
| English | Amy Robbins | X |
| THHP | Sarah Jeninsky | A |
| Mathematics & Statistics | Barbara Barone | A |
| Classical & Oriental Studies | Elizabeth Beaujour | X |
| Film & Film | Gustavo Mercado | A |
| Music | Catherine Coppola | X |
| Philosophy | Christa Acampora | A |
| SEEK | Sunday Coward | X |
| Ex-Officio | | |
| President, USG | Steven Wendel | X |
| Vice President, Graduate Student Association | Luis Gutierrez | X |
| President Alumni Association | Patricia Rudden | X |
| President, HEO Forum | Agustin Pita | A |
| President, CLT Council | Amy Jeu | X |

ADMINISTRATION

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| Senators: | | |
| Vice President for Student Affairs | Eija Ayravainen | X |
| Vice President for Administration | Giancarlo Bonagura | X |
| Provost | Vita Rabinowitz | A |
| Dean, School of Arts & Sciences | Andrew Polsky | A |
| Alternate Senators (3): | | |
| School of Education | Dean David Steiner | X |
| School of Social Work | Dean Jacqueline Mondros | X |
| School of Nursing | Dean Gail McCain | A |

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

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| Department/Program: | | |
| Asian American Studies Program | Jennifer Hayashida | X |
| Program in Religion | David Cerequas | X |
| Religion | Barbara Sproul | X |

APPENDIX I

Proposed Amendments to Charter Revisions, Batch 1, Second Reading

| Article | Proposed | Amendments | Rationale |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| College Organization | | | |
| IV.1.B.i | The word "department" shall mean any unit of the college which that elects members to its Personnel & Budget Committee, and shall include as well the School of Nursing, School of Health Sciences Professions , <u>School of Urban Public Health</u> , School of Social Work and the Library. In addition, for the purposes of Article IV, Student Services shall be included as a department. | The word "department" shall mean any unit of the college which that elects members to its Personnel & Budget Committee, and shall include as well the School of Nursing, School of Health Sciences Professions , <u>School of Urban Public Health</u> , School of Social Work and the Library. In addition, for the purposes of Article IV, Student Services shall be included as a department. | The School of Health Professions has departments. They meet with School of Nursing and School of Urban Public Health to form a division for review of curriculum and P&B matters. |
| IV.1.B.ii | The word "division" shall mean any unit of the college which has a P & B Committee consisting of representatives of more than one department but fewer than all the departments. They include Humanities and the Arts, Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences (which form the School of Arts and Sciences), School of Education, Schools of Health Sciences Professions . | The word "division" shall mean any unit of the college which that has a P & B Committee consisting of representatives of more than one department but fewer than all the departments. They include Humanities and the Arts, Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences (which form the School of Arts and Sciences), School of Education, School of <u>Together the Schools of Nursing, Health Sciences Professions, and Urban Public Health comprise a division.</u> | See above. |
| IV.2.C | [...] other than students in the SEEK Department Program | | |
| VIII.3.D | There shall also be Committees on Curriculum in the School of Arts and Sciences, the Division of the Schools of Health Professions | There shall also be Committees on Curriculum in the School of Arts and Sciences, the Division of the School of Health Professions | The amendment was discussed at the 11 March 2015 Senate. Schools of Health Professions” is the old structure that was later replaced by the School of Health Professions. The change simply removes the “s” from School. |

| Officers of the Senate | | | |
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| V.1 | At each of its first annual meetings following the new elections, the Senate shall elect from among its voting members a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and such other officers as it deems necessary. Their term of office shall be one year, and the Chair and Vice-Chair shall not serve in their respective offices for more than three <u>four</u> consecutive terms. | At each of its first annual meetings following the new elections, the Senate shall elect from among its voting members a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Nominating Chair , and such other officers as it deems necessary. Their term of office shall be one year, and the Chair and Vice-Chair shall not serve in their respective offices for more than three <u>four</u> consecutive terms. | |
| V.3 | The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Senate, together with the Chair of the Evening Council (Article VIII, Section 16) <u>any other officers the Senate deems necessary</u> , shall constitute the Administrative Committee of the Senate. The Chair of the Senate shall be the Chair of this Committee, which will: | The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Senate, and Nominating Chair together with the Chair of the Evening Council (Article VIII, Section 16) <u>any other officers the Senate deems necessary</u> , shall constitute the Administrative Committee of the Senate. The Chair of the Senate shall be the Chair of this Committee, which will: | Previously, the Evening Council Chair was separately elected by <i>another body</i> , and that person held a seat on the Administrative Committee. In modern times, the Senate has retained this title and elected someone to hold the title and a seat on the AC even though the group no longer exists. |
| Article | Proposed | Amendment | Rationale |
| Senate Terms | | | |
| VI.1 | The regular term of office for representatives shall be 2 years, extending from <u>mid</u> May 15 of the first year to <u>May</u> 14 <u>just prior to the first meeting of the new Senate the following year</u> . From the members, elected in the initial election, however, one-half shall be selected by lot in each category to serve a single year only. Hence, in the future, one-half of the Senate seats will be filled by the annual elections. Unexpired terms shall be filled at the next scheduled elections. | The regular term of office for representatives shall be 2 years, extending from <u>mid</u> May 15 of the first year to <u>May</u> 14 <u>just prior to the first meeting of the new Senate the following year, in keeping with the calendar approved by the Senate</u> . From the members, elected in the initial election, however, one-half shall be selected by lot in each category to serve a single year only. Hence, in the future, one-half of the Senate seats will be filled by the annual elections. Unexpired terms shall be filled at the next scheduled elections. | The amendment clarifies the term of service by linking it with the calendar approved by the Senate. |
| XIII.2.d | A Third Reading will be the first order of business after the election of Senate Officers at the first meeting of the Senate after the 14th of May (Article VI. Section 1). Approval by written ballot by 3/4 of all those present shall constitute adoption, which shall be certified by the Chairperson to the President. | A Third Reading will be the first order of business after the election of Senate Officers at the first meeting of the <u>new</u> Senate after the 14th of May (Article VI. Section 1). Approval by written ballot by 3/4 of all those present shall constitute adoption, which shall be certified by the Chairperson to the President. | Reflects proposed changes to VI.1 |

New Articles and Other Substantive Changes

VIII.1.e
Proposed new amendment to be replaced with the following substitutions

~~**Committee on Committees**~~

~~I. There shall be a Committee on Committees, whose tasks are: (i) to sustain the energetic work of Senate Committees; (ii) to recommend changes in the number and nature of Senate Committees, consonant with the Senate's changing needs; (iii) to ensure the regular reporting of the work of Senate committees to the Senate, and (iv) to recommend changes in the operation and procedures of Senate committees for the sake of the committees and the Senate as a whole. This Committee is to consult with relevant, extant committees whenever feasible.~~

~~II. The work of the Committee on Committees is not understood to interfere with the work of Senate committees as currently articulated in the Charter.~~

~~III. Membership in this Committee shall include faculty, staff, and students from various Schools in the college, not amounting to more than nine persons including the Chair. The Administrative Committee of the Senate shall indicate the representative character of CC membership.~~

If at least 40% of a Standing Committee objects to a majority report of the committee to the Senate, a representative of the minority may make a minority report to the Senate.

A 3/4 majority of those present and voting in the Senate, having heard both reports, may amend the majority report.

Rationale:

- In line with the aim of the Committee on Charter Review (CCR) to make the Senate a more effective governing body, CCR seeks to assure the complementarity of the work of the Senate's committees and the body as a whole.
- In accord with this aim, we seek to have the work of the committees fully acceptable to the Senate while preserving as much as possible the autonomy of the committees.
- The proposed amendment offers a route for integrating the work of the Senate and its committees besides that of sending a committee report back for further review.
- By providing the opportunity of a Minority Report presented at the Senate, but one that must reach the threshold of 40% within the committee, this amendment assures that significant minorities will have their voices heard in the Senate.
- At the same time, by making the threshold for a Minority Report high, and only accepting amendments to a Majority Report via a supermajority of 75%, this amendment encourages committees to work out their differences in committee.

ADD to VIII.A.1: The responsibilities of the Nominating Committee shall include (i) recommending candidate for Senate officers and membership on standing and select Senate committees; (ii) maintaining the appropriate membership in the Senate committees, which may include accounting for how the operation and procedures of Senate committees meet the charge of the committees and the Senate as a whole.

AMEND OR ADD to Article VIII.14:

A. The Senate shall establish...

...2 students; one member of the Administration... [change from 3 students to 2 students; no student alternates]

B. The Committee shall be empowered... provisions of Article XIII, Section 2. [no change]

C. The Committee's responsibilities also shall include (i) overseeing and sustaining the work of the Senate Committees, in consultation with the Senate committee members and Chairs; (ii) recommending changes in the number and nature of Senate Committees, consonant with Senate's needs, and; (iii) ensuring the regular reporting of the work of the Senate committees to the Senate.