

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

9 October 2024

- 1 The 694th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:58 PM in HW 714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Sarah Chinn, 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 for in-
8 person meetings, and they were enabled to vote using iClicker.
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- 10 **Report by**
11 **the Provost:** Chair Chinn invited Interim Provost Pardasani to provide an update on SPARC.
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13 Interim Provost Pardasani said the following:
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15 “Good afternoon, everybody. I hope everyone is doing well. I am sorry I cannot be there in person. I do
16 not have any further updates on Brookdale SPARC from the last meeting. I will bring any further details
17 to you as soon as we have any updates. Thank you.”
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- 19 **Middle**
20 **States Update:** Chair Chinn invited Interim Dean Erica Chito-Childs, co-Chair of the Steering Committee, to provide an
21 update on Middle States.
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23 Erica Chito Childs, Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences said the following:
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25 “I am Erica Chito Childs, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. We just started the process for Middle
26 States. Tom DeGloma, professor in Sociology, are I are chairing. We have seven committees which need
27 co-chairs. Then, we need to populate the committees. Emails went out to fourteen people today: one
28 administrator and one faculty who will be chairing each committee. If you are lucky enough to receive
29 one of those emails, hopefully, you can say yes. Then, we are going to start the process to populate. If you
30 want to be a part of these committees, we are asking for volunteers. We are hoping to get representation
31 from all the different schools. Once we populate the committees, we are going to start the work. So,
32 anticipate emails. There is a lot of data we need to get from the past years. We work off the strategic plan,
33 and so, there is going to be a lot going on about that in terms of what we said we were going to do after
34 the last Middle States. What have we done? Have we done it? Do we still want to do that or do we have a
35 new mission and new initiatives? So, there will be a lot more information coming. I want to stress that
36 this is a college-wide initiative. So, we need your participation and input. We want to involve you. I have
37 a feeling we will probably be begging all of you to participate. It is a lot of work. That is all we have right
38 now. Thank you.”
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- 41 **Report by the**
42 **Administrative**
43 **Committee:**
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- 45 a) **Approved Curriculum Changes**
46 The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached report dated 9 October 2024 have
47 been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate’s information: GR-
48 1616 Theatre (Routine Change in course).
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- 50 b) **Resolution Creating an Ad hoc Committee on Prior Learning and Credit Transfer**
51 Chair Chinn reminded the body that Hunter College was instructed by CUNY Central to revise
52 its policy on prior learning and credit transfer. The Administrative Committee created the

57 Resolution Creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Prior Learning and Credit Transfer. Chair Chinn
58 read the Resolution into the record.

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60 **RESOLUTION CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PRIOR LEARNING**
61 **AND CREDIT TRANSFER**
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63 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hunter College Senate create a joint Ad Hoc Committee on Prior
64 Learning and Credit Transfer comprised of members of the Undergraduate Academic
65 Requirements Committee and the Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements
66 Committee.
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68 There was a motion to adopt the Resolution. It was seconded.
69 The Resolution was approved by unanimous consent.
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71 c) **Reminder: Nominees for Search Committee for Vice President of Academic Affairs and**
72 **Provost**

73 Chair Chinn reminded the body that the Senate Office is accepting nominations for the Search
74 Committee until 17 October, 5:00 PM. The election of the Search Committee will take place at
75 the 23 October Senate meeting.
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77 d) **Reminder: Nominees for temporary appointment for Ombuds Officer**

78 Chair Chinn reminded the body that the Administrative Committee is accepting nominations for
79 a temporary appointment for Ombuds Officer who will serve during the 2024-2025 academic year.
80 The appointment will be announced at the 23 October meeting.
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82 e) **Resolution Calling to Rescind Restrictive “Policy on Posting Flyers” and Withdraw Threat**
83 **to Suspend the Hunter Internationalist Club’s Freedom of Expression**
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85 Chair Chinn said the following:
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87 “I thought rather than making this combative, why don't the interested parties sit down and talk
88 about it and simply resolve it that way. And, that is what we did. We had a large meeting on
89 Monday with President Cantor, VP for Student Affairs Eija Ayravainen, Director of Student Life
90 Miesha Smith, members of the Administrative Committee, the Provost, and members of the
91 Internationalist Club. We had an hour, and we had, I thought, a very wide ranging and deep
92 conversation about the issues involved: about student fears of censorship and suppression of
93 freedom of expression and about the wording of emails that clubs get about violating posting
94 regulations: “If you violate posting regulations, you are liable to be suspended” and “there has
95 to be an approved flyer,” etc. So, we did a couple of small things. For example, it does not have
96 to be an approved event. What happens is student clubs just submit a flyer to the Office of Student
97 Affairs so that it can go out to the student community. I think we all agree that the email itself
98 did not have a very welcoming tone. So, both of those got changed. The big thing was the flyering
99 policy. We had a lot of back and forth about that in terms of where flyers should go and what
100 kind of flyers should go where. Eventually, we came to a unanimous decision that students should
101 be allowed to post flyers about whatever they want as long as it is on the cork boards because
102 you can't put flyers on the walls, by the elevators because paint may come off, and it might cover
103 the elevator emergency instructions. Essentially, any club or any individual can freely express
104 what they want to say on the bulletin boards.
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106 “It took exactly sixty minutes to get there, which I am particularly proud. What struck me the
107 most about this was the spirit of openness and collaboration that everyone brought to the table.
108 This is not something that we have done in the past to solve our problems. I really thank President
109 Cantor, Vice President Ayravainen, Provost Pardasani and our students as well for coming in
110 with open minds and open hearts and trying to come to a mutually satisfying resolution, which
111 we did. I think we came to a decision that is good for all student clubs and all students. I am so
112 pleased about this. I hope that it is a model for how we will move forward that we can resolve

117 things through conversations in good faith, all wanting a resolution that works for as many people
118 as possible. There is no resolution because there was a resolution, essentially. Again, I just want
119 to thank everyone who was involved because it was a tough conversation, but it was a fruitful
120 one. I think everyone walked away okay, which is kind of the best possible outcome. Thank you
121 to the members of the Admin Committee, as well.”
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123 **Committee**
124 **Report:**

125 **Nominating Committee**

126 Chair Chinn called on Professor Edgar Troutd, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present a report.

127 The Nominating Committee is submitting the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate
128 Committees.
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130 **1. UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

131 Faculty At-large: Kenneth McLaughlin (Economics)
132 Faculty from Social Work: Anna Ortega-Williams
133 Faculty Alternate: Frederick Rogals (Classical & Oriental
134 Studies)
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136 **2. GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY & ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE**

137 Faculty from Sciences & Math: Bora Ferlengez (Mathematics &
138 Statistics)
139 Faculty from Education: Sarah Bonner (Educational Foundations)
140 Faculty Alternate: Lacey Peters (Curriculum & Teaching)
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142 **3. UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE**

143 Faculty from Nursing and Health Professions: Tara Heagele (Nursing)
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145 **4. COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET**

146 Student: Lauren Lin (Economics)
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148 **5. COMMITTEE ON THE CALENDAR**

149 Faculty Alternate: Michael Sheetz (Music)
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151 **6. COMMITTEE ON THE EVALUATION OF TEACHING**

152 Student: Arianna Ahmed
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154 **7. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT STANDING**

155 Faculty: Darlene DeFour (Psychology)
156 Faculty: Donna Paparella (English)
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158 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
159 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
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162 **Committee on the Calendar**

163 Chair Chinn invited Professor Zachary Shirkey, Chair of the Committee on the Calendar, to give a brief
164 update on the proposed revised Bell Schedule.
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166 Professor Shirkey said the following:
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168 “I do not have new items to add. The department chairs have discussed this at the FP&B meeting. The
169 department chairs said they were going to discuss it with their faculty at department meetings today. I was
170 told to come prepared to answer questions that may have arisen at faculty meetings. There had been a
171 brief discussion at FP&B about possibly having a community hour on a Wednesday, even though with
172 the Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday, Thursday schedule. There was an issue with that in the sense that for

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177 every 75 minutes of community period we are going to lose 2,100 large lecture hall seats, let alone all the
178 other classroom seats. So, that is not feasible. It is feasible to keep the Senate on a Wednesday because
179 that is a single room. We can do a room, but we cannot do all of them. So, the Senate does not have to
180 move, but there is not a way to have a block where there are no classes on Wednesday.”

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182 Questions and discussion followed.

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186 The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM.

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188 Respectfully submitted,

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191 Sarah Jeninsky
192 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	A
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A			0
	Lázaro Lima	(A) X		Robert Thompson	(A) A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A		Barry Cherkas	(A) A
	Stephanie Levy	(A) A	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Chad Euler	X
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Steven Einheber	(A) X
Art & Art History	Howard Singerman	X		Muktar Mahajan	(A) X
	Dave McKenzie	X	Music	Michele Cabrini	A
	Emily Braun	(A) X		L. Poundie Burstein	(A) A
		(A)		Steven Spencer	(A) X
Biological Sciences	Ben Ortiz	A	School of Nursing	William Samuels	X
	Jesus Angulo	A			0
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Tara Heagele	X
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Deidre O'Flaherty	(A) X
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu	A	Philosophy	Omar Dahbour	X
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) A		Daniel Harris	(A) X
	Brian Zeglis	(A) X		Kyle Ferguson	(A) X
	Nadya Kobko-Litskevitch	X	Physical Therapy	Steve Kofsky	X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Frederick Rogals	A		Chad Woodard	(A) A
	Doron Friedman	(A) A			(A)
		(A)	Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen	X
Computer Science	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	A		Yuhang Ren	(A) X
	Raj Korpan	(A) A			(A)
	Saptarshi Debroy	X	Political Science	Lina Newton	X
	Justin Tojeira	(A) A		Robert Jenkins	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching	Edgar Troudt	A		Michael Lee	(A) A
	Stephen Demeo	A	Psychology	Darlene DeFour	A
	Maverick Zhang	(A) X		Nesha Burghardt	A
	Tim Farnsworth	X		Glenn E Schafe	(A) A
Dance	Darvejan Jones	A		Peter Serrano	(A) X
		0 (A)	Romance Languages	Sam Diiorio	A
		0 (A)		Monica Calabritto	(A) X
Economics	Tim Goodspeed	X		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) X
	Michelle Liu	A	School of Social Work	Jonathan Prince	X
	Kenneth McLaughlin	(A) A		George Patterson	X
	Avi Liveson	(A) X		Marina Lalayants	(A) X
Global Foundations & Counseling Programs				Samuel Aymer	(A) X
	Sarah Bonner	(A) A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	John Keegan	(A) X		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Veronica Muller	X		Heba Gawayed	(A) X
English	Sarah Chinn	A	Special Education	Salvador Ruiz	A
	Janet Neary	A		Melissa Jackson	(A) X
	Mark Miller	A		Kristen Hodnett	(A) A
	Katie Winkelstein-Duvenec	(A) X	SLPA	Nancy Eng	X
Film & Media Studies	Kelly Anderson	A		Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	(A) X
				Stanley Chen	(A) X
	Tami Gold	(A) A	Theatre	Claudia Orenstein	A
	Gustavo Mercado	(A) X		Phillip Brown	X
Geography & Environmental Sci	William Solecki	X		Louisa Thompson	(A) X
		(A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Victoria Johnson	A
	Sun Shipeng	(A) X		Lily Baum Pollans	(A) X
German	Christina Mekonen	A			(A)
	Elke Nicolai	(A) A	Nutrition and Public Health*	Susan Cardenas	A
		0 (A)		Khursheed Navder	(A) X
History	D'Weston Haywood	X		Steven Trasino	(A) X
	Aaron Welt	(A) A	Women & Gender Studies	Christopher Mitchell	A
	Mary Roldan	A		Priscilla Yamin	(A) A
Library	Iris Finkel	A		Rupal Oza	(A) X
	Ajatshatru Pathak	A			
	Dorian Onifer	(A) A			
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Students

Daniel Cronin	A
Ariadna Pavlidis-Sanchez	A
Olivia Massey	X
Lorraine Santana	A
Ermina Chowdhury	X
Nishat Raihana	X
Viet Thanh Phan	A
Veronica Witkowski	A
Juan Sebastian Barahona	X
Izadora Lima Soares Prereira	X
Aliyah Harrison	X
Susana Sanchez	X
Rachel Weng	X
Ezra Hubbard	X
Iman Meawad	A
Hafsa Naseer	X
Roseline Olumuyide	X
Tyler Etienne	X
Priscilla Jimenez	X
Alexander Pappas	A

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Burhan Siddiqui	X
	Luis Roldan	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
English	Donna Paparella	X
Psychology	Stefan Schlussman	A
Social Work	James Mandiberg	X
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	X
Religion	Wendy Raver	A
Political Science	Ines Miyares	A
English	Priscilla Yamir	X
Special Education	Gina Riley	A
Registrar	Jennifer Dennington	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Art & Art History	Peter Dudek	X

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Bushir Juwara	X
Vice President, GSA		0
President Alumni Association	Elizabeth Wilson-Anstey	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Irina Ostrozhnyuk	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Provost	Manoj Pardasani	A
Interim Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Erica Chito Childs	A
Dean of Education	Julie Gorlewski	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Social Work	Mary Cavanaugh	X
Assistant Vice President for Student Aff	Joseph Fantozzi	A
Dean of Nursing	Ann Marie Mauro	A