

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
5 December 2012

1 The 543rd meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 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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 11 There was a motion to change the agenda so that the Administrative Committee be the next line of
 12 business. The motion carried without objection.
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14 **Report by the** The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:
 15 **Administrative**
 16 **Committee:**

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

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

20 Faculty: Nicole Lyalin
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22 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
 23 The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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25 b) **Approved Curriculum Changes**

26 The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 5 December 2012 have been
 27 approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-
 28 1837 (Political Science), US-1839 (Political Science), UR-1842 (Urban Public Health), UR-
 29 1838 (Film & Media)
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31 c) **Resolution Re: Medical Lab Science**

32 President Raab, Provost Vita Rabinowitz, Acting Dean of Health Professions, Marilyn
 33 Auerbach, and the Director of the program expressed their support for this resolution.
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35 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES**
 36 **DEPARTMENT IN THE HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
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38 **RESOLVED**, that effective July 1, 2013, the Hunter College Department of Medical
 39 Laboratory Sciences shall be established in the School of Arts & Sciences as part of the
 40 Division of Math and Sciences with all of the rights and responsibilities of a department and
 41 shall house the Medical Laboratory Sciences Program formerly located in the School of Health
 42 Sciences.
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44 **RESOLVED**, that any inconsistent provisions of the resolutions of this Board of June 17, 1974
 45 and June 23, 1997, be superseded.
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47 The question was called and carried.
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49 Voting by clickers produced the following results for the Accounting Program: 53 in favor, 3
 50 opposed, and 3 abstentions. The resolution carried.

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55 Committee

56 Reports:

Master Plan Committee

57 Professor Barbara Sproul, Chair of the Committee, presented the report. She said:
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59 “The master plan committee has been meeting regularly for the past several years with the
60 administration on issues regarding the physical spaces occupied by the college. Since the late
61 90’s, it’s been Hunter’s goal to find more and more productive space to accommodate our ever
62 burdening needs. To that end we have been fortunate to have an administration that has been
63 aggressively and creatively perusing real estate ventures of one sort or another. The president has
64 described and given her personal interest in these areas. The Senate has received detailed reports
65 from her as we went along. I don’t want to repeat what she has already said here. Therefore, I
66 will briefly go through all the buildings that we have acquired, rehabbed and changed the function
67 of in the last 5 or 6 years. In addition to those that the President has just gone through here today,
68 the Roosevelt House, which was rehabbed and now includes the public policy institute and the
69 human rights program, the new Silberman School of Social Work, Palermo Italiano, which is also
70 another space up on 65th street and Lexington, the MFA space, rehabbing the library which will
71 also include space there for the writing center and the honor programs, the floor at the Weill
72 Cornell Medical Center, which will take some of our science faculty as well as adding new, and
73 of course the agreement with Memorial Sloan Kettering on east 73rd street. All of these involve
74 shifts in space and our use of them. We have not really had a comprehensive look yet at what
75 these are going to mean for those of us who remain at 68th street. In addition, searches are still
76 going on for other buildings in the neighborhood as the President briefly alluded. It is the real
77 concern of the Master Plan Committee through to make sure that relevant departments are actively
78 participate in decisions pertaining to the new space which effects them. To that end, we are
79 pleased to hear that the administration is already engaging in talks with varying science
80 departments over the productive use of the new science buildings over by the river. So many
81 parts of various sections of our community have been moving around so it’s a little hard to figure
82 out the bottom line. What’s the square footage we are talking about, how much more do we have,
83 how does that affects those who aren’t in the science departments, how does that change the nature
84 of the whole 68th street plan? We still need solid figures on exactly what square footage in the
85 new facilities will be taken up by programs that are currently at Brookdale, which science
86 programs currently at 68th street will move, and how we ought to use the new space that will
87 eventually become availability here. This will be a major focus of the Master Plan Committee for
88 the foreseeable future. We don’t want to make these decisions ourselves, but we do want to make
89 sure that the committee thinks about them wisely and in a comprehensive matter. We will report
90 in the spring about how that will be done. We have also been concerned with swing space and
91 with alternative space. The president has talked about that at great length. I won’t go through it
92 again but that’s something that we take seriously and try to overview. I do want to take a minute
93 to talk about what happened during Sandy, although the president did mention parts of it. During
94 the storm and its aftermath, Brookdale campus was evacuated and flooded. The college opened its
95 doors at 68th street to almost 300 displaced residents as well as much of the Upper East Side on
96 Election Day. 165 classes a week were somehow absorbed in all of these already crowded
97 buildings. All of this was done with efficiency and grace. Outstanding work was done by
98 Madelyn Stokely and Sharmeen Ahmed, both from the Office of the Deans of Students. Also,
99 we must thank Len Zinnanti, Rick Chandler and Ricardo Franko. The Provost office also went
100 above and beyond helping the Brookdale programs and departments to transfer their programs up
101 here. Andrew Silva, the Director of Operations, Marilyn Daily Weston, and Nadine Young
102 managed to relocate all of those classes up here. How is that we could have 165 additional classes?
103 All of these folks deserve our thanks. Hunter looked great in the city. We preformed real city
104 service and our students were well taken care of. Master Plan wanted to take a moment to thank
105 all of them.
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107 Maintenance is obviously a regular focus of the Master Plan Committee. We hear in some
108 frequency from Rick for the efforts of his staff to keep running effectively along with all the other
109 buildings he cares for. The escalators are the next huge project to be undertaken here. We asked
110 Rick Chandler to create a facilities website where such information could be shared and he did
111 so.”
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 118 **Report by the**
 119 **Chief Operating**
 120 **Officer:**

Len Zinnanti, the Chief Operating Officer, Said the following:

“Before I introduce Rick Chandler to do the presentation on our fantastic new website and some other management initiatives in the facilities area, I just want to take a minute to talk about the operational aspects of the college, which I have the pleasure of managing. Besides ICIT, Environmental Health & Safety, and HR, Facilities really touches everybody. I want to take a moment and talk a bit about Hurricane Sandy. Hunter had the distinct and extraordinary status of being both a campus underwater and a campus above water. We had to rely on facilities to dispose of the contaminated items, the insulation, papers, and equipment. We required constant cleaning of the facility in the north and east buildings of our Brookdale campus to ensure that the air quality was perfect. They worked on restoring the steam, electrical power, IT data, and phone equipment. They worked on finding a backup generator when everybody in the city was looking for one and the switches to operate it. The electricians, plumbers, locksmiths, carpenters, laborers, custodians, and maintenance workers were all very integral to the effort. It was indeed an incredible effort. I want to thank Barbara Sproul because she has been actually very interested in the management of facilities.”

Len Zinnanti called on Rick Chandler, Vice President for Administration, who did a walk-through of the new Facilities website.

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 138 **New**
 139 **Business:**

Senate Membership: Temporary Re-allocation of Seats

Lisa Marie Anderson, Secretary of the Senate, presented the following resolution and recommended that the body consider it for the next meeting.

THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS

WHEREAS Article III.1 of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter College (“the Charter”) stipulates that the body “shall have 100 Senators and Alternates sufficient in number to provide one faculty alternate for each department,” composed of: 44% Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Instructors on full-time appointments; 13% full-time and part-time Lecturers, Adjunct faculty, and all other part-time members of the teaching faculty who are not also serving in full-time appointments, and non-faculty department members in the title series College Laboratory Technician and Higher Education Officer; 14% full-time undergraduate students, other than students in the SEEK Department; 11% part-time undergraduate students; 2% undergraduate students in the SEEK Department; 11% graduate students; and 5% administration; and

WHEREAS Articles IV.2.H.i and IV.2.H.ii of the Charter stipulate that reserved Senate seats that remain vacant after scheduled elections “shall be filled for the remainder of the regular term” by an election “conducted by a process approved by the Senate”; and

WHEREAS three or more unexcused absences by a Senator is considered an unofficial resignation of that Senate seat; and

WHEREAS there are currently programs with no dedicated representation because the charter did not anticipate those needs; and

WHEREAS low attendance at Senate meetings significantly impedes the ability of the body to reach a quorum and accomplish its work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Senate seats that are vacant or unofficially resigned be temporarily reallocated – after due notice has been sent to the affected departments, offices, and individual representatives – for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year, until the Charter Review Committee can take up, as part of the extensive review scheduled for late Spring 2013, the matters of the composition of the Senate and a permanent rule on reallocation of seats as necessary.

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181 **Teacher Evaluations:**
182 There was some concern expressed in regards to this semester's teacher evaluations. The final due
183 dates to submit the teacher evaluations are after the grades begin. This oversight is a big concern.

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186 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:28
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190 Respectfully submitted,

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195 Lisa Marie Anderson
196 Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

(A)=Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excused

Faculty

AFPRL	Anthony Browne	A	History	Benjamin Hett	X
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A		Richard Belsky	(A) X
	Edgardo Melendez	(A) X		Thomas Head	(A) X
Anthropology	Ida Susser	X	Library	Hal Grossman	X
	Ignasi Clemente	(A) X		Mee'Len Hom	A
	Jessica Rothman	(A) X		Danise Hoover	(A) A
Art	Malik Gaines	X		Jonathan Cain	(A) A
		(A)	Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson	A
		(A)		Robert Thompson	A
Biological Sciences	Shirley Raps	A		Verna Segarra	(A) X
	Paul Feinstein	A	Music	Patrick Burke	(A) A
		(A)		Jewell Thompson	A
		(A)		Michele Cabrini	(A) A
Chemistry	Akira Kawamura	A	School of Nursing	Jana Freiman	(A) X
				Anita Nirenberg	A
	Pamela Mills	(A) X		David Keepnews	A
	Gary Quigley	(A) X		Joan Arnold	(A) X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Joanne Spurza	X	Philosophy	Theresa Yannaco	(A) X
	Lawrence Kowerski	(A) A		Frank Kirkland	A
		(A)		Omar Dahbour	(A) X
Computer Science	Feliza Vasquez-Abad	A	Physics & Astronomy	Laura Keating	(A) X
	Saad Mneimneh	(A) X		Marilyn Rothschild	A
	Virginia Teller	(A) A		Noel Goddard	(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching	Debbie Sonu	X	Political Science		(A)
	Jason Wirtz	X		Robyn Marasco	X
	Melissa Schieble	(A) X		Zachary Shirkey	(A) X
	Jody Polleck	(A) X	Psychology	Charles Tien	(A) X
Economics	Howard Chernick	X		Joseph Lao	A
	Avi Liveson	X		Jason Young	X
	Timothy Goodspeed	(A) X			(A)
		(A)	Romance Languages	Peter Moller	(A) X
Educational Foundations	Cynthia Walley	A		Michael Perna	A
	John Keegan	(A) A		Rolando Perez	X
	Arnold Wolf	(A) X		Paolo Fasoli	(A) X
English	Chong Chon-Smith	X	School of Social Work	Monica Calabrito	(A) X
	Michael Thomas	A			
	Cristina Alfar	(A) E		Nancy Giunta	X
	Barbara Webb	(A) A		Mimi Abramovitz	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Larry Shore	X			(A)
	Tami Gold	A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
		(A)		Joong-Hwan Oh	(A) X
		(A)		Thomas Degloma	(A) A
Geography	Haydee Salmun	A	Special Education	Elissa Brown	A
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) X		Angela Mouzakitis	(A) A
		(A)		David Connor	(A) X
German	Lisa Marie Anderson	A	Theatre	Dong Shin Chang	A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		Mia Rovegno	(A) A
	Elke Nicolai	(A) A			(A)
School of Health Sciences	Shahana Mahajan	A	Urban Affairs	Stanley Moses	X
		(A)		Jill Simone Gross	(A) A
					(A)
			School of Urban Public Health	Lydia Isaac	X
					(A)

At-Large, Lecturers, and Part-Time Faculty

Madlyn Stokely	Student Services	A
Taahira Maynard	Student Services	(A) X
Barbara Barone	Mathematics & Statistics	X
Brian Buckwald	Student Services	A
Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	Library	A
Sarah Chinn	English	A
Nadine A. Bryce	Curriculum & Teaching	X
Elizabeth Beaujour	Classics	A
Claus Mueller	Sociology	X
Bill Williams	Mathematics & Statistics	A
Gabriela Smeureanu	Chemistry	A
Laxmi Ramasubramanian	Urban Affairs	A
Christa D. Acampora	Philosophy	A
Barbara Sproul	Religion	A

Students

Matthew Evanusa	X
Matthew Ramos	X
Andy Lall	X
Ariela Hazan	X
Eamon Pickard	X
Shawn Rafeeq	X
Eileen Chen	X
Jimmy Qiu	X
Madiha Wasti	E
Ibrahim Alsaygh	X
Julia Camila Jones	A
Alexander Lemell	X
Jarret Freeman	X
Patricia Colon	X
Candace Lawrence	X
Sandrea Sicangco	A
Dennis Luo	X

Administration

Senators:

HEO/CLT Representative	Bill Zlata	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Chief Operating Officer	Len Zinnanti	A
Provost	Vita Rabinowitz	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Erec Koch	A

Alternate Senators (3):

School of Education	Dean David Steiner	A
School of Social Work	Dean Jacqueline Mondros	X
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	A

Ex-Officio

President, Undergraduate Student Government	Benedict Joson	A
Vice President, Graduate Student Association	Luis Gutierrez	X
President Alumni Association	Anne Seifried	X
President, HEO Forum	Sarah Jeninsky	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X