

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

### 27 October 2004

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3 The 445th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:10 PM in Room W714.  
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5 **Presiding:** Joan Tronto, Chair  
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7 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.  
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9 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.  
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11 **Report by the**  
12 **President:** There was no report.  
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14 **Report by the**  
15 **Administrative**  
16 **Committee:** Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate  
17 In accordance with Article IV.2.H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College* the  
18 Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date:  
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20 STUDENT NOMINEES (29 vacant seats):  
21 Laura Musich (Comparative Literature)  
22 Matthew Halley (undeclared)  
23 Valentine Sander (Political Science)  
24 Lena Kushnir (Film & Media Studies)  
25 Junette Alayo (THHP)  
26 Joshua R. Thomas (THHP)  
27 Channell Mellich (THHP)  
28 James Hsiao (THHP)  
29 Rori Picker (THHP)  
30 Wesley J. O'Morrow (THHP)  
31 Elizabeth Maglieri (THHP)  
32 Penelope Williams (LACS)  
33 Charles Blumenthal (Economics)  
34 Spencer Dennis (undeclared)  
35 Joshua Levy (Film & Media/Graduate)  
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37 FACULTY NOMINEES (16 vacant seats):  
38 Juan Flores (Africana & Puerto Rican/Latino Studies)  
39 Dixie Goss (Chemistry)  
40 Ron Long (Religion)  
41 Brian Crowley (Philosophy)  
42 Willie J. Wimberly (SEEK)  
43 Frank Gardella (Curriculum & Teaching)  
44 Tamara Green (Classical & Oriental Studies)  
45 Kathy Rolland (School of Health Sciences)  
46 Mary Lefkarites (Curriculum & Teaching)  
47 Jeanne Weiler (Educational Foundations)  
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49 It was moved that the student nominees be declared elected. The motion carried by voice vote.  
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51 It was moved that the faculty nominees be declared elected. The motion carried by voice vote.

6 **Election of Panels for Search Committee for V. P. for Student Affairs and Dean of Students**

7 The Chair presented the recommended "Voting Procedures" as distributed. It was moved that the  
8 "Procedures" be adopted. The motion carried by voice vote.  
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10 She next presented the list of nominees, and informed the Senate that the name of Ada Peluso  
11 (Mathematics & Statistics) had been added, and that the name of Jerry Quagliariello had been  
12 withdrawn from the list. In response to the information received that Professor Long is a member of  
13 the History Department, his nomination was moved to "Social Sciences." The following is a revised  
14 listing of all nominees:  
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16 Nominees for Chair Panel:

17 Professor Pamela Mills (Chemistry)  
18 Professor Barbara Sproul (Religion)  
19 Professor William Sweeney (Chemistry)  
20 Mr. Len Zinnanti, Vice President for Finance and Administration  
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22 Faculty & Student Nominees for Member Panel:

	FACULTY:	STUDENTS:
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25	1. <u>Humanities &amp; Arts:</u>	
26	AFPRL:	Prof. Harry Rodriguez
27	Comparative Literature Program:	Laura Musich
28	Film & Media Studies:	Prof. James Roman
29	German:	Prof. Elke Nicolai
30	Music:	Prof. Kathleen Turner
31	Romance Languages:	Prof. Giuseppe DiScipio   Manuel Rimarachin
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33	2. <u>Social Sciences:</u>	
34	Political Science:	Prof. Walter Volkomer
35	Psychology:	Prof. Roseanne Flores
36	Sociology:	Prof. Charles Green
37	Urban Affairs & Planning:	Prof. Susan Turner-Meiklejohn
38	History/Religion Program:	Prof. Ron Long
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40	3. <u>Sciences &amp; Mathematics</u>	
41	Biological Sciences:	Prof. Roger Persell
42	Computer Science:	Charles Davi
43	Chemistry:	Prof. Dixie Goss           Amit Haboosheh
44	Mathematics & Statistics:	Prof. Ada Peluso
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46	4. <u>School of Education:</u>	
47	Curriculum & Teaching:	Prof. Frank Gardella
48	SEEK:	Prof. Maria Rodriguez
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50	5. <u>Schools of Health Professions/School of Social Work/Library</u>	
51	Schools of Health Professions:	Prof. Kathryn Rolland
52	School of Social Work:	Prof. Paul Kurzman
53	Library:	Prof. Clay Williams

54 Undeclared Majors:

55 Marina Stasenکو (Honors Program)  
56 Aubrie Dillan (Honors Program)  
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5 Staff Nominees for Member-Panel

6 Office of Student Services:

7 Linda Carlson HEO Associate, Director of Advising and Counseling  
8 Madlyn Stokely, Executive Title, Acting Assistant Dean of Student Support Services  
9 Kristina Testa-Buzzee, HEO Assistant, Director of Wellness Education  
10 Eunice Lewis-Broome, HEO Assistant, Special Projects Coordinator  
11 Terry Wansart, HEO, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics  
12 Jackee Meadow, HEO Associate, Director of Recreation

13 Admissions Office:

14 William Zlata, HEO, Director of Admissions  
15 Naomi Lakin, HEO Assistant, Assistant Director of Admissions

16 Registrar's Office:

17 Marilyn Daley-Weston, HEO, Acting Registrar  
18 Schubert Leroy, HEO Associate, Associate Registrar for Scheduling  
19 Nadine Young, Assistant to HEO, Scheduling Officer  
20 Latesha Thrower, Assistant to HEO Substitute, Assistant to the Registrar  
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22 The Chair reminded the Senate that from these nominations the Senate elects a chair panel of three, and  
23 a member-panel of 8 faculty, 6 students, and 6 members of the staff. From these panels the President  
24 will then choose a chair, 3 students, 4 faculty members, and 3 members of the staff from areas reporting  
25 to the Vice President for Student Affairs.  
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27 Professor Mills rose on a point of personal privilege and said:  
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29 "I would like to rise on a point of personal privilege. I am one of the signatories on the slate of  
30 candidates that you received as you entered the room and I am going to be asking you to consider  
31 this slate. I am addressing you because yesterday I was informed that people were saying that I  
32 was leading an attack. I really want to be clear that what we are doing is not an attack. This is not  
33 an attack or commentary on the leadership, or the candidacy of Vice President Ayravainen. In  
34 fact, it is quite possible that following a real open and fair search, the Acting Vice President will be  
35 one of the final candidates.  
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37 So, I wanted to address this body about what we are doing. Reason number one: this is a  
38 reaffirmation of the shared governance in this college. Hunter, just like other academic  
39 institutions, has mechanisms to share decision-making among various constituencies. Hunter  
40 should be particularly proud of having a very *inclusive* governance body. The Senate includes  
41 members from all constituencies in the college. One mechanism by which we share governance is  
42 through the search process, in which we as well as the President contribute in meaningful ways to  
43 the seating of the search committee. This brings me to point two.  
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45 Our slate is a response to a particularly egregious attempt to influence the search committee. Don't  
46 get me wrong. Presidents have always tried to influence searches. But they have done so against a  
47 backdrop of academic freedom in which faculty feel free to disagree with the President. And that  
48 brings me to point three.  
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50 We must exercise our academic freedom in order to ensure that academic freedom remains alive in  
51 this college. Academic freedom means the right to engage in discourse without fear of reprisals,  
52 the right to disagree with the administration and to voice that disagreement. A fog of fear has  
53 descended upon the college that has begun to encroach upon academic freedom.  
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55 Occasionally, we are called upon to make a broad political statement in the context of a fairly  
56 straightforward task. The election of our slate makes the political statement. But let's not lose sight  
57 of the reason we are here -- to select a panel for a search. The individuals on our slate are  
58 extremely qualified to sit on this committee. The slate includes teaching award winners, former  
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4 chairs of departments and programs, departmental advisers, ORSEM leaders -- faculty committed  
5 to and involved in the lives of the students.

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7 We have an opportunity to send a panel of faculty to the President comprised of people who are  
8 immensely qualified, independent, and committed to an open and fair search. We should return to  
9 the tradition of electing faculty to chair these committees. And, simultaneously, by forwarding the  
10 slate to the President, we can recommit to a shared governance system in the context of true  
11 academic freedom.”

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13 At the conclusion, the Chair asked if anyone else wished to make a statement. None were made.

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15 Written ballots were distributed for the election of the Chair-Panel.

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17 While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.

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19 Written ballots were distributed for the election of 8 faculty for the Member-Panel.

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21 While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.

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23 Written ballots were distributed for the election of 6 members of the staff for the Member-Panel.

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25 While awaiting the results of voting by written ballot, the Senate moved on to the next item of business.

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27 It was moved that the student nominees for the Member-Panel be accepted as presented. The motion  
28 carried.

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30 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

31 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 27 October 2004, were approved as per  
32 Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate’s information: Items UR-1415 (School of  
33 Nursing), and UR-1418 (Curriculum & Teaching).

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35 **Revised Catalog Statement on “Class Attendance”**

36 The Chair informed the Senate that the Senate’s Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee  
37 had approved the following clarifying language for the new catalog:

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39 **Class Attendance** All students must report to classes during the first week of classes.  
40 Students will lose their place in some classes if they do not attend the first class meeting.  
41 (See, for example, the “Notes” for biology and chemistry in the *Schedule of Classes*.)

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43 The instructor has the right to set attendance requirements for the course, to keep attendance  
44 records, and to consider attendance in the calculation of final grades. Such attendance  
45 policies will be listed in the course syllabus. Students may not use absence from class as an  
46 excuse for not fulfilling all course requirements.

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48 Students who have earned fewer than 15 credits of college-level work are limited in the  
49 number of cuts they may take in a course without risking a lower grade, as follows:

50 1-cr course—2 hrs of cuts

51 2-cr course—4 hrs of cuts

52 3-cr course—6 hrs of cuts

53 4-cr course—6 hrs of cuts (equal to 1 lab period and 1 lecture)

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58 After brief discussion it was moved that the revised statement be approved. The motion carried by  
59 voice vote.

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2 **Committee**  
3 **Reports:**

**Nominating Committee**

Dr. Marilyn Rothschild, Chair of the Committee, presented the Report dated 27 October 2004, as distributed. The following were nominated:

6 Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

7 Student: Hallie McNeill (undeclared)

9 Student Standing Committee

10 Faculty: Lisa Finder (Library)

12 Budget Committee

13 Faculty Alternate: Susan Meiklejogn (Urban Affairs)

14 Students: Bonnie Gerard (Graduate)

Laura O'Neil (Honors/Religion)

Annie Thermidor (Nursing)

18 Committee on the Library

19 Faculty from Education: Dona Matthews (Special Education)

21 Master Plan Committee

22 Student: Laura O'Neill (Honors/Religion)

24 GER Appeals Committee

25 Student: Hallie McNeill (undeclared)

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28 It was moved that the nominations be approved as a packet. The motion carried by voice vote.

30 **Announcement of Election Results:**

31 Voting by written ballot for 3 candidates for the Chair-Panel of the Search Committee for Vice  
32 President of Students Affairs produced the following results:

34 Mills 83 votes  
35 Sproul 81 votes  
36 Sweeney 77 votes  
37 Zinnanti 36 votes

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39 The following were declared elected:

40 Pamela Mills (Chemistry)

41 Barbara Sproul (Religion Program)

42 Bill Sweeney (Chemistry)

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44 Voting by written ballot for 8 faculty for the Member-Panel of the Search Committee for Vice  
45 President of Students Affairs produced the following results:

47 Humanities & Arts:

48 Rodriguez, H. 66 votes

49 Roman 21 votes

50 Nicolai 16 votes

51 Turner 22 votes

52 DiScipio 37 votes

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59 Social Sciences:

1	Volkomer	11 votes
2	Flores	28 votes
3	Green	28 votes
4	Turner-Meiklejohn	60 votes
5	Long	61 votes
6	<u>Sciences &amp; Mathematics:</u>	
7	Persell	71 votes
8	Goss	62 votes
9	Peluso	29 votes
10	<u>Education:</u>	
11	Gardella	25 votes
12	Rodriguez, M.	74 votes
13	<u>Health Professions/Social Work/Library:</u>	
14	Rolland	31 votes
15	Kurzman	68 votes
16	Williams	66 votes

The following were declared elected:

- Harry Rodriguez (Africana & Puerto Rican/Latino Studies)
- Susan Turner-Meiklejohn (Urban Affairs & Planning)
- Ron Long (History/Religion Program)
- Roger Persell (Biological Sciences)
- Dixie Goss (Chemistry)
- Maria Rodriguez (SEEK)
- Paul Kurzman (School of Social Work)
- Clay Williams (Library)

Voting by written ballot for 6 staff for the Member-Panel of the Search Committee for Vice President of Students Affairs produced the following results:

31	Carlson	57 votes
32	Stokely	51 votes
33	Testa-Buzzee	49 votes
34	Lewis-Broome	21 votes
35	Wansart	42 votes
36	Meadow	25 votes
37	Zlata	56 votes
38	Lakin	46 votes
39	Daley-Weston	64 votes
40	Leroy	38 votes
41	Young	43 votes
42	Thrower	27 votes

The following were declared elected:

- Linda Carlson (Director of Advising & Counseling)
- Madlyn Stokely (Acting Assistant Dean of Student Support Services)
- Christina Testa-Buzzee (Director of Wellness Education)
- Bill Zlata (Director of Admissions)
- Naomi Lakin (Assistant Director of Admissions)
- Marilyn Daley-Weston (Acting Registrar).

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Picciano,  
Secretary