

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

8 October 2014

1 The 564th 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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 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 March 5th and March 26th were approved as distributed.
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 12 **Report by the** **The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate. She said:**
 13 **President:**
 14 "I am so excited by the new clock because it shows that actually we may be able to get clocks that
 15 work at Hunter College. Thank you, Mitch and Giancarlo. The new seats will be here soon. I am
 16 excited to have done these renovations.
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 18 I did send out an Open Line. Many of you have been able to read it and catch up with what we
 19 have been working on this summer. We've been focusing on a few of the larger physical
 20 renovation projects that create levels of concern and interest in the body. This summer, our new
 21 Chancellor joined us. I am very excited to say that he came for a visit to Hunter along with a visit
 22 to the other 24 campuses. I wanted to give him credit for that. He has also been to the Roosevelt
 23 House events. I think he has been getting a very good sense of our campus, which is a wonderful
 24 thing for us.
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 26 Going back to some of the pieces of our renovation and construction projects, we are very, very
 27 pleased that the library project is moving forward. It is the second and less glamorous phase after
 28 the third floor. Afterwards, we will be focusing on the renovations necessary for B2 which will
 29 allow us to start 6 and 7 in stages. We are working with Dean Dan Cherubin and his extraordinary
 30 staff. We have purchased and installed compact shelving in B2, the shelving will give students
 31 and faculty the access to books. It's amazing how many books can actually be condensed into a
 32 space without windows. So it's been over a million dollars of work that has gone into creating the
 33 space on B2 and now we are working towards clearing the way so that we can move onto 6 and 7.
 34 The 7th floor is going to be the Silverstein Student Success floor. Under the Provost's guidance,
 35 we are going to make it the center for all students support. The Dolciani Center, The Writing
 36 Center that's in Thomas Hunter Hall, and a new science learning center, based on the center that
 37 Biology and Physics had- we want to bring all the student supports together so that students can be
 38 directed if there are problems. The idea is that students know where to go. Associate Provost
 39 Brian Duffy has been working on reimagining the learning centers to create the best practices in
 40 supporting students in writing, which is something I know all of you are concerned about. If
 41 anyone here is interested in talking to Vita, I know there is still time to weigh in on ideas and plans
 42 for those student support centers. We really want to get it right and we are excited about having a
 43 beautiful centrally located physical space, where everyone can really interact and a place where
 44 students can identify "that's where I go for help." Obviously as Dolciani, The Writing Center, and
 45 the science centers move, more space will be freed up in other parts of the campus. That is
 46 certainly true with our move to the science center. We are working with the faculty and reading
 47 proposals that were presented for spring and summer. Vita has selected 12 scientists to move into
 48 the building. There are still possibilities of others going. There is a website that talks about who is
 49 moving. These projects are going to start very soon. Regarding our nursing building, the first
 50 floors of the building and then on the top floors will be our science research class, so the programs
 51 of nursing and physical therapy will be moving into this building and the top floors will be for

55 scientists working there with research labs. There will be some student space and auditorium space
56 for large science teaching lectures but it's predominantly a research building. The last law suit was
57 this summer but we appealed and the city feels confident towards the closing. This is a transition,
58 beginning with construction on 74th street and the plan to leave the Brookdale campus. Swing
59 space is going to be developed at LaGuardia. We will come to when and if people will be leaving
60 Brookdale. I know that's a concern for many people. We don't have any more information than we
61 had last year. We don't have a timetable. As soon as we know we will let people know. The last
62 moving piece is what would be known as the celebratory opening of Baker Hall, which is
63 currently Kennedy Child Care Study Center, right around the corner of 67th St. It is a 26,000
64 square foot landmark building. This building is being purchased due to a very significant donation
65 from Patty Baker. The Theater department will be moving into Baker Hall. We have started to
66 have meetings with the Theater faculty and we are working through the committees of that
67 department, and we are beginning to imagine how this building gets reimagined as a home for our
68 phenomenal Theater department. So many moving pieces. Many people that will be leaving as
69 early as January, when the move will start to happen. So it's very clear to us that we need support,
70 and assistance to begin a campus wide conversation on space allocation. While the North building
71 will be the place that will be the most impacted, the Provost reminds me every day that it's a space
72 issue for all of us at 68th street and we have to look holistically at this campus to see where the
73 needs are. There really is not a secret plan somewhere of what's happening. People are asking us
74 what's going on. People don't believe what we say when we don't know, but we don't know. We
75 frankly have had to focus so hard on working with the central administration and raising the
76 money to make these moves happen. And we have been talking with CUNY for over a year and a
77 half about them hiring a professional space planner that can work with the Senate Master Plan
78 Committee. We have not yet been successful at getting that contract. It is priority for us, and we
79 don't know if we will use college resources. We look forward to being open and completely
80 transparent. I don't think that this is something that happens overnight. To talk about how we
81 address the wonderful luxury of 68th street. So we are very committed to having engaged
82 conversations, there is no secret plan and the plan is to begin to plan. That is what will be
83 happening in this academic year. We wish to begin the conversation through the Senate Master
84 Plan Committee and then through the departments. So I hope, Christa, to be able to come back and
85 report on regular basis.

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87 A few other quick notes. Many of you joined us over the last few months to celebrate what I think
88 is a great mark for Hunter College, which is the fact that four of our alums are now city
89 commissioners of the DeBlasio's administration. I think it says a lot about who we are. We are
90 really sending out extraordinarily talented people. On a quick other note I think many of you have
91 also shared our pride for Roosevelt House in our documentary series on PBS. It's been sort of fun
92 to see the history and to get a little notice in the press on the extraordinary renovation. Today and
93 last week, we had special convocations for Macaulay Honors students and today for the cohort
94 honors freshman at Roosevelt House. For those of you who don't now we have a number of
95 special scholar programs. These are students who were recruited in the areas of science, arts,
96 performing arts, and studio art. Roosevelt Scholars do policy and political science, for students
97 interested being part of the government world. We have a new cohort called the Athena Scholars,
98 for people interested in the humanities. One of my colleagues, the President at Queens College,
99 has come back to help us run the cohort students. He was with us in the Philosophy department.
100 We have new special cohort of honors students who we hope to progress to our doctoral programs
101 in nursing. Many of you met Jack Rosenthal, former editor of NY times and Pulitzer Prize
102 winner, our interim director. Jonathan Fanton, who was with us for 5 years, ended up in the
103 American Academy for the Arts and Science. We are working with various communities and
104 constituencies to begin to put together job descriptions. We hope to put together a search for our
105 first permanent director. And just a final note, we are actively engaging our east Harlem
106 community with our School of Social Work, Public Health, and the Center of Aging. This summer
107 we had a conference where we had over a hundred and twenty participants representing different
108 community groups to talk to us about what the different community needs are. We can begin to do
109 research through our field placements and volunteer interns engaging with the community to help
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114 support a community that has incredible challenges and help make them a healthier, educated, and
115 socially secure community. It's been amazing how many people have been engaged. Our Art
116 department has been working up in the gallery, in need to support the culture. We hope that all of
117 you are looking about ways of how you can engage through your classes, research, and student
118 engagement projects. We have made resources to support your engagement. We want to work on
119 that as that community has become our new home. So I thank you very much for this opportunity
120 and I hope to continue this conversation. One other note I was hoping to make, which had been on
121 a previous agenda, the body had voted to create a department of women's studies. We had just
122 gotten word from CUNY that the resolution will be on the agenda for the meeting of the Board of
123 Trustees on November 3rd. This is moving along with a slight delay as we talk to CUNY about
124 organization points, but we are back on track and we are excited about moving that back on track
125 towards the Board of Trustees and toward the State for approval. Thank you for your support on
126 that."

129 Report by the
130 Acting Dean of
131 Arts & Sciences:

129 **Acting Dean Andrew Polsky requested that the report Regarding Governance in the School
130 of Arts & Sciences be postponed.**

132 There was a point of order request from a member of the body: Can agenda items be postponed
133 without the consent of the body? The parliamentarian ruled the action items may not be delayed
134 without the body's consent, but reports to the body may be postponed at the request of the
135 presenting party. The matter was taken up in New Business.

137 Election of
138 Senate Officers:

137 The floor was open for a nomination for Secretary of the Senate.

138 Professor Manu Bhagavan was nominated.

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

144 The floor was open for a nomination for Chair of the Evening Council.

147 Professor Rupal Oza was nominated.

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

152 Report by the
153 Administrative
154 Committee:

152 The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:

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

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

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| 158 | <u>Students:</u> | Tamzeed Rahman (Chemistry) |
| 159 | | Brandon Alexander (undeclared) |
| 160 | | Christine Hirt (Religion) |
| 161 | | Maria Pia Sifuentes Sacramento (Biochemistry) |
| 162 | | Katherine Diaz |
| 163 | | Pascal Maguin (Biology) |
| 164 | | David Ascienzo (Physics & Astronomy) |
| 165 | <u>Faculty:</u> | Catherine Raissiguier (Women & Gender Studies Program) |

166 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
167 The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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c) **Approved Curriculum Changes**

The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 8 October 2014 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Items: UR-1957 Department of Geography (Change in course titles), UR-1971 Art & Art History (Change in course title and description), UR-1973 Department of Chemistry (Change in course numbering), GR-1012 Department of Chemistry (Change in course numbers), GS-1006 Mathematics & Statistics (New course), GS-1008 Urban Affairs And Planning (Change in Degree Program), GS-1009 Urban Affairs And Planning (Change in Degree Program), GS-1010 Medical Lab Sciences (New Courses) GS-1011 Curriculum & Teaching/Music (Change in Master's Degree).

d) **Update on Resolution Establishing the Department of Women and Gender Studies**

The Chair, Prof. Christa Acampora said the following:

“This item has left Hunter College and is in the schedule to be presented to the Board of Trustees. It was necessary to revise the resolution to reflect an updated effective date. The effective date was changed to January 28, 2015. The only other changes that were made appear as the penultimate paragraph of the rationale of the resolution that has been distributed.”

e) **Resolution Re: Change in Structure of Senate Curriculum Committees**

The Chair, Prof. Christa Acampora, read the resolution into the record.

**RESOLUTION RE CHANGE IN STRUCTURE OF
SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED: The structure of the Hunter College Senate curriculum committees, including Undergraduate Course of Study and Graduate Course of Study and Academic Requirements Committee, shall be altered so as to permit the election of Deputy Chairs.

The question was called and carried.

The resolution passed by voice vote without dissent.

f) **Announcement: Election of Ombudsman**

Prof. Sandra Clarkson was appointed acting Ombudsman until this body elects an Ombudsman on its meeting on October 22nd. Nominations will be accepted until October 10th.

g) **Election of Committee Chair**

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

Professor William Sakas (Computer Science) was nominated.

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

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

Professor Barbara Sproul (Religion) was nominated. Prof. Sproul did not accept the nomination and nominated Prof. Laxmi Ramasubramania (Urban Affairs and Planning)

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

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

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235 Prof. Marilyn Rothschild (Physics & Astronomy) was nominated.

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237 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate.
238 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Prof. Rothschild was re-elected.

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240 The floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Committee on General Education.

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242 Prof. Pamela Mills (Chemistry) was nominated.

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244 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate.
245 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent and Prof. Mills was re-elected.

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248 **Nominees for CUNY**
249 **Common Core**
250 **Committee:**

248 The ballots for subcommittee one: “English Composition,” “Creative Expression,” and
249 “Individual and Society.” produced the following results:
250 24 votes for Prof. Michael Dowdy, 38 votes for Prof. Mark Bobrow, and 5 abstentions.

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252 Prof. Mark Bobrow was elected for sub-committee one.

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254 There is only one faculty nominee in each of the two other categories.

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256 A motion to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees passed by
257 by voice vote without dissent. They are listed below:

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259 Prof. Robert Thompson, Mathematics & Statistics, was elected for subcommittee two:
260 “Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning,” “Life and Physical Sciences,” and “Scientific
261 World.”

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263 Prof. Manu Bhagavan, History, was elected for Subcommittee three: “World Cultures and
264 Global Issues” and “U.S. Experience in its Diversity.”

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266 The results will be forwarded to CUNY.

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269 **Old Business:**

Report by the Nominating Committee:

270 The report by the Nominating Committee is from 5 March 2014. It was presented to the
271 Senate then, but the body did not vote on it.

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

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276 **Report by the Budget Committee:**

277 Professor William Sakas, now Chair of the committee, presented the report on behalf of the
278 committee. He advised the body that the Budget Committee met with the Administration to
279 review proposed Academic Excellent fees for the Masters of Fine Arts Programs in Studio
280 Art. The committee approved a resolution to add the fees in the schedule that is now presented
281 to the body.

282 Acting Dean Polsky spoke in favor of the resolution on behalf of the Administration.
283 Professor Howard Singerman, Chair of the Art Department, spoke on behalf of the affected
284 programs.

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292 **Hunter College, School of Arts and Sciences - Academic Excellence Fees for Graduate**
293 **Programs:**

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295 RESOLVED, that The City University of New York adopt a schedule of academic excellence
296 fees for students in Master of Fine Arts program in the School of Arts and Sciences at Hunter
297 College, effective with the Spring 2015 semester and as detailed below:

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299 **Masters of Fine Arts Programs in Studio Art**

300 Resident Full-time students:	\$40 per credit
301 Resident Part-time students:	\$40 per credit
302 Non Resident Full-time students:	\$40 per credit
303 Non Resident Part-time students:	\$40 per credit

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305 The question was called and carried

306 A vote by clicker produced the following results: 64 in favor, 6 against, and 3 abstentions.

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308 The resolution passed.

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310 **Departmental Governance Committee:**

311 Prof. Leonard Feldman, Chair of the committee, presented the School of Nursing revised By-
312 Laws.

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314 The question was called and carried.

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316 A vote by clicker produced the following results:
317 69 in favor, 2 against, and 2 abstentions.

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319 The by-laws were approved as presented.

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321 **New Business:**

322 **Governance of Arts & Sciences:**

323 A motion to dissolve into a committee of the whole for 15 minutes passed by voice vote
324 without dissent.

325 The body resolved itself into a committee of the whole and reconstituted after 15 minutes.

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327 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:17
328 PM.

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330 Respectfully submitted,

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335 Manu Bhagavan
336 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	(A) A		Verna Segarra	A
	Edgardo Melendez	(A) X		Rob Thompson	(A) A
Anthropology	Jacqueline Nassy Brown	X		Patrick Burke	(A) X
	Ignasi Clemente	(A) A	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Shahana Mahajan	X
		0 (A)		Robert Raffaniello	(A) A
Art & Art History	Malik Gaines	A		Dean Johnston	(A) X
	Wen-Shing Cou	A	Music	Jewel Thompson	A
	Carrie Moyer	(A) A		Maura Donahue	(A) A
	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X		Catherine Coppola	(A) X
Biological Sciences	Derrick Brazill	A	School of Nursing	David Keepnews	X
	Shirley Raps	A		Christine Anne Ganzer	X
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X			0 (A)
	Maria Pereira	(A) X		Anita Nirenberg	(A) X
Chemistry	Akira Kawamura	A	Philosophy	Justin Gerson	A
	Pam Mills	(A) X		Frank Kirkland	(A) A
	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) E		Laura Keating	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Joanne Spurza	A	Physics & Astronomy	Marilyn Rothschild	A
	Chris Stone	(A) X		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
	Larry Kowerski	(A) A		Ying-chih Chen	(A) X
Computer Science	Lei Xie	A	Political Science	Leonard Feldman	A
	Saad Mneimneh	(A) X		John Wallach	(A) X
	Feliza Vasquez-Abad	(A) X		Charles Tien	(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching	Nadine A. Bryce	A	Psychology	Joseph Lao	X
	Jason Wirtz	A		Roseanne Flores	X
	Stephen Demeo	(A) X		Brooke Wells	(A) A
	Ben Shuldiner	(A) X		Jason Young	(A) A
Economics	Timothy Goodspeed	A	Physical Therapy	Herb Karpatkin	X
		0		Tom Holland	(A) X
	Avi Liveson	(A) X			0 (A)
	Temisan Agbeyegbe	(A) X	Romance Languages	Monica Schinaider	A
Educational Foundations	Stephaney Morrison	X			0
	Veronica Muller	(A) A		Rolando Perez	(A) A
	John Keegan	(A) X			0 (A)
English	Leigh Jones	A	School of Social Work	Juan Pena	A
	Sarah Chinn	A			0
	Barbara Webb	(A) X			0 (A)
	Stephen Wetta E	(A) A		Ilze Earner	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Bill Herman	X	Sociology	Mark Halling E	X
	Ricardo Miranda	A			0 (A)
	Joseph McElhaney	(A) X		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Tami Gold	(A) X	Special Education	Angela Mouzakis	X
Geography	Haydee Salmun	A		Elissa Brown	(A) X
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A			0 (A)
		0 (A)	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Susan Wortsman	X
German	Lisa Marie Anderson	A		Don Vogel	(A) X
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) X		Elizabeth Galletta	(A) X
	Elke Nicolai	(A) A	Theatre	Dong Shin Chang	0 A
History	Daniel Margocsy	A		Mia Rovegno	(A) X
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) A		Deepsikha Chatterjee	(A) X
	Rick Belsky	X	Urban Affairs	Jill Simone Gross	A
Library	Mee' Len Hom	A		Stanley Moses	(A) X
	Sarah Ward	A			0 (A)
	John Pell	(A) A	School of Urban Public Health	Franklin Mirer	A
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			0 (A)

Students

Denise Bolognino	X
Maria Pia Sifuentes	X
Robert Revzin	X
David Ascienzo	X
Stephanie Barragan	X
Abdul Rad	A
Jacob Daniels	X
Kidus Gebrekidan	X
Christine Hirt	A
Jonathan Ayala	X
Ariela Hazan	X
Emily Skoutelas	X
Jasmine Parham	X
Michelle Zak-Strzalka	X
Jason Sloan	X
Sajda Waite	X
James Stanton	X
Eamon Pickard	X
Victoria Hughes	X
Shawn Rafeey	A
Andy Lall	X
Jonah Garnick	X
Benedict Joson	X
Nishat Tabassum	X
Asad Mannan	A

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Roman Povolotskiy	X
Brandon Alexander	A
Pascal Maguin	A
Christopher Lai	X
Abraham Gutman	A
Tamzeed Rahman	A
Javier Picayo	X
Ashley Wong	A
Maria Rodriguez	A
Joseph Lipari	A

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Shannon Salinas	A
	Brian Maasjo	(A) A
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	X
Women & Gender Studies Program	Catherine Raissiguier	X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
English	Amy Robbins	X
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Barbara Barone	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Elizabeth Beaujour	A
Film & Film	Gustavo Mercado	X
Economics	John Li	X
Music	Catherine Coppola	X
Philosophy	Christa Acampora	A
SEEK	Sunday Coward	X

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Steven Wendel	X
Vice President, Graduate Student Association	Luis Gutierrez	X
President Alumni Association	Anne Seifried	X
President, HEO Forum	Agustin Pita	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:				
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Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A		
Vice President for Administration	Giancarlo Bonagura	A		
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	X		

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

Department/Program:				
Asian American Studies Program	Jennifer Hayashida	A		
Program in Religion	David Cereguas	X		
Women and Gender Studies Program	Jennifer Gaboury	A		
Religion	Barbara Sproul	A		