

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Hunter College Senate 25 September 2013

- 1 The 553<sup>rd</sup> 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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 6 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.  
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 8 Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the  
 9 Senate, and clickers were distributed to them.  
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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: Jonah Garnick  
 20 Benedict Joson  
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 22 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the  
 23 nominees. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.  
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 25 **b) Announcement of the new USG President**  
 26 The Chair introduced the new President of the Undergraduate Student Government, Steven  
 27 Wendel, and called him to the podium for a brief presentation. He said:  
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 29 “Hello everyone. I am the current President of the Undergraduate Student Government. I  
 30 thank you all for having me here today. One of the things that the USG can contribute is  
 31 student representations and advertising. The USG and I are determined to fill any available  
 32 student seats by the end of the semester. Therefore, we can go into the Spring semester with a  
 33 full slate of student representation. Thank you.”  
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 35 Prof. Acampora also announced that the student Abdul Rad will be a Parliamentarian for the  
 36 Administrative Committee.  
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 38 **c) Election of Committee Chairs**  
 39 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Charter Review Committee.  
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 41 Professor John Wallach (Political Science) was nominated.  
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 43 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate.  
 44 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Professor Wallach was elected.  
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56 **d) Membership Slate for the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee (FSDC)**

57 The Chair, Prof. Christa Acampora, said the following:  
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59 “The membership slate for the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee is available to you at  
60 the front desk. We also prepared something for you from the CUNY by-laws regarding the  
61 structure of this committee.  
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63 The three faculty who are nominated for chair rotate or alternate as chair of the committee.  
64 Therefore, the responsibility is shared. Currently, we are still recruiting for the third nominee.  
65 I am asking the Senate to affirm the list and to ratify the list in the condition that we have it.  
66 The reason is because the chair of the committee will have to undergo some training. There is  
67 an immediate need for the committee to be constituted. Even though the committee is  
68 constituted of members from Arts and Science, the committee hears all students in the  
69 college.”  
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71 Vice President Eija Ayravainen answered a question about the membership consisting only of  
72 faculty from the School of Arts & Sciences. She explained that all deans had been asked to  
73 submit names.  
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75 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the faculty  
76 nominees. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.  
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78 **e) Announcement regarding the Search Committee for CIO**

79 The Chair, Prof. Christa Acampora, said the following:  
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81 “We are now accepting nominees for the search committee for the Chief Information Officer  
82 (Functional Title) or Assistant Vice President for ICIT (CUNY Title). The deadline for  
83 nominees to reach our office is Thursday, October 10th, 2013. Once all nominees have been  
84 received we will bring that back to the body and you will all vote at the following meeting.”  
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87 **New Business:**

88 **University Faculty Senate:**

89 Prof. Jason Young said the following:  
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91 “The University Faculty Senate is making recommendations on CUNY-wide budgetary priorities.  
92 We have passed this to the Senate Budget Committee and the Undergraduate Student Government.  
93 We want to be sure that students are also involved in the discussion. The University Faculty  
94 Senate has requested that Hunter College prioritize a list or add a few things to the list. Therefore,  
95 if you have strong views regarding the above and would like to participate, the Senate has some  
96 Budget Committee vacancies available to be filled. Otherwise, I would be happy to relay your  
97 views to the Budget Committee.  
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99 Furthermore, there are a few seats available on the University Faculty Senate. I will be very happy  
100 to sign up any interested faculty that is willing to attend regular faculty meetings at the University  
101 Faculty Senate.”  
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103 **Provost’s Office:**

104 Annemarie Nicols-Grinenko reported that the Search Committee for the Director of Assessment is  
105 interviewing candidates. A list of faculty and administrators who sit on the Search Committee  
106 will be provided.  
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108 **Prof. Tami Gold:**

109 Prof. Gold shared a resolution that had been presented to the joint FDA/PSC meeting regarding  
110 the arrest following a student protest in front of Macaulay Honors College.

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115 **Report by the**  
116 **President:**

The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate. She said:

117 "I would like to thank Eija Ayravainen and our colleagues from Student Services. We just had the  
118 second selections of our scholar cohorts. We have approximately 209 students. There were  
119 approximately 1900 applications for Macaulay Honors and we considered approximately 250-300  
120 applications for 120 spots. There were a lot of great talents to be considered. We have analyzed  
121 the applications in accordance with the scholar cohorts.

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123 The first was the Muse Scholars, whose interests are in the arts. Even if they want to continue in  
124 pre-med, they are being recruited as being interested in the arts. This wonderful cohort has about  
125 30 or so members a year. There are strong scholarship and advising opportunities available to  
126 these students. The cohort is in its third class and the retention rate from freshmen to sophomores  
127 is very high.

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129 The second cohort is called the Yalow Scholars. This cohort consists of students who are  
130 interested in science research, pre-med, and pre-health.

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132 The third cohort is the Roosevelt Scholars. They do a lot of work in the Roosevelt House and their  
133 interest is in pre-law, public policy, and environmental justice.

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135 By creating the above cohorts, the freshmen can identify with each area and fellow students. It can  
136 lead to social bonding and connections between them. Furthermore, we will be able to create  
137 housing and scholarship opportunities around their interests.

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139 We also have a lot of scholarship opportunities that were built around learning communities and  
140 advising. There are a high number of freshmen that show a strong connection, bonding and  
141 enthusiasm as a group and a cohort. A student that I spoke to said that last year around this time  
142 she still felt a little lost. However, as the year goes on, she knows where to go, how to study, and  
143 she feels more of a part of the Yalow community. These cohorts are a way to build small  
144 communities in a larger school such as Macaulay and we find it to be very successful.

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146 Brian Buckwald has been a great advisor and has helped create all these different groups. We  
147 welcome any ideas and participation.

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149 I would like to thank Christa Acampora for acting so quickly on the CIO search. I hope people  
150 will sign up.

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152 Vita Rabinowitz has been working hard in the Director of Assessment search. We also have a  
153 search going for General Counsel. Laura Hertzog is in the acting position. As soon as the searches  
154 conclude this semester we will begin the search for the Dean of Arts & Sciences and Vice  
155 President of Administration. We do hope to have an acting or interim Vice President of  
156 Administration.

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158 Another item I would like to bring to everyone's attention is that this year is our Periodic Review  
159 for Middle States. It seems that it was just yesterday that we finished our 10-year report. This time  
160 it is the periodic 5-year report. It does not involve a site visit but it does involve a comprehensive  
161 report on the progress that we have made on the 10-year report. It is an update on how we are  
162 going to fulfill what we say we are going to do. Furthermore, we also have to report any changes  
163 and corrections in our plan.

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165 The Provost, Christa Acampora, members of the Senate and I have been working very closely to  
166 put together a representative committee that will be able to shepherd us in completing this report.  
167 It is important that all of you consider a way to be involved through a committee.

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169 There are five areas that will be reviewed:

- 174 1. Major institutional changes or development over the past five years.
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- 176 2. Major challenges and opportunities that we see coming in the next five years and how we will  
177 be approaching them.
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- 179 3. Our projected enrollment and finance trends over the next five years. We are working on that.  
180 Our eligible freshman numbers are not predicted to go up in the five boroughs and surrounding  
181 areas. However, due to Eija Ayravainen's strong leadership, our enrollment and admission is  
182 strong. In regards to our budget, it has been strong and we continue to bring resources in addition  
183 to our budget.
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- 185 4. Evidence of organized and sustainable assessment of academic learning and institutional  
186 effectiveness. This is why the position of Director of Assessment is so important. Even though  
187 Mosen Auryan has left the college, Christa, Vita and I feel very strongly that we can get all the  
188 data that we need. The academic feedback is something that many of you have focused on  
189 because of Pathways learning goals and other forces. I believe that there are many other ways for  
190 us to get opinions, considering the advancement of technology. We put out surveys and asked for  
191 information. However, we did not get much response. We are struggling to get students' input as  
192 well. I am doing everything that I can so we can be strong in institutional assessment.
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- 194 5. How our strategic plan is linked to our budgeting and resource allocation. I believe this is  
195 more of a documentation process.

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197 Lastly, this year we should think about how we can integrate technology into the classroom, and in  
198 online and hybrid learning. Many of us are doing different things. I really want us to work  
199 together with ACERT and ICIT so they can provide the support we need to move forward. Mitch  
200 Ahlbaum, Brian Duffy and I have been talking about the implementation of the FITT program. We  
201 may make changes to keep on improving it. One of the things that I also discussed with Christa is  
202 how faculty integrate technology into coursework. People are coming up with ideas but we need  
203 to make sure that the students are trained correctly. I would love to have this matter solved by next  
204 summer. We should think this through and see if there is a better program out there beside FITT.

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206 Another possibility is through CUNY hybrid funding, where they will help you do a course, but  
207 the college will only get reimbursement if the course is taught for two consecutive semesters.

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209 The more we have this conversation, we can look into obstacles and solutions. We can better  
210 support the integration of faculty and technology. I would love to have this year as the year that  
211 we can all work together, considering what needs attention and how to move ahead. We have to  
212 keep moving or we are going to be left behind in technology.

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215 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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218 Respectfully submitted,

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223 Lisa Marie Anderson  
224 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) A		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	A	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) X		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	A	Physics & Astronomy	Marilyn Rothschild	X
Computer Science	Lawrence Kowerski	(A) A		Kelle Cruz	(A) X
		(A)		Ying-chih Chen	(A) X
	Feliza Vasquez-Abad	A	Political Science	Leonard Feldman	X
Curriculum & Teaching	Saad Mneimneh	(A) X		Zachary Shirkey	(A) A
	Virginia Teller	(A) X		Charles Tien	(A) X
	Nadine A. Bryce	A	Psychology	Joseph Lao	A
Economics	Jason Wirtz	A		Peter Moller	X
	Steve Demeo	(A) X		Michael Lewis	(A) X
	Ben Shuldiner	(A) X		Jason Young	(A) A
Educational Foundations	Howard Chernick	X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	A
	Avi Liveson	X			(A)
	Timothy Goodspeed	(A) X			(A)
English		(A)	Romance Languages	Rolando Perez	X
	Leigh Jones	A		Monica Calabrito	X
	Sarah Chinn	X		Paolo Fasoli	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Barbara Webb	(A) A		Michael Perna	(A) X
	Stephen Wetta	(A) A	School of Social Work	Marina Lalayants	X
	Gustavo Mercado	X			
Geography	Tami Gold	A	Sociology	Mimi Abramovitz	(A) X
	Bill Herman	(A) X		Ilze Earner	(A) X
	Tim Portlock	(A) X		Mark Halling	X
German	Joong-Hwan Oh	(A) X		Joong-Hwan Oh	(A) X
	Haydee Salmun	X	Special Education	Angela Mouzakis	A
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) X		Elissa Brown	(A) A
School of Health Professions		(A)			(A)
	Lisa Marie Anderson	A	Speech-Language Pathology and	Susan Wortsman	A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) X		Don Vogel	(A) A
History	Elke Nicolai	(A) A	Theatre	Deepsikha Chatterjee	A
		(A)		Mia Rovegno	(A) X
	Benjamin Hett	X	Urban Affairs	Jill Simone Gross	A
Library	Richard Belsky	(A) A		Stanley Moses	(A) X
	Daniel Margocsy	(A) A			(A)
	Mee'Len Hom	A	School of Urban Public Health	Dean Johnston	X
	(A) A			(A)	
	Jonathan Cain	(A) X			

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**At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty**

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

**Ex-Officio**

President, USG	Steven Wendel	A
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	A
Alexander Lemell	X
Patricia Colon	X
Mauricio Bardales	A
Abdul Rad	A
Nicole Lyalin	X
Kidus Gebrekidan	X
Joseph Franzese	X
Kascem Hewitt	A
Ariela Hazan	X
Madiha Wasti	X
Ibrahim Alsaygh	X
Julia Camila Jones	X
Jason Sloan	A
Wilson Chow	A
Sara Shenias	X
Eamon Pickard	A
Sandrea Sicango	X
Shawn Rafeey	X
Andy Lall	X
Ben Joson	A
Jonah Garnick	A
Kevin Jackson	X
Sayeda Shune	X
Candace Lawrence	X
Hira Gulzar	X

**ADMINISTRATION**

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