Serving as officers of The General Faculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly of Hunter College this year are:

**Tony Doyle** (Library), President (through 2011)
**Jason Young** (Psychology), Vice President (through 2011)
**Bernadette McCauley** (History), Secretary (through 2011)
**Steven Baumann** (School of Nursing), Evening Session Representative (through 2011)
**Reina Taveras** (SEEK), Part-Time Faculty Representative (through 2011)

Administrative Assistants:
**James Regan** and **Ilham Kapadia**

**Open Seats on the Executive Committee**
There are currently two openings on the Faculty Delegate Assembly Executive Committee, Day Session Representative and Treasurer. These positions are open to any full time faculty member. Terms last two years. The chief duties of members of the Executive Committee are (1) attending the FDA general monthly meetings, (2) attending the monthly FDA Executive Committee meetings, (3) meeting with the president, and (4) helping to organize FDA events. If you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague for one of the openings, get in touch with Tony Doyle at tdoyle@hunter.cuny.edu. Nominations are due Wednesday, September 15, 2010. Ballots will be mailed to the faculty on Friday, October 1.

**FDA Meetings, Fall 2010**
The FDA general meetings are open to all faculty. They are held on the third Wednesday of the month, from 1:10 to 3 PM, in room 1203 Hunter East. We provide cookies, coffee, and tea. Below are the dates on which the FDA will be meeting this semester:

September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

At the September meeting Provost Rabinowitz is scheduled to give an academic update. We have also planned a forum on tenure with Professor Greg Johnson (former chair, Anthropology), Professor Frank Kirkland (former chair, Philosophy), and Acting Dean Christine Gebbie (Nursing).

In October President Raab is scheduled to give a college update. Also on the agenda is a forum on publishing with Professor Diana Mason, among others. Professor Mason is former editor-in-chief of *The American Journal of Nursing*. Additionally, Steve Serafin and Dennis Paoli of the Reading/Writing Center will be talking about the services that the Center offers.

**New Faculty Orientation**
This fall’s New Faculty Orientation, sponsored by the FDA and the Provost’s Office, was held in the dining room on the 8th floor of Hunter West on August 19. Provost Rabinowitz provided the opening remarks. The group was then addressed by President Raab, governance leaders, the heads of important divisions across campus, and several faculty members.
The FDA is greatly indebted to the Provost’s Office for organizing this important event.

**Faculty Socials**
FDA sponsored faculty socials are a relaxed way to meet or catch up with colleagues. Your contributions to the FDA fund these events. The next social is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, October 27. Look for the announcement on Hunter-l, FDA-l, and the FDA website (http://hunter.cuny.edu/fda).

**The FDA General Meeting in April**
A featured speaker at the April general FDA meeting was Professor Steven Cahn of the Philosophy Program at the CUNY Graduate Center. One of Professor Cahn’s fields of scholarly interest is academic ethics. His work in that area was featured in a piece in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 25, 2009. He is the author of *Saints and Scamps: Ethics in Academia* (Rowman and Littlefield) and is the editor of Rowman and Littlefield’s 15-book series on academic ethics.

Professor Cahn criticized the widespread practice in the academy of giving preference in hiring, tenure, and promotion to outstanding researchers as opposed to strong teachers. He pointed out that high profile researchers are often hired at research institutions with little regard to their teaching skills. Also, at these schools the content of courses too often reflects professors’ research interests rather than student needs. He urged reform, calling for much closer monitoring of college teaching and recommending something akin to peer review for it. He remarked that surgeons are regularly observed and evaluated by their peers. Why not professors? Regarding undergraduate curricula, courses should reflect student needs, not faculty interests.

Professor Cahn also deplored the increasing dependence on adjuncts, especially at research institutions. He claimed that part of the problem is the trend towards offering generous salaries and minimal teaching loads to academic stars. This means less money for standard tenure track lines and of course more adjuncts.

Professor Cahn’s deadpan demeanor belied the humor that ran through his presentation. For instance, he wittily suggested that, if a philosophy department really wanted to raise its profile, it could do so far more cheaply than is currently the case. He proposed placing Aristotle’s name on the masthead of the Philosophy Program at the Graduate Center. The Greek philosopher’s star power is vastly greater than any living philosopher’s, and he wouldn’t teach any less than many contemporary luminaries. If the strategy paid off, he quipped, the department might go ahead and tack on the names of Kant and Nietzsche.

An engaging question and answer session followed, with an enthusiastic group buttonholing Professor Cahn long after the meeting was adjourned.

**Contacting Us**
We seek input from all faculty. The best way to get in touch is e-mail at fda@hunter.cuny.edu. Sending concerns, complaints, kudos, or offering assistance will be greatly appreciated and be promptly addressed.

**Welcome to Our Newest Colleagues**
The Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate Assembly warmly welcomes our new faculty colleagues who have received full-time appointment to the faculty of Hunter College of The City University of New York effective August 1st, 2010:

Christopher Gilbert – Anthropology
Yukiko Koga – Anthropology
Herman Pontzer – Anthropology
Hendrik Dey – Art
Janette Gomos-Klein – Biological Sciences
Karen Koellner – Curriculum and Teaching
Brian Collins – Curriculum and Teaching
Laura Baecher – Curriculum and Teaching
Christine Rosalia – Curriculum and Teaching
Fang Sun – Economics
Kelvin Black – English
Sonali Perera – English
Welcome to Hunter’s Newest Dean!
The FDA would also like to welcome Hunter’s new Chief Librarian, Dan Cherubin. We wish him success.

Department Chairs
We would like to recognize the contributions made by the current department chairs to the Hunter community. They are

Africana Puerto Rican / Latino Studies – Ehiedu Iweriebor
Anthropology – Marc Edelman
Art – Tom Weaver
Biological Sciences – Shirley Raps
Chemistry – Gary Quigley
Classical & Oriental Studies – Tamara Green
Computer Science – Virginia Teller
Curriculum & Teaching – Anne Ediger
Economics – Marjorie Honig
English – Cristina Alfar
Film & Media Studies – Mick Hurbis-Cherrier (Acting)

Geography – Charles Heatwole
German – Elke Nicolai (acting)
History – Richard Belsky
Library – Dan Cherubin
Mathematics & Statistics – Ada Peluso
Music – Ruth DeFord
Philosophy – Laura Keating
Physics & Astronomy – Ying-Chih Chen
Political Science – Charles Tien
Psychology – Jeffrey Parsons
Romance Languages – Giuseppe Di Scipio
SEEK – Patricia Martin (Acting)
Sociology – Robert Perinbanayagan
Theatre – Barbara Bosch
Urban Affairs – Joseph P. Viteritti

Senate Administrative Committee
Professor Sandi Clarkson (Math & Statistics), Chair
Runako Taylor (Classics-Graduate), Vice Chair
Professor Phil Alcabes (Urban Public Health), Secretary
Professor Christa Acampora (Philosophy), Chair of Evening Council
Professor William Sweeney (Chemistry), Parliamentarian
Professor Jill Gross (Urban Affairs and Planning), Parliamentarian

Information about recent promotions, recent retirements, sabbaticals for 2010-11, and scholar incentive awards will appear in the next issue of the Faculty Voice.

Presidential Awards to Excellence, 2010
Congratulations to the following colleagues!

Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship
Marie Filbin, Biological Sciences

Presidential Award for Excellence in Applied Scholarship/Creative Work
Philip Alcabes, Urban Public Health

Presidential Award for Excellence in Service
Roberta Graziano, School of Social Work
Frank Kirkland, Philosophy
Presidential Award for Excellence in Full-time Teaching  
**Gess LeBlanc**, Educational Foundations and Counseling Programs

The Cecile Insdorf Award for Excellence in Part-time Teaching  
**Kathryn Szczepanska**, Classics and Oriental Studies

**The Solarium**  
The Faculty Conference Room located at 1413 Hunter East now has wireless access to the internet and is available for use, first come, first served. Please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Ilham Kapadia at fda@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4181, or in HE 1414 for information about reserving the room.

**The Faculty/Staff Lounge**  
The FDA faculty lounge is open to all faculty and staff. The lounge provides a comfortable, quiet space to read or meet with colleagues. Also, check out the latest issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* while you’re there. The lounge is located in the northeast corner of the 8th floor of Hunter West, next to the Faculty Dining Room. Free coffee and cookies!

**The Fall 2010 lounge hours are:**  
- Monday 1-6 PM  
- Tuesday 1-6 PM  
- Wednesday 1-6 PM  
- Thursday 1-6 PM  
- Friday 1-6 PM

Outside of these times the lounge is available to faculty and staff who would like to schedule small events. If you are interested, please contact Mr. James Regan or Ms. Ilham Kapadia at fda@hunter.cuny.edu, 212-772-4123, or in HE 1414 for information about reserving the room.