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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

21 September 2016

1 The 587th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:40 PM in HW room 714.
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3 **Presiding:** Thomas DeGloma, 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 May 18 were postponed for further edits and will be on the next Senate meeting
11 agenda.
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14 **Senate Chair's** Professor Thomas DeGloma said the following:
15 **Open Remarks:** "Welcome. I am the new Chair of the Hunter College Senate and a professor in the Sociology
16 Department. I would like to talk briefly about the function of the Senate. The Charter defines our
17 role as being the legislative body of the college. It is a shared governance body, which I think
18 makes it better than some traditional college senates. We are comprised of faculty, administration,
19 staff, and undergraduate and graduate students all of whom have been elected to vote on behalf of
20 their various constituencies. It is absolutely vital that everyone attend and speak on behalf of the
21 groups they represent. We are a voice not only for Hunter College but for higher education and, in
22 particular, public higher education in the city and state of New York, in a political climate that is
23 not always friendly and difficult. What I mean we not only act for Hunter but act in a climate that
24 states what we value for Hunter and public higher education in a democratic society. This may
25 seem like a small room but we are an important voice in regards to big issues. When we are
26 deciding on curriculum changes and a variety of other matters we are deciding on what the
27 character of some of the best public education in the country ought to be. I will ask you all to keep
28 that in mind when determining the mission of the institution and discussing issues relating to
29 students, faculty and staff."
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31 **Report by the** Below is a summary of President Raab's report:
32 **President:** "Thank you so much and welcome back. I just wanted to express extreme gratitude to Tom for
33 taking on this leadership, and I am glad you did. I start with good news, we received news from
34 U.S. News & World Report that we have moved up five rankings from last year and are 42nd
35 among the Best Universities in the North, up from 47th last year and 50th the year before. We
36 were 62nd in 2007. U.S. News also ranks us as 11th among the Best Public Colleges in the North.
37 This is because of the dedication and work of the faculty and staff and students. We thank you for
38 the work that went into this effort. I am very pleased today to welcome Cathy Conway, who is the
39 faculty trustee on the CUNY Board of Trustees and will be speaking with you later. She will agree
40 with me that the new appointments from the governor and mayor to the board are most welcomed.
41 The seven new members are all engaged in New York City public education, and we look forward
42 to working with them. We have felt over the past few years that the budget has been a priority and
43 there were concerns that the funding of the senior colleges would shift from the state to the city.
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45 I was just speaking with the Administrative Committee on the budget. There have been
46 challenges, as you know, in the last few years. We were required by Central Administration to
47 take a two percent cut a few years ago and last year a three percent cut, which has placed a strain
48 on the tax-levy funding. We are hoping that with the new appointments, and working with the
49 governor's office, that we will see support for CUNY going forward.
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54 We were able to hire 35 new professors with the budget tightening, and that is more than twice the
55 amount compared to other CUNY colleges across the system. We can do this through careful
56 management of the budget.

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58 On this note, I wanted to introduce to you two new leaders in our community. We're delighted to
59 welcome the new Silverstein Dean of Education, Dr. Michael Middleton. We are already getting
60 good reports back from his faculty. Dean Middleton has served as the head of two university
61 education schools, first as Chairman of the Education Department at the University of New
62 Hampshire Durham and most recently as Dean of Education at the University of Massachusetts
63 Boston.

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65 We are also pleased that we have been able to create an office and build it up working with our
66 Vice President of Student Services and Provost's Office. We have launched an Office of
67 Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships that will identify and prepare students to apply for top
68 awards like the Goldwater, Marshall, Rhodes, and Truman. I am very excited to introduce to you
69 all Dr. Stephen Lassonde. He was most recently the Dean of Student Life at Harvard College, he
70 served as a Yale residential college master, and was Deputy Dean at Brown. Dr. Lassonde will
71 work with faculty and advisors to identify strong candidates early in their academic careers, and he
72 will support recent graduates in applying for suitable awards.

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74 I want to thank you all for your patience with the sixth and seventh floor renovations that have
75 been underway in the Library. They should both be opened in January and our pre-professional
76 programs and writing, math, and sciences learning centers will be moving to the renovated space
77 on the 7th floor. We are happy that the School of Education will finally have its own dedicated
78 library on the 6th floor. We are ready, through private money, to begin the next phase of library
79 renovations. We are pleased that Christa Acampora who is chairing the search for our next Chief
80 Librarian has agreed to work with the Master Plan Committee and Library Committee to think
81 about how we can better utilize the space on the 4th and 5th floors. We are also moving ahead
82 with the report from the master plan committee on how to create space so that students and faculty
83 will want to stay on campus. Most importantly, the largest project in progress is our Science and
84 Health Professions building on 74th Street with Memorial Sloan Kettering. This is a big moment
85 for our science faculty as they continue to impress and bring in research money. They will finally
86 have space they greatly deserve, and when they move to the new facility, we will have space to
87 work with on our 68th Street campus.

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89 One of the points that was made was that students need space to use on campus and, working with
90 the USG, we will be creating a new student union. This will be a social space where they can relax
91 and have a social presence on campus. With the USG, we are raising money and hope to start this
92 project early next year. Another activity we have is called the Student Engagement Initiative,
93 which allows faculty to do work with students outside of the classroom. If there is a play or event
94 outside of class that they would like to attend, we will support that. The Department of Geography
95 took students to the Catskills on a field trip. If you have an idea for your student, contact Vanya
96 Quinones-Jenab in the Provost's Office.

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98 We have also been working on an online learning center. We are pleased that next year we are
99 launching twelve online courses that meet pathways requirements. The center will be located in
100 the North Building on the C-Level and will be there to support faculty who want to support faculty
101 with digital teaching materials.

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103 Lastly, I know that later on the agenda is a report regarding the Asian American Studies Program.
104 On behalf of the Provost and myself, I wanted to reconfirm our commitment to the program.

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108 For those of you who were not here about five to six years ago, many CUNY schools phased out
109 their Asian American Programs. The faculty member who was at Hunter at the time was no longer
110 willing to take on this leadership role. We got a new line from CUNY to hire someone to handle
111 this role. We have recently made the decision that to draw interest again from the student body and
112 faculty that we need to take this allocated line and make sure it serves the whole school. The Asian
113 American Studies Program will be moved to the Provost's Office so that they can service the
114 entire school and work with other departments and schools. We take this seriously and are
115 working to help students and faculty that are interested in this area."

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119 allocated line and make sure it serves the whole school.

122 **Report by**
123 **University**
124 **Faculty Senate**

125 Katherine Conway, Chair of the University Faculty Senate (UFS) and Professor in the
126 Business Department at Borough of Manhattan Community College, said the following:

127 "Thank you very much for giving me this time on your agenda. The University Faculty Senate, as
128 Tom has said, is comprised of representatives from all of the CUNY colleges, but Hunter is
129 essential: you make up ten percent of our body. We determine the number of representatives by
130 the number of faculty and Hunter has the largest number of full-time faculty and thus eleven seats.
131 Through your FDA, the delegates to the UFS are selected.

132 Why is it important to attend the UFS plenary? Just as you work here with the Hunter
133 administration, we try to do that with CUNY Central. The issues we tackle are different, based on
134 the campuses, but we try to work together to advocate for common issues. We have various
135 committees that are similar to some that you have here. We hope that Hunter delegates to the UFS
136 will choose to serve on a UFS committee.

137 I want to give you some brief examples of the kinds of issues that we deal with. Last year there
138 was a push from Albany on Experiential Learning, and there was a concern that it was going to
139 become a requirement across all of CUNY and SUNY for that matter. We worked closely with our
140 SUNY counterparts and drafted a letter to the legislature, and it was effective, because they cut
141 and pasted from our letter and changed what they were requiring.

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143 We sometimes get asked by CUNY to review policies, and at times our committees will consider
144 them also. Other than this I think the most important thing we do at the UFS is advocate for you
145 and listen to your concerns. My email address is kconway@bmcc.cny.edu if you have any issues
146 or questions feel free to email me and I will respond. We are here to represent you and want you to
147 be active participants. We hope that you will be. Thank you for allowing me to speak today."

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163 **Report by the**
 164 **Administrative**
 165 **Committee:**

Professor DeGloma, presented the report as follows:

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

In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees received to date:

Students:

Undergraduates:

Erica Fu	Jawwaad Alam
Abdelrahman Abouelnas	Edward Friedman
Samuel Genchikmakher	Emanuel Zbeda
Ahmed Elsaeyed	Asheley Siewnarine
Emaad Khwaja	Adam Hobbins
Omar Elwany	Daniel Smith
Charles Bachmann	Jennifer Ulloa
Mustafa Gadelrab	Lena Suponya
Jyothisraj Johnson	Soumya Mirsa
Demi Moore	

Graduates:

Sarah Lamsifer	Meghann Williams
Michael Mazzeo	Hieu Dang
Marie Mazzeo	Cara Fitzgerald
Sarah Mathew	Melanie Lozier
Elyas Amin	Nicole Parker

Faculty and At-Large:

John Wallach (Political Science)
 Barbara Barone (Dolciani Mathematics Learning Center)
 Philip Alcabes (Urban Public Health)
 Steven Trasino (Urban Public Health)

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.

The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

b) **Approved Curriculum Changes**

The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report Part I, Part II, and Part III dated 21 September 2016 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Items: GS-1107 Mathematics & Statistics (new course), GS-1108 Chemistry (change in course), GS-1110 Geography (change in degree program). GS-1102 Special Education (change in degree program), US-2086 Chemistry (change in courses), US-2088 Economics (change in degree program), US-2089A Economics (new courses), UE-2082 Film & Media (change in various prefix numbers to reflect non-liberal arts & sciences courses), UE-2083 Medical Laboratory Sciences (change in various prefix numbers to reflect non-liberal arts & sciences courses), UE-2084 Economics (change in various prefix numbers to reflect non-liberal arts & sciences courses), UE-2085 School of Education (change in various prefix numbers to reflect non-liberal arts & sciences courses).

216 **c) Election of Committee Chairs:**

217 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Budget Committee.

218 Professor Randall Filer (Economics) was nominated.

219 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

220 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
221 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Filer was re-elected.

222 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Master Plan Committee.

223 Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Studies) was nominated.

224 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

225 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
226 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Ramasubramanian was re-
227 elected.

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

229 Professor Jeff Allred (English) was nominated.

230 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

231 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
232 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Allred was re-elected.

233 The floor was open for nominations for Co-Chair of the GER Committee.

234 Professor Manu Bhagavan (History) was nominated.

235 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

236 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
237 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Bhagavan was re-elected.

238 The floor was opened for nominations for Co-Chair of the GER Committee.

239 Professor Alicia Ramos (Romance Languages) was nominated.

240 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

241 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
242 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Ramos was elected.

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

271 Professor Philip Alcabes (Urban Public Health) was nominated.

272 It was moved that nominations be closed. The motion carried by voice vote.

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276 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
277 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Alcabes was elected.

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280 **Report by Coalition**
281 **for the Revitalization**
282 **of Asian American**
283 **Studies at Hunter**
284 **College (CRAASH)**

Members of CRAASH gave a Power Point presentation. A copy of the presentation is available at the Senate office.

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287 **Resolution on the**
288 **CUNY Policy on**
289 **Freedom of Expression**
290 **and Expressive**
291 **Conduct**

Professor John Wallach and Ms. Meghann Williams read the following resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION ON THE CUNY POLICY ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT

Be it resolved

We applaud the protections for freedom of speech and expression enunciated in CUNY's new Freedom of Expression policy.

However, because the new Freedom of Expression Policy offered by the Board of Trustees retains enforcement of the policy solely in the hands of the CUNY administration -- and thus potentially pits administrators against faculty, students, and staff, the chief agents of academic freedom on campus -- we oppose its current incarnation.

Any enforcement of CUNY's Freedom of Expression Policy must assure that its interpretation and judgments about practical restrictions of freedom of expression must be authorized by Academic Freedom committees (or their equivalents) of CUNY's Colleges, Schools, and governance bodies. These committees must be comprised of at least 70% faculty and the remaining 30% divided equally among representatives from students, staff, and administrators.

After a lengthy debate and discussion, a motion was made to send the resolution back to the Administrative Committee, who would work with Professor Wallach on revisions. The motion received a second.

The motion to send the resolution to the Administrative Committee carried by voice vote without dissent.

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325 **New Business:** Professor Elke Nicolai, who serves on the A&S Bylaws Committee, reported that they
326 have come across a governance issue regarding interdisciplinary programs that are not
327 covered or protected by the Hunter College Charter and request that the Senate
328 Administrative Committee forms a committee to look into to this and make
329 recommendations to the Charter Review Committee regarding the governmental status of
330 these programs.
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333 Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting
334 adjourned at 5:25 PM.
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338 Respectfully submitted,
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341 Dana Reimer
342 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
	Denis Milagros	(A) A		Verna Segarra	A
		(A)		Pat Burke	(A) A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	E	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Rob Thompson	(A) A
	Mike Steiper	(A) A		Chad Euler	A
	Marc Edelman	(A) X		Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
Art & Art History	Lynda Klich	A	Music	Dean Johnston	(A) X
	Paul Ramirez Jonas	X		Jewel Thompson	A
	Susanna Cole	(A) X			(A)
Biological Sciences	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X	School of Nursing	Michele Cabrini	(A) X
	Derrick Brazill	A		Christine Ganzer	X
	Shirley Raps	A		Abigail Kotowski	X
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Lynda Olender	(A) X
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Omar Dahbour	X
	Akira Kawamura	A		Laura Keating	(A) A
	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) A		Christa Acampora	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Nancy Grennbaum	(A) X	Physics & Astronomy		A
	Joanne Spurza	A		Ying Chen	(A) X
	David Petrain	(A) X		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) X	Political Science	Jill Schwedler	X
	Lie Xie	A		John Wallach	(A) A
	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) X		Michael Lee	(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Roseanne Flores	X
	Jody Polleck	X		Joseph Lao	A
	Jason Wirtz	X		Peter Serrano	(A) A
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X		Peter Moller	(A) X
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	X
	David Capps	A			(A)
	Betsy Cooper	(A) X		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
Economics	Kathleen Isaac	(A) X	Romance Languages	Julie Van Peteghem	X
	Avi Liveson	E		Rolando Perez	(A) A
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Monica Schinaider	(A) A
	John Li	(A) X			(A)
Educational Foundations & Counselor		(A)	School of Social Work	Terry Mizrahi	A
	Veronica Muller	A			(A)
		(A)		Samuel Aymer	(A) X
English		(A)	Sociology		(A)
	Leigh Jones	A		Mark Halling	A
	Sarah Chinn	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Alexander Fietzer	(A) X	Special Education	Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	John Keegan	(A) X		Elizabeth Klein	A
	Larry Shore	X		Jennifer Klein	A
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) E		Kristen Hodnett	(A) X
	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X		Donald Vogel	(A) X
Geography		(A)	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	X
	Haydee Salmun	A		Carol Silverman	(A) X
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A			(A)
German	Carsten Kessler	(A) X	Theatre	Jonathan Kalb	A
	Elke Nicolai	A		Louisa Thompson	X
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		Claudia Orenstein	(A) X
History		(A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Jill Gross	(A) X
	Rick Belsky	A		Stanley Moses	X
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X			(A)
Library	Eduardo Contreras	E	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabas	(A) A
	Mee' Len Hom	A		Steven Trasino	A
	Sarah Ward	A		Jennifer Gaboury	(A) A
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A		Catherine Raissiguier	X
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			

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Students

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Stephanie Barragan	A
Albiona Aga	X
Sandra-May Flowers	E
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	A
Erica Fu	X
Noam Sohn	A
Shannon O'Rourke	X
Asheley Siewnarine	A
Anna Ozbek	A
Sheana Budhoo	A
Stephany Graces	X
Samuel Genchikmakher	X
Ahmed Elsaeyed	X
Emaad Khwaja	X
Omar Elwany	X
Charles Bachmann	X
Mustafa Gadelrab	X
Jyothisraj Johnson	X
Sarah Lamsifer	X
Michael Mazzeo	A
Meghann Williams	A
Hieu Dang	A
Cara Fitzgerald	X
Melanie Lozier	A
Nicole Parker	X
Jawwaad Alam	X
Marie Mazzeo	A
Sarah Mathew	X
Elyas Amin	A
Edward Friedman	A
Adam Hobbins	X
Daniel Smith	X
Jennifer Uolla	A
Lena Suponya	X
Soumya Misra	A
Stephon Odom	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Brain Maasjo	(A)	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams		A
Geography	Dana Reimer		A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera		A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Shawna Leigh		X
Medicial Lab Science	Hongxing Li		A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher		A
Dolciani Math Center	Barbara Barone		A
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma		A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh		X
Urban Affairs & Planning	Laxmi Ramasubramanian		A
History	Bernadette McCauley		A
THHP	Sarah Janinsky		A

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Melany Balaguera		X
Vice President, Graduate Student Association			X
President Alumni Association	James Amodeo		A
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez		A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu		X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:			
HEO/CLA Representative	Marylin Daley-Weston		A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen		A
Vice President for Administration	Robert Pignatello		A
Provost, Acting	Lon Kaufman		A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky		A
Alternate Senators (3):			
Dean of Education	Michael Middleton		A
Special Counsel to the President & Dean of Faculty	Laura Hertzog		A
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain		X