

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate**  
**14 December 2011**

- 1 The 531<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:50 PM in Room W714.  
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- 3 **Presiding:** Sandra Clarkson, 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 November 16<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.  
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- 12 **Report by the** There was no report.  
13 **President:**  
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- 15 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:  
16 **Administrative**  
17 **Committee:**
- 18 a) **Special Election for Vacant At-large Seats on the Senate – Fall 2011**  
19 The Chair presented the following nominations in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2.H.i & ii,  
20 of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*:  
21 Students: Caroline Park  
22 George Pierrakeas  
23 Jude Cyril Buenasedo  
24 Kevon Rankin  
25 Sandrea Sicangco  
26 Ireina Cupeles  
27 Karen Ciego  
28 Chaya Shagalov  
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- 30 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the entire slate. The  
31 motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.  
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- 33 Clickers were distributed to the newly elected senators.  
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- 35 b) **Approved Curriculum Changes**  
36 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the attached Report dated 12/14/11, have been  
37 approved as per Senate resolution, and are attached for the Senate's information: Items US-1738  
38 (German), and US-1739 (Film & Media), US-1622/GS-834 (Health Professions), US-1733  
39 (Political Science), and US-1735 (Curriculum & Teaching), US-1736 (Film & Media), US-1737  
40 (Geography), , GS-886 (Music), GS-887 (Music), GS-888 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-889  
41 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-890 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-891 (Curriculum & Teaching),  
42 GS-892 (Curriculum & Teaching and Educational Foundations), and GS-893 (Geography)  
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 56 **Committee**  
 57 **Report:**

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate Committees:

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee: (Tuesdays 12-2)

Faculty At-large: Gavin Hollis (English)

Budget Committee

Faculty from School of Social Work: Sarah-Jane Dodd

Student: Shaun Persaud (English)

Student: Patricia Colon (Economics)

Departmental Governance Committee

Faculty from Social Sciences: Leonard Feldman (Political Science)

Faculty from Health Professions: Arlene Spark (UPH)

Committee on the Library

School of Social Work: Terri Mizrahi

Alternate: Barbara Bosch (Theatre)

Student: Matthew Evanusa (Computer Science)

Grade Appeals Committee

Faculty: Jason Wirtz (C&T)

Teacher Evaluation Committee

Faculty: Barbara Welter (History)

Committee on Academic Freedom

HEO Alternate: Ingrid Bonadie-Joseph (Library)

General Education Requirements Committee

Faculty: Lawrence Kowerski (Classics)

Special Advisory Committee on Academic Functions at Roosevelt House (RHAC)

Faculty from Health Professions: Phil Alcabes (UPH)

Faculty from Urban Affairs and Planning: John Chin

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

**Undergraduate Academic Requirement Committee**

Professor Sandra Clarkson informed the Senate that the Undergraduate Academic Requirement Committee Report has been withdrawn at this time, and that the Committee would report at the first Senate meeting of the Spring 2012 term.

100 **Report by the**  
 101 **Provost:**

**Re: SEEK**

Vita Rabinowitz, Provost, presented the following Resolution for Senate support. Copies as sent to the Senate are available for review.

**Resolution: HUNTER COLLEGE –ABOLITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SEEK**

RESOLVED, that the Department of SEEK be abolished and the Percy Ellis Sutton Program of SEEK be established at Hunter College effective February 1, 2012

After discussion, the question was called and carried.

Voting by clickers produced the following results: 32 in favor, 20 opposed, and 8 abstentions. The motion was defeated.

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119 **New Business: SEEK**  
120 Professor Maria Rodriguez presented the following resolution for Senate endorsement.  
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122 **UPDATED**  
123 **RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SEEK –**  
124 **Hunter College Senate, December 14, 2011**  
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126 **RESOLVED:** That the Department of SEEK remain an academic department of the College and  
127 not just a program as currently being proposed by the Hunter administration. The SEEK  
128 Department includes the renamed Percy E. Sutton SEEK Program. On December 1, 2011, the  
129 Department voted unanimously\*\* to remain a department and transmitted that vote to the  
130 Provost's office. The Hunter administration's proposed resolution violates traditional principles  
131 of shared governance at Hunter College and CUNY Affirmative Action guidelines, and has an  
132 adverse impact on SEEK students, faculty and staff.  
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134 \*\*In attendance at the Dec. 1, 2011 Department meeting:  
135 Prof. J. Fuentes, Acting Chair/Director  
136 Prof. M. Rodriguez  
137 Ms. F. Liggins  
138 Ms. S. Cruz  
139 Ms. D. Simmons  
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141 After discussion the question was called and carried.  
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143 Voting by clickers produced the following results: 19 in favor, 31 opposed, and 8 abstentions. The  
144 motion was defeated.  
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147 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:25  
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151 Respectfully submitted,  
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156 Lisa Marie Anderson  
157 Secretary

## APPENDIX I

*The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:*

### Faculty

Anthropology	Judith Friedlander (A) Marc Edelman (A) Ida Susser
Art	Paul Ramirez
Chemistry	Pamela Mills (A) Gary Quigley (A)
Classical & Oriental Studies	Joanne Spurza "E"
Computer Science	Saad Mneimeh (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Jody Polleck (A) Melissa Schieble (A)
Economics	Timothy Goodspeed (A) Howard Chernick Avi Liveson
Educational Foundations	Arnold Wolf (A) John Keegan (A)
Film & Media	Gustavo Mercado Ricardo Miranda (A) Michael Gitlin
Geography	Wenge Ni-Meister (A) Allan Frei (A) Traci Warkentin
History	Daniel Margocsy
Library	Danise Hoover (A) Patricia Woodard (A)
Mathematics & Statistics	Verna Segarra (A) Robert Thompson
Music	Michele Cabrini (A)
Nursing	Anita Nirenberg Terry Yannaco (A) Joan Arnold (A)
Political Science	Robyn Marasco Robert Jenkins (A)
Psychology	Tricia Striano (A) Michael Lewis
Romance Languages	Monica Shinaider Michael Perna

School of Social Work	Nancy Giunta (A) Michael Lewis Marina Lalayants (A)
Sociology	Joong-Hwan Oh (A)
Special Education	David Conner (A)
Student Services	Taahira Maynard

### Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Jocelyn Berger-Barrera (Library)  
Ashley Vaught (Philosophy)  
Barbara Sproul (Religion)  
Carmela Scala (Romance Languages)  
Claus Mueller (Sociology)

### Ex-Officio

Ranette Garcia, USG Pres.  
Sonya Acevedo, CLT Council Pres.  
Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.  
Patricia Rudden, Alumni Assoc.

### Students

Nada Aziz (Geography)  
Michael Green (Economics)  
Ariela Hazan (Macaulay Honors)  
Kristopher Emanuel  
Rochelle Thewet (Philosophy)  
Loranzo Donvito (Romance Lang.)  
Maggi Delgado (Film & Media)  
Fei Yan Mock  
Ambalika Boodrham (THHP)  
Krishan Sharma  
Jimmy Qiu (Accounting)  
Alexander Lemell (Philosophy)  
Shaun Persaud (English)  
Umila Singh (Economics)  
Patricia Colon (Economics)  
Deodat Ruplall (Comp Sci)  
Marcin Wisniewski (Music Grad)  
Runako Taylor (Grad. Classics)  
Meg Krietsch (Anthopology)  
Tonya Sylvester (Math & Stat)  
Raya Harris (undecl.)  
Will Lewis  
Anna Kovalevska