

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

19 November 2014

- 1 The 566th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:38 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 **Meeting Minutes:** Meeting Minutes were postponed until the next meeting.
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 13 **Report by the** The Chair, Professor Christa Davis Acampora, presented the report as follows:
 14 **Administrative**
 15 **Committee:**
- a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
 In accordance with Article IV, 2H.i & ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter
 College, the Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to
 date:
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| <u>Students:</u> | Anastasiya Matreyenho (Biology) |
| | Genesis Smith (Nutrition) |
| | Christian Ribeiro (Political Science) |
| | Stephanie Garces (undecl.) |
- It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
 The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- b) **Approved Curriculum Changes**
 The following curriculum changes as listed in the Report dated 19 November 2014 have been
 approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Item: GS-
 1017 Department of Physical Therapy (Change in courses).
- c) **Senate Election of Ombudsman**
 The *Voting Procedures for the Election of Ombudsman* document was distributed.
- Prof. Roseanne Flores withdrew her candidacy. Only one candidate remains that has
 submitted a platform statement, resume, and signed the "Agreement re: the Office of
 Ombudsman" that was reached with the President.
- Professor Sandra Clarkson, from Mathematics & Statistics, presented her platform statement.
- Motion to forego the formal voting procedures and to instruct the secretary to cast a single
 ballot in favor of the candidate carried by voice vote without dissent. Prof. Clarkson was
 elected Ombudsman.
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55 **d) Election of Faculty Members on Student Appeals Committee for Faculty Complaints**

56 Vice President Eija Ayravainen and Provost Vita Rabinowitz spoke about the committee.
57 More information on the committee and its complete procedure can be found on the website
58 for Student Affairs.

59 **FACULTY NOMINEES:**

60 Jason Young, Psychology
61 Jennifer Gaboury, Women and Gender Studies

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

66 **STUDENT NOMINEE:**

67 Eamon Pickard

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

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73 **e) Election of Committee Chair**

74 The floor was open for nominations for Nominating Committee.

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76 Professor Jeff Allred (English) was nominated.

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

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82 **Committee**
83 **Report:**

84 **Departmental Governance Committee:**

85 Prof. Leonard Feldman, Chair of the Committee, presented the report dated 19 November 2014
86 with the Physical Therapy Department By-Laws as submitted. Department By-Laws are available
87 on the Senate website.

88 The question was called and carried.

89 A vote by clicker produced the following results: 67 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

90 The by-laws were adopted.

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92 **Nominating Committee:**

93 The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for seats currently vacant on
94 Senate Committees:
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96 Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

97 Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Gavin Hollis (English)

98 Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements Committee

99 Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Amy Robbins (English)
100 Faculty Alternate: Mary Schooling (School of Public
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102 Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee

103 Faculty from Humanities & Arts: Leigh Jones (English)
104 Student: Christopher Lai
105 Student Alternates: Maria Elizabeth Rodriguez (Chemistry)
106 Tamzeed Rahman (Chemistry)
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115	<u>Committee on Student Standing</u>	
116	Faculty Alternate:	Jason Young (Psychology)
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118	<u>Departmental Governance Committee</u>	
119	Faculty from Sciences & Mathematics:	Shirley Raps (Biology)
120	Faculty Alternate:	Joseph Lao (Psychology)
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122	<u>Committee on the Calendar</u>	
123	Students:	Jakob Davydov (Biology)
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126	<u>Committee on the Library</u>	
127	Students Alternate:	Victoria Hughes
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129	<u>Grade Appeals Committee</u>	
130	Faculty:	Justin Garson (Philosophy)
131	Faculty Alternate:	Joseph Lao (Psychology)
132	Students Alternates:	Ubayed Muhith
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135	<u>Master Plan Committee</u>	
136	Faculty Alternate:	Anthony Browne (AFPRL)
137	Student:	Jacob Daniels
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139	<u>Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching</u>	
140	Faculty:	Paul Feinstein (Biology)
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142	<u>Committee on Computing and Technology</u>	
143	Faculty from Humanities & Arts:	Jeffrey Allred (English)
144	Faculty Alternate:	Maura Nguyen Donohue (Dance)
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146	<u>Committee on Academic Freedom</u>	
147	Faculty from Social Sciences:	Virginia Valian (Psychology/Gender Equity Project)
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149	Faculty from Education:	Sandra Wilde (Curriculum & Teaching)
150	Faculty At-large:	Benjamin Hett (History)
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152	<u>Committee on General Education</u>	
153	Faculty from Social Sciences:	Chris Braun (Psychology)
154	Faculty from Sciences and Math:	Manashi Chatterjee (Chemistry)
155	Student Alternate:	Brandon Alexander (MLS)
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157	<u>General Education Requirements Appeals Committee</u>	
158	Faculty:	Jennifer Gaboury (Political Science)
159	Student Alternate:	Sharmin Alam (Psychology)
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161	<u>Select Committee on Honors</u>	
162	Student Alternates:	Maria Pia Sifuentes Sacramento (Biochemistry)
163		Christine Hirt (Env. Studies, Religion and Public Safety)
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167	It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The	
168	motion carried by voice vote without dissent.	
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Report by Student Caucus:

Eamon Pickard, Vice Chair of the Senate, said the following:

“Last week, the Student Caucus met with the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and the Chair of the Charter Review Committee. We discussed connecting the USG and Student Caucus so that we can find the student voice. There is a value in the students being able to voice their opinions about the school. We think that this team work will increase the value of the student’s voice. We also discussed the possibility of some joint legislation. In the future, we are expecting to meet with the President of the USG and the chair of their Senate. We talked about re-implementing an independent study course for student Senators. Back in the day, student Senators could sign up for an independent study course where they would work with the Hunter College Senate. They would have a stronger commitment and incentive. We will examine this incentive. We also want to implement an intake committee that would manage applications for the students interested in taking the independent study. Current incentives for student Senators include priority registration. On December 1st, we will be tabling on several floor for students. Thank you very much.”

Report on Student Veteran Services

Alex Rosero and Aliya Frazier from Student Affairs presented the report.

“My name is Aliya Frazier and I am an Associate Director in Advising Services. I wanted to start by giving you a little history on Veteran Services here at Hunter. I started here in Fall 2008, and that’s when we formally established Student Veteran Services. Prior to that, Veteran Services was split. Registrar’s Office did the certifications and managed the communications with veteran administrations. Advising managed the communication with the student. We didn’t have one hub to assist veterans. Our initial set up was to have two advisors that would manage veterans case loads. This was just part of our job. We established institutional support systems and figure out what was the educational and medical benefits for our students. In term of programing, that’s what we really focused on. We have a coordinated effort between Student Veteran Services and other areas of interest. We help our service members transition to students by providing academic and personal support and by establish points of contact. We take our student veteran population seriously and find way to continually enhance Student Veteran Services. Because of that, we created our academic advisor for veterans.”

Alex Rosero said the following:

“We provide a 360 degree approach to the support services we provide veterans. We do that looking at the institutional and academic support systems and personal support systems and establishing point of contact throughout the college. When a student veteran matriculates, they normally need to attend a general orientation. In additional to that, we invite them to a one-on-one to inform them of all the services the college provides. Two biggest benefits that the school provides is priority registration and tuition deferral. We give them until the end of the semester to pay their tuition. The student doesn’t have the financial stress to worry about.

It’s really important that the transition is as seamless as possible. We have established dedicated contacts that will help them transition.

In terms of demographics and statistics, we have 210 matriculated, degree seeking students. 162 are undergraduates, so about 75% of our student veterans are pursuing a BA degree. Regarding male and female, it’s a 56%/44% split. The average age of our undergraduate student veteran population is 31. In terms of GPA, the average is 3.0.”

Aliya Frazier returned to the podium and said the following:

“One of the things that is very important for student veterans is to have a dedicated space. We use to be under the stairs in the east building. We have moved to C118North. The Student Veteran Recourse Center provides free access to computers and printers. The space fits comfortable

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couches for relaxing. The space creates an outside of the classroom peer connection. It's much more inviting to all veterans, especially to female and older veterans.

I wanted to highlight different areas of support. Alex handles academic support and enrollment certification within Student Veteran Services. The dedicated lounge that we previously mentioned is in C118North, that's the Student Veteran Recourse Center. Other areas of support include cycle social support, counseling, and wellness, including referrals, and student advocacy. We also work hand in hand with Project for Return and Opportunity in Veteran's Education (PROVE), they assist the student veteran population outside of Hunter.

We want to close with uplifting message. Recently, CUNY Central honored our student veteran. It's an honor to work with this special group. We want to help these students."

New Business:

Prof. Chinn reported new business. She would like to recommend that the Administrative Committee of the Senate establish an ad-hoc committee to create procedural guidelines for drafting by-laws for the School of Arts & Sciences.

Motion to move to a committee of the whole carried by voice vote with one opposed and abstentions.

Motion to move out of the committee of the whole carried.

Prof. Sarah Chinn moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution:

Resolve that the Administrative Committee of the Senate be instructed to create an ad-hoc committee to create procedural guidelines for drafting the process of by-laws for the School of Arts & Sciences.

Motion to approve the resolution passed by voice vote without dissent with abstentions.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Students

Denise Bolognino	X
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Robert Revzin	X
David Ascienzo	X
Stephanie Barragan	X
Abdul Rad	A
Jacob Daniels	A
Kidus Gebrekidan	X
Christine Hirt	A
Jonathan Ayala	A
Ariela Hazan	X
Emily Skoutelas	X
Jasmine Parham	X
Michelle Zak-Strzalka	X
Jason Sloan	X
Sajda Waite	X
James Stanton	X
Eamon Pickard	A
Victoria Hughes	A
Shawn Rafeey	X
Andy Lall	X
Jonah Garnick	X
Benedict Joson	X
Nishat Tabassum	X
Asad Mannan	A
Roman Povolotskiy	X
Brandon Alexander	A
Pascal Maguin	X
Christopher Lai	X
Abraham Gutman	X
Tamzeed Rahman	A
Javier Picayo	X
Ashley Wong	X
Maria Rodriguez	X
Joseph Lipari	X
Maria Rodriguez	X
Sheana Budhoo	A
Anastasiya Matreyenko	X
Stephany Garces	X
Christian Ribeiro	X
Genesis Smith	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Shannon Salinas	A
	Brian Maasjo	(A) A
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	A
Women & Gender Studies Program	Catherine Raissiguier	A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
English	Amy Robbins	X
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Mathematics & Statistics	Barbara Barone	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Elizabeth Beaujour	X
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	X
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:

Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Vice President for Administration	Giancarlo Bonagura	X
Provost	Vita Rabinowitz	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	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

TEMPORARY REALLOCATION OF SEATS (clickers)

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