

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

19 September 2007

- 1 The 481st meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 PM in Room W714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Richard Stapleford, 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 **Minutes:** The Minutes of May 16th were approved as distributed.
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- 12 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
13 **Administrative**
14 **Committee:** Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate
15 In accordance with Article IV.2.H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College* the
16 Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date for the at-large seats:
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- 18 **Students:**
19 Jean-Kenson Dorlouis (Biochemistry)
20 Ingrid Deborah Francois
21 Tamon S. Charles (Biochemistry)
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- 23 **Faculty:**
24 Prof. Christa Acampora (Philosophy)
25 Prof. Stuart Ewen (Film & Media Studies)
26 Prof. Jeffrey Mongrain (Art)
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- 28 It was moved that the entire slate be accepted. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
29 Clickers were distributed to the newly elected senators.
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- 31 **Election of Ombudsman**
32 The Chair informed the Senate that the current Acting Ombudsman, Professor William Mayer
33 (Classical & Oriental Studies), had declared his candidacy.
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- 35 The floor was open for further nominations, but none were made.
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- 37 **Election of Committee Chairs**
38 The Chair informed the Senate that the election of Chair of the Budget Committee was postponed until
39 the next meeting.
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- 41 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Master Plan Committee.
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- 43 Professor Barbara Sproul (Religion) was nominated.
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- 45 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.
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- 47 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate. The
48 motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

53 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Nominating Committee.

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55 Professor Marilyn Rothschild (Physics & Astronomy) was nominated.

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57 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.

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59 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate. The
60 motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

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62 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Charter Review Committee.

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64 Professor Pamela Mills (Chemistry) was nominated.

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66 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried.

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68 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate. The
69 motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

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71 **Report by the**
72 **President:**

73 The following is a summary presentation of President Raab's report to the Senate. She said:

74 "Welcome to the new semester. It is great to see everyone, and I just have a few announcements
75 before the Presentation of the 2006-07 Performance Goals.

76 I hope many of you noticed the good news that Hunter has moved up significantly in the *US News*
77 *and World Report* rankings. We are very proud of now being ranked twelfth among the public
78 universities in the "Best Universities-Master's" category. Overall, among 574 public and private
79 institutions in this category, we are now in the first tier with the rank of 51, which is up from 62nd
80 place in the past two years. These are really significant movements. One of the most telling
81 indicators for me is our Hunter peer assessment, our reputation among our competitors. It is the
82 highest among CUNY's senior colleges for the third straight year. So, there is a lot to be proud of
83 and I thank all of you for getting us to this very prestigious ranking.

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85 I also want to remind everyone that this is now the time to think about requests for Compact
86 Funding. We have received from the University, which received it from the State Legislature and
87 the Governor, \$4.5M in new revenue that we will be able to spend on academic initiatives, student
88 services, facilities, etc. We are hoping to come back this semester to talk about how the money
89 was invested last year and some of those priorities. But now is the time for all of you to be
90 speaking within your departments, to your Chairs and to your Deans about the priorities so that
91 we can have them processed to get a sense of what is most important. We ask the students to start
92 working with the Student Government because the Vice President and I will be meeting with you
93 soon to start talking about your priorities for this year. In addition to the \$4.5M of new State
94 money we had to contribute \$365,000 of privately raised money. We will report on the details of
95 the Compact budget.

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97 I also want to announce that we are about to send out a memo about a laptop program for tenured
98 faculty. We are going to be providing a very substantial subsidy for the personal purchase of
99 laptops for tenured faculty. These will be yours. You can take them home. You can put whatever
100 you want on them, and there will be different ways in which we can help you service some of
101 them. We will start out this year with the hope for even distribution between departments and
102 divisions in the School of Arts & Sciences and the three professional schools. We want to spread
103 the computers between the four schools and among the various departments within the schools. If
104 this is a successful program, we hope to repeat it next year. We are hoping I to do about fifty
105 laptops this year. Please read the e-mail. We will lay out the details by the beginning of next week.

110 Finally, the person who will get us to our productivity target and bring many other benefits to our
111 community is Conan Freud, our new Acting Vice President of facilities, administration, budget,
112 and all other things in the technology world, etc. Conan comes to us from the Department of
113 Transportation where he was the Deputy Commissioner responsible for an extraordinary large
114 budget and numerous issues and problems. The other compelling reason to bring Conan to Hunter
115 is that both his mother and his mother-in-law went to Hunter and we figured that was exactly the
116 pedigree we needed. I would like to welcome Conan and ask him to come and say a few words.”
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118 President Raab yielded the floor to Acting Vice-President Conan Freud, who said:
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120 I would like to thank the President for the most gracious welcome, and I would like to introduce
121 myself to everyone here. I started in July and it's been an interesting couple months. I guess I am
122 in charge of all things non-student and non-academic, from making sure that the toilets are
123 working to making sure that things are getting done, built and constructed on time. I think the
124 only way I can do my job successfully is to make sure that the clients are served, which are the
125 students, the faculty, the administrators, and the staff. Tell me what your priorities are. My phone
126 number is 772-4460, and my e-mail address is cfreud@hunter.cuny.edu.
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128 There are a couple of announcements you should know about. On October 14th in the morning we
129 will do a very big technology upgrade, which will require us to shut down our computer service
130 for the campus for about five hours. If this is going to be a major problem, we will not do it on
131 that day. An informal survey of people indicated that Sunday morning is a good time to shut the
132 service down, which will allow us to do some serious updates in the server room that will give
133 you much better service at the end of the day. The other thing I want to remind people of
134 happened over the summer. New York State is allowing CUNY employees to join New York
135 State's 457 Plan, a deferred compensation plan; this will allow you to put \$ 15,000 per year into a
136 tax-deferred account and up to \$20,000 if you are above the age 50. You do not have to pay taxes
137 on it until you pull the money out. The State offers you about 31 investment options for your
138 money, from very conservative to very aggressive. Obviously, students cannot take advantage of
139 it, but the faculty and the staff can.
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141 Again, if there is a human resource question, a pension question, a facilities question, I am here
142 and it is my pleasure to be here. Thank you.”
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144 Vice President Freud then yielded the floor to President Raab who said:
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146 “The other really good news is that we have completed the first stage of the renovation of Lowe
147 Plaza. Wonderful new plantings are in and the plaza will be open as of tomorrow. We will also
148 renovate the Lowe Theatre, which is going to be another major construction. Please go check
149 out the plaza. I think you will find it a nice place for people to gather. “
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151 President Raab then asked the Provost, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Acting Vice
152 President for Finance and Administration to join her for the PowerPoint Presentation of the 2006-07
153 Hunter College Performance Goals. The slides are reproduced as Appendix II.
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155 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting
156 adjourned at 5:05 PM
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160 Respectfully submitted,
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163 Jill Gross,
164 Secretary
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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Africana & P.R./Latino Studies	Pedro Lopez-Adorno (A) Anthony Browne
Biological Sciences	Thomas Schmidt-Glenwinkel (A)
Chemistry	Pamela Mills William Sweeney Namby Krishnamachari (A)
Computer Science	Virginia Teller Ioannis Stamos (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Tony Picciano
Economics	Howard Chernick Jonathan Conning (A)
Film & Media Studies	Tim Portlock (A)
Health Sciences	Phil Alcabes Jack Caravanos
History	Bernadette McCauley (A) "E"
Music	Barbara L Hampton
Nursing	Elizabeth Simon (A)
Philosophy	Alan Housman "E"
Physics/Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A)
Psychology	Jeffrey Parsons (A) Tracy Dennis
SEEK	Patricia Martin (A) Maria Rodriguez "E"
School of Social Work	Karun Singh (A) Bernadette Hadden
Sociology	Charles Green (A) "E"

**Lecturers and
Part-Time Faculty**

Aubrey Ewaroo
Claus Mueller (Sociology)

Ex-Officio

Jason Ares, CLT Council President
Nadine Young, CLT Council President

Students

Keren Busani-Halevi "E"
Tithi Ghosh
Jessica McCloskey (Economics)
Ezra Serrar
Nicole Odom
Tonia Tiewul (THH)
Alex Kohen (Poli Sci)
Josef Bresko (Honors/Econom)
Siobhan Cawley (Psych)
Oluwatobi Jaiyesimi "E"
Destimona Anokye
Renelyn Joy Carino
Isaiah Negron
Ho Young Hung (Poli Sci & Sociology)
Tina Galvez
Alexander Kipp (Grad.Theater)
Yevgeniy Milman (Math&Stat, Grad)
Jenny Alcalde (undeclared)
Ricardo Jute
Steven Perchikov
Wanda Anderson
Sara Reinstein
Greta Rojas (Psych&Nursing)