

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
20 November 2013

1 The 555th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:40 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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10 **Minutes:** The minutes from September 25th were approved as distributed.
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12 **Report by the** The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:
13 **Administrative**
14 **Committee:**

15 a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**

16 In accordance with Article IV, 2H.i & ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter
17 College, the Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to
18 date:

19 Students: Hameda Khandaker (Psychology)
20 Chireau White (Sociology)
21 Christopher Lai (Romance Languages)
22 Roman Povolotskiy (Chemistry)
23 Joseph Lipari (History and Religion)
24 Ashley Wong

25 Faculty: Roseanne Flores (Psychology)
26 Jason Young (Psychology)
27 Brooke Wells (Psychology)
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29 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the
30 nominees. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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32 b) **Approved Curriculum Changes (attached)**

33 The following curriculum changes as listed in the Part I and Part II Reports dated 20
34 November 2013 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the
35 Senate's information: US-1881 (Classical and Oriental Studies/Russian), and US-1898
36 (History), US-1912 (Physics and Astronomy), US-1913 (Physics and Astronomy), US-1911
37 (English), US-1909 (Political Science), US-1910A (Political Science). The *Courses by Area*
38 *for the Hunter Core Requirement* was also distributed, which is the list of courses newly
39 added to the Hunter Core Requirement.
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41 c) **Announcement regarding the Search Committee for CIO/Assistant Vice President for**
42 **ICIT:**

43 On 23 October 2013, the Senate elected the following nominees for the Search Committee for
44 CIO/Assistant Vice President for ICIT:
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55 **FACULTY:**

56 Maria Hernandez-Ojeda, Romance Languages
 57 Jeff Allred, English
 58 Gustavo Mercado, Film & Media
 59 Lisa Marie Anderson, German
 60 Jeffry Parsons, Psychology
 61 Mark Halling, Sociology
 62 Rob Thompson, Mathematics and Statistics
 63 Jochen Albrecht, Geography
 64 Yang Hu, Curriculum & Teaching

65 **Library:**

66 Clay Williams
 67 Tony Doyle

68 **STUDENTS:**

69 Taylor Oshan (Geography)
 70 Diana Howard (JFew)
 71 Colleen Cash (JFew)

72 **STAFF:**

73 Jonathan Dickson (Facilities)
 74 Denise Lecerna-Jerez (Registrar)
 75 Joan Lambe (Institutional Research)
 76 Stephen Sukhra (ICIT)
 77 Pranoya Ghosh (Registrar)
 78 Renate Laine (Communications)
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80 The Search Committee for the search for CIO/Assistant Vice President for ICIT is in
 81 Appendix II.

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 83 **Report by**

83 **Report by the Director of Public Safety, Louis Mader, Regarding Campus Public Safety**
 84 **Crime Statistics**

85 The following is a summary of what he said:

86 “I hope everyone received a card in the mail. This card was given to everybody that has an
 87 address file with us, whether they are a student, a faculty and or a staff member. This is our
 88 way of showing that we have completed our ASR (Annual Security Report) and filed it with
 89 the Department of Education on October 1, 2013. I checked it on Monday. But it is not out
 90 yet.

91 Our report is based on:

- 92 1. All victims that have reported crime to us.
- 93 2. Crime authorities which are Deans, Directors, Principals at High Schools. The
 94 Crime authorities receive 2 letters per year (April and July) to confirm that they are part
 95 of our security project. We encouraged them to report to us any crime that they
 96 have acknowledged.
- 97 3. Four Precincts that are in our area. Starting next year we will also send them to
 98 another precinct. Therefore, we will have 5 precincts in total. The letter is asking
 99 them to see if there are any crimes reported to them and not to us, and if so, to
 100 forward us the copy of the report.

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 102 The above are ways we gather our reports. At each location, including 205 Hudson and
 103 Roosevelt House, crime logs are kept specifically for that location. On the Main Campus, we
 104 list all the crimes that happened at all the locations. The report was issued for 2012. We are
 105 currently working on 2013, which we will file in July 2014 with the University and the
 106 Department of Education by October 1, 2014. The report is also available online.”
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115 Committee
116 Report:

Committee on Academic Freedom:

Prof. Sarah Chinn, Chair of the committee on Academic Freedom, said the following:

“The Committee has meet twice already and is planning for the third meeting. The initial order of business was to formulate a mission statement of purpose that would also detail what the committee thought academic freedom was and what were violations at Hunter. One of the tasks of the committee is to be responsive to the college community, which is why the committee has the need to define what are violations of academic freedom. The community needs to understand their rights.

You will be hearing from us again in the Spring semester with guidelines and a mission statement. In the meantime, we want to be a place where the community can come and raise questions in regard to academic freedom. We urge members of the community to approach the committee if they feel unsure regarding an issue that might be a violation of academic freedom. The committee takes confidentiality very seriously.”

131 Old Business:

Resolution to reject the proposed “City University of New York Policy on Expressive Conduct”

A motion to treat the Resolution as old business carried. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

A motion to strikethrough the statement following “BE IT RESOLVED” also carried. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

Prof. Tami Gold, Film and Media, presented the following resolution for Senate endorsement:

Resolution to reject the proposed “City University of New York Policy on Expressive Conduct”

WHEREAS, the above policy proposes to impose severe limitations on the freedom of speech and right to assembly of students, faculty and staff at the nation’s largest public university, and

Whereas, the proposed policy could make any demonstrations unnoticeable by excluding them from CUNY buildings and restricting them to “designated areas,” and
Whereas, the proposed policy would excessively restrict leafleting and tabling, and

Whereas, the proposed policy grants authority to top administrative officers of the college for determining the time and place of demonstrations or other “expressive activities,” and

Whereas, the proposed policy thereby excludes students, faculty and administrators from determining how their first amendment and free speech rights may be exercised, and

Whereas, the proposed policy contradicts the mission of a university as an academic institution dedicated to fostering the peaceful exchange, presentation and discussion of ideas among all its members within and outside the classroom;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hunter College Senate ~~leadership~~ urge CUNY Central to dismiss the proposed policy.

Signed,
The PSC Hunter Chapter
November 8, 2013

173 A motion to strikethrough the word “leadership” carried. The motion was approved by voice
174 vote without dissent.

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176 Prof. Sarah Chinn, Chair of the Academic Freedom Committee, said the following:

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178 “The Academic Freedom Committee of the Hunter College Senate met on Tuesday,
179 November 19th, and we came to the following statement in response to the October 11, 2013
180 draft CUNY Policy on Expressive Conduct:

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182 We are deeply concerned that this statement and its implications could constitute an
183 inappropriate infringement of free expression. Given that the Henderson Rules of 1969,
184 based on Article 129-A of the New York Education Law, already cover conduct and
185 civility on CUNY campuses, the regulations proposed in this draft seem both unnecessary
186 and excessive.

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188 The terms used in the statement are over-broad, open to various interpretations, and
189 worryingly vague. Nowhere are the terms "demonstration" or "participation" or
190 "designated areas" defined, and not only is leafleting listed as an activity to be covered by
191 these policies, non-specified "other forms of expressive conduct" are also included.
192 Defining faculty and staff's participation in political speech as not part of their
193 instructional and other work is a potential violation of their academic freedom and First
194 Amendment rights. And the possibility that the College could exclude all interior spaces
195 as designated for demonstrations alarms us.

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197 We would hope that an institution of higher learning such as the City University of New
198 York would err on the side of fostering a greater range of expression rather than limiting
199 difficult conversations and dampening student, staff, and faculty's civic and political
200 engagement.”

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202 Acting General Counsel, Laura Schachter Hertzog, explained that this resolution might be
203 premature because this CUNY policy has not begun moving through the regular process of
204 approval.

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206 A motion to refer to the resolution to Committee for definite postponement until December 4th
207 carried. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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209 **Report by the**
210 **President:**

211 The following is a summary statement of President Raab’s report to the Senate. She said:
212 “There has been no conversation about this policy at the Presidents’ level. Usually, there is a
213 more orderly process. We were also surprised when this came up at the FDA meeting. We
214 understand there is a concern in the community and a need for conversation. We assure you
215 that we will keep you informed on anything that we hear.

216 I would like to thank the Senate for the Member Panel for the Search Committee for
217 CIO/Assistant Vice President for ICIT. The Search Committee has been established. Our
218 office will be contacting the members shortly to begin the search.

219 The Borough Board of New York City will be making the last vote on the Memorial Sloan
220 Kettering/Hunter proposal to build a new Nursing School and science research lab on 74th
221 Street. We are hoping for positive support so we start in January 2014.

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223 Christa and I will invite all faculty to join the Senate meeting on December 4th, 2013. We will
224 have an in-depth conversation about what faculty can do and how we can help faculty support
225 student success. We are grateful that the Senate is willing to set aside a time to discuss student
226 success. The Provost’s Office and Institutional Research have gathered data on areas where
227 we would like to see faculty engagement, such as course availability and procedures that
228 might impede student success towards graduation.

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We are hoping to target our resources and to work together in addressing, promoting, and increasing our graduation rate. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

I would like to introduce our new Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Patricia Moran. She came to us through a national search that we began with the Senate last year. She has been here for the past few weeks in an acting capacity. She is making a difference and galvanizing her staff. She also has reached out to many communities. She is a fundraiser who spent 28 years in educational institutions. Recently, she was the Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Cedar Crest College, Pennsylvania. Before that she was Assistant Vice President of Constituent Programs at Fordham University. She has also worked at Columbia University and the University of Illinois. Creating resources has always been one of her passions. This is a perfect match.

On April 5th we will have our first Alumni Event. We will have many of our alumni on campus. Traditionally, the Alumni Association has always held this type of event off campus. It is a big initiative to bring back our former students. We want them to feel like they are coming back home and to know that they can make a difference. We are also inviting faculty members who don't teach at Hunter anymore and younger alumni. We are hoping to create a new culture of alumni engagement.

We have received a gift of 25 million dollars. This gift will have a significant impact in our library renovation. We want to express that a 20 dollar gift from a young alumnus is as important as a 25 million dollar gift. They both mean that the alumni enjoyed their experience and they want to give back to the institution. The most important thing is their participation.

Another new member of our community is Vincent Grippo. He is our new Acting Vice President of Finance and Administration. He has an extremely complex portfolio, with experience in public funding and research foundation funding. His office oversees the Business Office, Facilities, Public Safety, ICIT, Human Resources, and Continuing Education. He is the right fit. He has the financial skills, a long career in government, and experience with the Taxi and Limousine Commission. He has also worked in a Department of Technology known as DOIT, the Buildings Department, and, most recently, the Police Department. At the NYPD, he manages managing a budget of 5 billion dollars and 250 precincts. He has diverse and wide-ranging experience. He comes from a family of educators and is passionate about education. We are happy to have him. He is in an acting capacity before the Senate can do a formal search for the position.”

Committee Report:

Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee

Prof. Jason Young, Chair of the Committee, presented a change in the Course Repeat Rule. He explained that this change was brought by the Registrar due to actions automated by CUNYFirst.

COURSE REPEAT RULE
CURRENT POLICY Repeating Courses

1. Students shall not be permitted to repeat a course in which they have received a grade of A, B, C or CR unless that course has been designated as repeatable in the course description of the college catalog.
2. Students may repeat a course in which a D was received. The credit for that course will be applied toward the degree once, but both the grade of D and the second grade earned are calculated in the grade point average. If the course is part of a sequence, it should be repeated before continuing the sequence.
3. A student who has received a grade of D may re register for the course only with the permission of the department offering the course.

- 291 4. If a student receives a failing grade (F, WU, FIN) in a course and then retakes that course
292 and receives a grade of A, B, C or CR, the initial failing grade will remain on his/her
293 academic record, but will no longer be computed into the grade point average. ~~A “Failing~~
294 ~~Grade Course Repeat Form” must be filed in the OASIS, Room 217 Hunter North.~~
295 • **The original course in which the failing grade was received must have been**
296 **taken after September 1, 1984 and repeated after September 1, 1990.**
297 • No more than 16 credits may be deleted from the calculation of the cumulative
298 grade point average.
299 • If two or more failing grades have been received for the same course and a grade
300 of C, CR or better is subsequently earned, all of the failing grades for that course
301 will be deleted from the grade point average, subject to the 16-credit limit.
302 • The 16-credit limit applies cumulatively to courses taken at all CUNY colleges.
303 • The repeated course must be taken at the same college as the initially failed course.
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305 **REVISED POLICY Repeating Courses**

- 306 1. Students shall not be permitted to repeat a course in which they have received a grade of
307 A, B, C or CR unless that course has been designated as repeatable in the course
308 description of the college catalog.
309 2. Students may repeat a course in which a D was received. The credit for that course will
310 be applied toward the degree once, but both the grade of D and the second grade earned
311 are calculated in the grade point average. If the course is part of a sequence, it should be
312 repeated before continuing the sequence.
313 3. A student who has received a grade of D may re register for the course only with the
314 permission of the department offering the course.
315 4. If a student receives a failing grade (F, WU, FIN) in a course and then retakes that course
316 and receives a grade of A, B, C or CR, the initial failing grade will remain on his/her
317 academic record, but will no longer be computed into the grade point average. **This**
318 **adjustment to the GPA will occur automatically at the end of the semester when the**
319 **student has retaken the course and received a grade of A, B, C, or CR. The original**
320 **course in which the failing grade was received must have been taken after**
321 **September 1, 1984 and repeated after September 1, 1990.**
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330 The question was called and carried. The revised Course Repeat Rule passed by voice vote
331 without dissent.
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333 **Other Reports:**

334 **Report Regarding University Faculty Senate Budget Priorities**

335 Prof. Jason Young gave a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is in Appendix III.

336 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.
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339 Respectfully submitted,
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344 Lisa Marie Anderson
345 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		Rob Thompson	A
	Edgardo Melendez	(A) X		Verna Segarra	(A) X
Anthropology	Jacqueline Nassy Brown	X		Patrick Burke	(A) A
	Ignasi Clemente	(A) X	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Shahana Mahajan	A
	Jessica Rothman	(A) X		Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
Art & Art History	Malik Gaines	X		Dean Johnston	(A) X
	Daniel Bozhkov	X	Music	Jewell Thompson	A
	Alt.Susanna Cole	(A) X		Maura Donahue	(A) A
Biological Sciences	Harper Montgomery	(A) X		Catherine Coppola	(A) A
	Shirley Raps	A	School of Nursing	David Keepnews	A
	Paul Feinstein	X			
Chemistry	Maria Figueiredo-Pereira	(A) A		Lorie Goshin	(A) A
	Jesus Angulo	(A) X		Anita Nirenberg	(A) A
	Akira Kawamura	A	Philosophy	Omar Dahbour	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Pamela Mills	(A) X		Frank Kirkland	(A) A
		(A)		Laura Keating	(A) A
	Joanne Spurza	L	Physics & Astronomy	Marilyn Rothschild	A
Computer Science	Lawrence Kowerski	(A) A		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
		(A) 0		Ying-chih Chen	(A) X
	Feliza Vasquez-Abad	A	Political Science	Leonard Feldman	A
Curriculum & Teaching	Saad Mneimneh	(A) X		Zachary Shirkey	(A) A
	Virginia Teller	(A) X		Charles Tien	(A) A
	Nadine A. Bryce	A	Psychology	Joseph Lao	A
Economics	Jason Wirtz	X		Roseanne Flores	A
	Steve Demeo	(A) X		Brooke Wells	(A) A
	Ben Shuldiner	(A) X		Jason Young	(A) X
Educational Foundations	Howard Chernick	X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	X
	Avi Liveson	X			(A)
	Timothy Goodspeed	(A) X			(A)
English		(A)	Romance Languages	Rolando Perez	A
		(A)		Monica Calabrito	X
		(A)		Paolo Fasoli	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Leigh Jones	A	School of Social Work	Michael Perna	(A) A
	Sarah Chinn	A		Marina Lalayants	X
	Barbara Webb	(A) A			
Geography	Stephen Wetta	(A) A		Mimi Abramovitz	(A) X
	Gustavo Mercado	E	Sociology	Ilze Earner	(A) A
	Tami Gold	A		Mark Halling	E
German	Bill Herman	(A) X		Joong-Hwan Oh	(A) X
	Tim Portlock	(A) A	Special Education		(A)
	Haydee Salmun	A		Angela Mouzakitis	E
School of Health Professions	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A	Speech-Language Pathology and	Elissa Brown	(A) A
		(A)			(A)
		(A)		Susan Wortsman	A
History	Lisa Marie Anderson	A	Theatre	Don Vogel	(A) A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) X			(A)
	Elke Nicolai	(A) A		Deepsikha Chatterjee	0 A
Library		(A)	Urban Affairs	Mia Rovegno	(A) X
	Benjamin Hett	X			(A)
	Richard Belsky	(A) A		Jill Simone Gross	A
School of Urban Public Health	Thomas Head	(A) X		Stanley Moses	(A) X
	Mee'Len Hom	A			(A)
	John Pell	(A) A		Dean Johnston	X
	Jonathan Cain	(A) A			(A)

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At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services (A)	Madlyn Stokely	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Shannon Salinas	A
Student Services	Bill Williams	E
Library	Brian Buckwald	X
English	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
Thomas Hunter Honors	Amy Robbins	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Barbara Barone	A
	Elizabeth Beaujour	A
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu	A
Philosophy	Christa D. Acampora	A

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Steven Wendel	X
Vice President, Graduate Student	Luis Gutierrez	X
President Alumni Association	Anne Seifried	X
President, HEO Forum	Sharmeen Ahmed	X
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

Students

Carol Szwci	X
Matthew Ramos	X
Alexander Lemell	X
Patricia Colon	X
Mauricio Bardales	X
Abdul Rad	A
Nicole Lyalin	X
Kidus Gebrekidan	X
Joseph Franzese	X
Kascem Hewitt	X
Ariela Hazan	X
Madiha Wasti	X
Ibrahim Alsaygh	X
Julia Camila Jones	X
Jason Sloan	X
Wilson Chow	X
Sara Shenan	A
Eamon Pickard	A
Sandrea Sicango	X
Shawn Rafeey	X
Andy Lall	X
Jonah Garnick	X
Benedict Joson	A
Nishat Tabassum	X
Asad Mannan	A
Kevin Jackson	X
Sayed Shune	X
Candace Lawrence	X
Barukh Rohde	E
Hira Gulzar	X
Kevin Mishan	X
Abraham Gutman	A
Reginald Holder	A
Javier Picayo	A
Hameda Khandaker	A
Zhong Linda Lin	A

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLT Representative	Bill Zlata	X
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Chief Operating Officer		0
Provost	Vita Rabinowitz	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
School of Education	Dean David Steiner	E
School of Social Work	Dean Jacqueline Mondros	X
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	A

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

Department/Program:		
Asian American Studies Program	Jennifer Hayashida	A
Program in Religion	David Cereguas	A
Women and Gender Studies Program	Jennifer Gaboury	A

APPENDIX II

**Search Committee for
CIO/Assistant Vice President for ICIT**

Chair:

Brian Duffy, Acting Associate Provost

Members:

FACULTY (6)

- 1. Humanities & Arts:**
Gustavo Mercado, Film & Media
- 2. Social Sciences:**
Mark Halling, Sociology
- 3. Sciences & Mathematics**
Rob Thompson, Mathematics and Statistics
Jochen Albrecht, Geography
- 4. School of Education:**
Yang Hu, Curriculum & Teaching
- 5. Library**
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STUDENTS (3)

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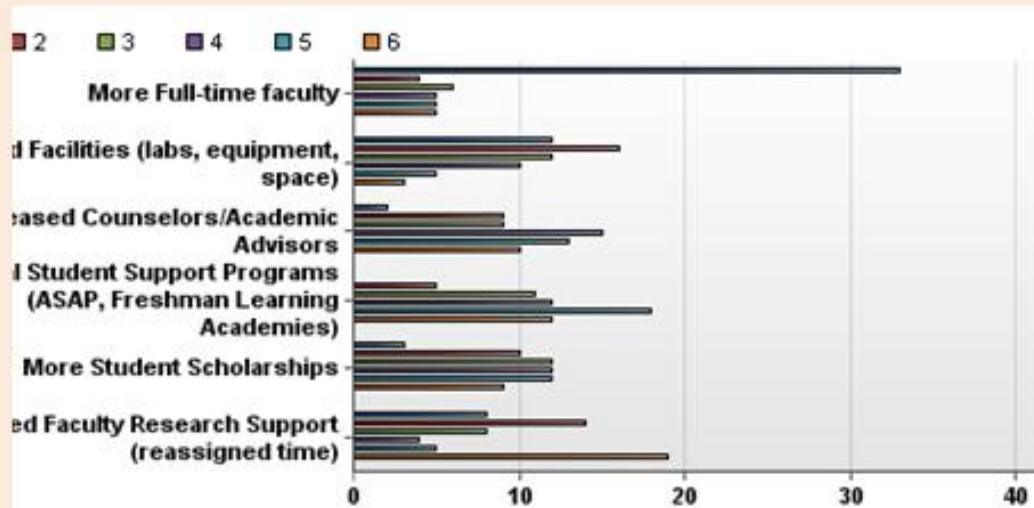
STAFF (3):

Denise Lecerna-Jerez (Registrar)
Stephen Sukhra (ICIT)
Renate Laine (Communications)

APPENDIX III

Responses to Survey of
Hunter Budget Priorities
for Reporting to University Faculty Senate
November 20, 2013

Survey question: The University Faculty Senate (UFS) is seeking guidance on budgetary priorities for CUNY prior to the November 4 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Please rank the following budget items in order of importance (1=HIGHEST). You may also suggest additional priorities in the text box below. This information is being collected for presentation at the October 25 meeting of the UFS in response to their request for campus input. Click and drag to reorder the list below.



#	Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Responses
1	More FT faculty	33	4	6	5	5	5	58
2	Facilities (labs, space)	12	16	12	10	5	3	58
3	Acad Advisors	2	9	9	15	13	10	58
4	Student Support Program	0	5	11	12	18	12	58
5	Scholarships	3	10	12	12	12	9	58
6	Research Support	8	14	8	4	5	19	58
	Total	58	58	58	58	58	58	-

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Statistic	More Full-time faculty	Improved Facilities (labs, equipment, space)	Increased Counselors/Academic Advisors	Additional Student Support Programs (ASAP, Freshman Learning Academies)	More Student Scholarships	Increased Faculty Research Support (reassigned time)
	1	2	5	6	4	3
Min Value	1	1	1	2	1	1
Max Value	6	6	6	6	6	6
Mean	2.31	2.81	4.00	4.36	3.81	3.71
Variance	3.13	2.09	2.04	1.57	2.19	3.72
Standard Deviation	1.77	1.44	1.43	1.25	1.48	1.93
Total Responses	58	58	58	58	58	58