

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

17 November 2004

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2 The 447th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 4:15 PM in Room W714.
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4 **Presiding:** Joan Tronto, Chair
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6 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.
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8 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.
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10 **Minutes:** The Minutes of October 7th and November 3rd were approved as distributed.
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12 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
13 **Administrative**
14 **Committee:** Approved Curriculum Changes
15 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the Report dated 17 November 2004, were approved as
16 per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items GS-618 (Film & Media
17 Studies), GS-619 (Mathematics & Statistics), GS-625 (Curriculum & Teaching), GS-626 (C&T/
18 Educational Foundations), GS-627 (C&T/Educational Foundations/Special Education), and GS-622
19 (School of Health Sciences).
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21 Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate
22 In accordance with Article IV.2.H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College* the
23 Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees received to date:
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25 Students: Cristina Rincon (undeclared)
26 Brian Gaun (undeclared)
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28 It was moved that the student nominees be declared elected. The motion carried by voice vote.
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30 It was moved that the Senate go into recess until the President arrives. The motion carried by voice
31 vote.
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33 **Report by the** The following is a summary statement of President Raab's Report to the Senate. She said:
34 **President:**
35 Re: Presidential HEO Awards
36 "I am pleased to announce the recipients of the first annual Presidential HEO Awards, created to
37 recognize staff members in Higher Education Officer titles whose dedicated efforts have led to a
38 significant improvement in the way the College serves its students, faculty and staff.
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40 This year's awardees in each Vice Presidential area are: Barbara Barone (Coordinator, Dolciani
41 Mathematics Learning Center) and Robert Buckley (Director of Research Administration) in
42 the area of Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ricardo Franco (Director, Environmental Health
43 and Safety) in the area of Vice President for Finance and Administration; Milena Solo (Assistant
44 Director, Graduate Admissions) in the area of Vice President for Student Affairs.
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46 In addition, a one-time College-wide award is given this year to members of the group that calls
47 itself BARF-IT (Bursar, Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid and Instructional Technology) for
48 their initiative in launching a coordinated effort to integrate and streamline essential
49 administrative services. Awardees are: Marilyn Daley-Weston, Acting Registrar, Gilbert Gianni-
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ni, Director, Information Systems, Theresa Matis, Acting Bursar, William Zlata, Director of Admissions.

Congratulations to all.

Re: EPA Audit

On the issue of the EPA audit I am pleased to inform you that Hunter has set an extraordinary record for CUNY. Many of the schools are getting large fines, but we got through this audit with almost no problems, and I want to thank Len Zinnanti, Ricardo Franco, and Andrew Silver for an amazing job. I also want to thank Ellen Sternberg in Health Sciences, Phil Williamston in our Art Department, Tim Laun at 41st Street, Richard Jaeger in Biology, Shirzab Jenab in Psychology, and Ann Henderson in Arts and Sciences. The Campus Schools were audited as well. Finally, I want to thank Danny Velez who worked very hard with Andrew Silver to make all this possible. This is really an extraordinary triumph. We have been told by CUNY that we have set the bar so high for them that they don't know how the other schools can reach it. We are very proud of that.

Re: Roosevelt House

We are hoping to see all of you here on December 1st at the Open Forum for the presentation of the physical plan for Roosevelt House. The architect will be here with a model and will be talking about the restoration work that should start in June. As we are getting closer to the construction, we are having many discussions throughout the campus with different faculty groups about program planning for Roosevelt House. It is a very exciting endeavor.

Re: CUNY Capital Campaign

Many of you saw in the newspaper that the CUNY Capital Campaign kicked off last Tuesday. We are very proud that the one faculty member representing the CUNY faculty was from our Biology Department. Marie Filbin, did a wonderful job talking about faculty research efforts here at Hunter and at CUNY, and we are very happy that she was selected to represent all the great research that goes on at CUNY. We will have ongoing discussions about programmatic needs throughout the college, but I want to make a happy announcement now about the need to support faculty in their research and development efforts. In the next few months we will be implementing a program that will be administered by each of the deans to help support faculty that do not have sufficient funds to go to conferences or to travel for research programs. This is clearly a pressing need and we are happy to use some of the money that we are raising to support this endeavor.

RE: Searches

On the issue of searches I want to say that we are moving ahead on the Dean of Education search. The committee has been meeting, and it is also meeting with a search consultant who has spoken to many of you about getting other campus perspectives and thoughts on this position. That ad is out and resumes are coming in. I am very happy to announce that we have sent out letters to the members of the Search Committee for Vice President for Student Affairs, and that committee should start to meet soon. We have also retained a search consultant to start working on that search. We are now beginning to look toward the Dean of Arts and Sciences search, and are beginning to interview search firms that would be available for that search and have that expertise. So, we are moving ahead now that we have the other two searches beginning.

Re: Security System

As a final note, I have asked Len to make a short announcement regarding plans for the security system. As many of you remember, we had a two-year discussion with open forums jointly sponsored by the Senate, the FDA, and the HEO Forum about security needs at this campus and

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111 how we should address them. I am pleased to say that now that the Capital Budget has been
112 approved we are able to access some funds that we requested from CUNY to focus on this very
113 important initiative. Len is working with a faculty and staff committee. We are moving forward
114 and I want everyone to remain involved since there are still issues that need to be resolved on how
115 to do it. Discussions will continue as we are beginning to move towards implementation.”

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117 President Raab yielded the floor to Vice President Zinnanti, who said:

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119 “Good afternoon. I want to preface these comments by saying that an individual who is not a
120 Hunter person was arrested by our security this afternoon in the East Building for having stolen a
121 faculty member’s cell phone. He is being processed and put through the system.

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123 I want to take a few minutes to provide a context for the security initiative. After 9-11 CUNY had
124 contracted with Kroll Associates, a security-consulting firm who came in and assessed this
125 campus. Their report came out in spring of 2002, enumerating a number of shortcomings in terms
126 of security for the 68th Street campus. Some of these were administrative failures, such as the
127 radio and communications systems that we have since worked to fix. Some of the emergency exits
128 were re-wired so that so people could enjoy cigarettes and not set off alarms. That has now been
129 fixed, but some of the items enumerated were beyond our resources and control, involving a
130 security ID system at this campus. We have one in place at the other four campus. We did an
131 analysis of how we would deploy our security guards to put into effect a 24-hour security ID
132 system here at 68th Street and went to 80th Street with a request to hire 90 new security officers.
133 We were promptly discouraged from pursuing that avenue and were asked to reconsider a
134 technological solution. So, we went back to the drawing boards and came up with a plan to
135 implement a swipe system and cameras to supplement the swipe system turnstiles. We drafted a
136 plan and went back to CUNY informally and received approval for it. If you recall, SUNY and
137 CUNY did not have a capital budget in the fiscal year 2003-04 and we were unable to access any
138 funding. Now that we are in the new budget year, and despite the Governor’s vetoes, we have
139 been told that we can access the \$2M that was ear marked for Hunter for this purpose. We now
140 enter a new realm of bureaucracy where we will have to contract with an architect because this
141 will require building code explanations and so on. But we are on our way to implanting this
142 system. We are planning to take the \$2M million that the Capital Budget will provide for security
143 and take some resources from the technology fee to create what we are calling a one-card system
144 which would allow students to also use the ID card that will swipe them into this campus for
145 services in the cafeteria, bookstore, for printing and copying, and for other services as well. There
146 is a small committee to discuss these implementation issues and we are getting some very good
147 feed back, particularly from the various centers. We will be convening members of the various
148 centers to talk about their particular issues with respect to such a system, and we are looking
149 forward to developing this kind of streamlined approach.”

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151 Vice President Zinnanti concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.

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153 He then yielded the floor to President Raab, who concluded her report by answering questions from
154 the floor.

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156 The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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159 Respectfully submitted,

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163 Anthony Picciano,
164 Secretary