

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
10 March 2010

- 1 The 512th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 PM in Room W714.
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 3 **Presiding:** Sandra Clarkson, Chair
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 5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.
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 7 Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the Senate,
 8 and clickers were distributed to them.
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 10 **Report by the** There was no report.
 11 **President:**
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 13 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows.
 14 **Administrative**
 15 **Committee:** **Approved Curriculum Changes**
 16 The following curriculum changes, as listed in the report dated 10 March 2010, were approved as per
 17 Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate's information. Items GR-831 (SCHOOL OF
 18 NURSING: Change in description NURS 700), UR-1629 CLASSICS/RUSSIAN: Change in title &
 19 description: RUSS 103), US-1620 (MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS: Change in prerequisites
 20 MATH 104, 105, 155), US-1617 (CLASSICS/RUSSIAN: New Course RUSS 295, Inclusion of RUSS
 21 295 in GER Core Stage 2.C.), GS-826 (ART: Change in hours for MFA Seminars), GS-827 (SPECIAL
 22 EDUCATION: Change in Degree Requirements: Childhood, with Middle Childhood, Special Educa-
 23 tion: Learning Disabilities – Transitional B), GS-830 (SCHOOL OF NURSING: Letter of Intent to
 24 Establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice Program).
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 26 **Variance from Search Procedures for Search Committee for Dean of the School of Nursing**
 27 The Chair informed the Senate that one or more of the following programs in the current School of
 28 Health Sciences may become part of the School of Nursing: Physical Therapy, Communication
 29 Sciences, and Medical Laboratory Sciences. The final structure will likely not be determined prior to
 30 the upcoming search for a Dean for the School of Nursing. For this reason the President has requested,
 31 and the Administrative Committee is recommending, a variance from the current Search procedures
 32 authorizing the President to add one Non-Nursing Faculty member to the Search Committee for Dean
 33 of the School of Nursing. The non-nursing faculty member will be elected by the full-time faculty in
 34 these program(s).
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 36 The motion on the floor was approval of the variance.
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 38 The question was called and carried. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.
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 40 **Committee** **Departmental Governance Committee**
 41 **Reports:** Gail Scovell, Member of the Committee, presented the Report dated 10 March 2010, the Revised By-
 42 laws of the Political Science Department.
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 44 After brief discussion, the Revised By-laws were approved by voice vote without dissent.
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 46 **New Business:** **Report by the Chief Operating Officer on Security Measures of March 4, 2010**
 47 Mr. Len Zinnanti, Chief Operating Officer, presented the following report:
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 49 "As the Hunter College community is aware, on March 4th, 2010 there was a planned, organized
 50 demonstration on the Hunter College campus as a part of a "National Day of Action." This day
 51 was chosen for a national call to action in solidarity by protest organizers in California in response
 52 to an earlier demonstration and protest at UC Berkeley calling for an end to budget cuts in public
 education. The "national call to action" originally went out on December 14th, 2009.

57 In New York City, protest organizers extended the “call” to rally against public education tuition
58 hikes and MTA fare increases. Protests and demonstrations were organized at several New York
59 City colleges and universities, including Hunter College. In the late afternoon of March 3rd, 2010,
60 the NYPD shared its intelligence reports with Hunter College Public Safety, and CUNY Public
61 Safety. The reports revealed that the campus should prepare for approximately 400 non-Hunter
62 affiliated protestors and demonstrators to arrive on campus at 1:00pm on March 4th, 2010. Reports
63 also revealed that the outside protesters were intending to come into the West building and begin
64 the protest by the third floor bridge. We were concerned that this would create congestion in the
65 hallways, and we were also concerned about the need to maintain general access within the build-
66 ings. It has been, and is, Hunter’s policy that no permit to assemble is issued for inside our build-
67 ings.

68 On March 4th Hunter took certain precautions in order to maintain the normal operations of the
69 campus and provide a safe environment for teaching, learning, and research, while recognizing the
70 demonstrators’ right to assemble and protest. With this in mind, the subway entrance at the B-1
71 Level of Hunter West was kept closed all day. It was also decided to take precautionary action by
72 closing the dining services on the 3rd Floor of the West building at 10:00am. Also, at 10:00am the
73 escalators going from the B-2 Level to the 7th Floor of Hunter West, and the escalators leading
74 into Hunter East were turned off, while leaving all elevators operational to assist those in need of
75 special accommodation and for students, faculty, and staff to reach the higher floors. The escal-
76 ators were turned off as a safety measure in anticipation of crowding and congestion around the
77 mechanical devices.

78 Hunter’s regular morning Public Safety patrols on campus were supplemented by having the
79 afternoon/evening shift come in earlier and assist with maintaining a peaceful and safe environ-
80 ment on campus. In addition to the Hunter Public Safety officers, the Director of CUNY Public
81 Safety assigned twenty Special Assistance for Events (S.A.F.E.) Team members to the Campus in
82 order to help ensure a safe environment.

83 The NYPD, based on their own intelligence reports, assigned more officers to the neighborhood
84 independent of any consultation with Hunter College. Therefore, there was an NYPD presence on
85 the public property around our buildings and in the subway entrance.

86 It should be stated that NYPD officers must be invited by the College to enter the campus; this did
87 not happen. A few NYPD officers were given permission to use our restroom facilities. Hunter
88 plans were developed and implemented independent of the NYPD.

89 The events of the demonstration were as follows (according to the Hunter College Public Safety
90 report documents):

91 At approximately 1:00pm, there was a convergence of protestors and demonstrators both out-
92 side the main entrance to the West Building and outside the 3rd Floor cafeteria. Demonstra-
93 tors inside the building were chanting and banging drums. Hunter Public Safety estimates
94 approximately 75 unidentified protestors were inside the building with at least another 125
95 protestors outside on the plaza.

96 At approximately 1:30pm, two protestors were on the 4th floor of Hunter West. They were
97 asked to show valid Hunter College identification, which they could not provide. The two
98 protestors were then asked to leave the building. Minutes later, they were caught on the B-2
99 Level of Hunter West where they were arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing,
100 and criminal mischief. The suspects were caught with graffiti making paraphernalia and were
101 kicking a safety barrier.

102 At approximately 1:30pm a group of protestors threw full cans of beer at Hunter Public Safety
103 Officers. Two Hunter Public Safety Officers were injured; both missed work in order to
104 recover. This same group of unidentified protestors went up to the 4th floor of Hunter West

108 where they proceeded to interrupt classes in session in an attempt to get students to walk out
109 of class. One of these individuals, a non-Hunter affiliated protestor, was subsequently
110 arrested for disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing.

111 At approximately 1:30pm a group of unidentified protestors entered the College by the Kaye
112 Playhouse and damaged the recently installed access devices with a hammer. These protes-
113 tors then made their way up to the Bursar and Financial Aid offices on the 2nd Floor of Hunter
114 North where they broke the glass doors to these offices with a fire extinguisher, frightening
115 the College staff working inside. The protestors then fled, and threw the fire extinguisher
116 down a flight of stairs as an individual was climbing up the stairs.

117 At 1:44pm, 1:51pm, and 2:18pm, there were false fire alarms pulled, each resulting in the Fire
118 Department sending firefighters and fire trucks to the campus in response, further interrupting
119 classes.

120 Throughout the demonstration, several of those in attendance appeared visibly intoxicated on
121 the plaza outside Hunter West.

122 During the demonstration graffiti was scrawled on various walls throughout the campus,
123 including the West, East, and North buildings, as well as Thomas Hunter Hall.

124 At about 3:00pm, most of the protestors inside the West Building made their way out to the plaza.
125 Then, the organizers and speakers encouraged the crowd to go back in to Hunter West. At this
126 point, Hunter Public Safety began to require valid Hunter identification before allowing entry into
127 the West Building. Hunter Student Services representatives were standing by at the entrance to
128 Hunter West to ensure that Hunter students and faculty who did not have their Hunter ID were not
129 turned away from campus. At about 3:20pm most of the demonstrators left the campus to
130 continue the "Day of Action" to march to the Governor's Manhattan office.

131 Because reports from the NYPD indicated that protestors would return, checking for Hunter ID
132 continued into the evening. At about 8:00pm, CUNY Public Safety left Hunter's campus. At
133 about the same time, the additional NYPD left the surrounding neighborhood.

134 The security measures that Hunter College took walked a thoughtful and considered line between
135 respect for protestors' rights and the students', faculty, and staff's right to a safe and secure envi-
136 ronment at Hunter College."

137 Mr. Zinnanti concluded his report by answering questions from the floor.

138 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 4:25
139 PM.
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142 Respectfully submitted,
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146 Philip Alcabes,
147 Secretary
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APPENDIX I

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty:

Africana&PR/Latino Studies	Edgardo Melendez (A) "E"
Anthropology	Tom McGovern (A) Ruchi Chaturvedi (A) Marc Edelman
Chemistry	Pamela Mills Dixie Goss (A)
Classical&Oriental Studies	Yitzhak Berger (A)
Computer Science	Saad Mneimeh (A)
Curriculum & Teaching	Bede McCormack (A) Nadine Bryce (A)
Economics	Timothy Goodspeed (A) Avi Liveson
Film & Media	Tim Portlock Peter Parisi (A)
Geography	Peter Marcotullio (A) "E"
Health Sciences	Stacey Plichta (A)
History	Richard Belsky (A) Michael Turner
Library	Lisa Finder (A) Danise Hoover (A)
Music	Jewel Thompson (A) Michele Cabrini (A)
Nursing	Peggy Schuber (A) teven Baumann (A)
Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A)
Political Science	Ann Cohen
Psychology	Peter Moller Tricia Striano (A) Thomas Preuss 'E' Peter Serrano (A)
Romance Languages	Guisepe DiScipio (A) Michael Taormina
SEEK	Patricia Martin (A)
School of Social Work	George Paterson Willie Tolliver (A) Anthony DeJesus
Sociology	Thomas Degloma (A) Claus Mueller (A)
Special Education	Donia Fahim (A)
Urban Affairs	Jill Gross

Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty:

Christa Acampora (Philosophy)
Barabara Sproul (Religion)
Makram Talih (Health Sci) "E"
Case Willoughby (Student Serv) "E"

Administration

Bill Zlata
Dean Sherryl Graves (A)

Ex-Officio

Deborah Francois, USG Pres.
George Wallace, CLT Council President
Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.

Students

Valentine Sanders (Classics)
Ian Katz (English)
Umar Khan (Poli Sci)
Leticia Ribeiro (Math)
Jonathan Morales (Anthropo/AFPRL)
Ayman Ahmed (Comp Sci)
Cristian Vergara (undecl)
Dhariana De La Cruz (Psych)
Mariya Yefremova (Poli Sci/Engl)
Sarah Alshawish (undecl)
Francisco Mena (Socio)
Andrew Rice (undecl)
Angelo Rosado (History)
Raphael Tomkin (Film/Poli Sci)
Leanne Tory-Murphy
Luard Dilja (undeclared)
Marta Petryna (Biology)
Norman Kennard (Anthropo)
Camille Lampel (Archaeo)
Lauren Saenz (Pre-law)
Jennifer Liu (undecl)