

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate**  
**24 March 2010**

1 The 513<sup>th</sup> 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 **Minutes:** The Minutes of February 24<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.

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 12 **Report by the** A summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate is as follows. She said:  
 13 **President:**

14 "Sorry for missing the last few meetings. As I have explained to the Administrative Committee,  
 15 we have been working hard to try to move ahead with additional space in this neighborhood for  
 16 our Science and Health building. I had a lot of meetings with various real estate, city, and CUNY  
 17 people, and we will keep you posted. But I want to let everybody know that it is a primary mission  
 18 of ours that we continue to work on the building front. It is probably a good time to assure  
 19 everybody that our Social Work and Public Health Building on 119<sup>th</sup> Street is moving ahead. We  
 20 are still looking towards September 2011 to move the School of Public Health, the School of  
 21 Social Work, and our Centro Library into that building.

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 23 I know that the budget is on many people's minds, and I wish I would have more definitive news.  
 24 As many of you know, the State budget deadline is supposed to be April 1. Many of us believe that  
 25 we will not meet this deadline, and that there is a possibility that there won't be a budget for many  
 26 months. Probably the best news for CUNY within this is that under all the various proposals that  
 27 passed there is no anticipation of any additional tuition hikes above the \$25 per semester that the  
 28 Governor has proposed. We are all continuing to work on the Governor's requested decrease in  
 29 TAP funding and again we are all rather optimistic that it is something that the Legislature has  
 30 always restored, and we will keep lobbying for that. What we are really concerned about is the  
 31 impact of the decrease which we expect from the CUNY operating budget will have on the school.  
 32 We are all working very hard to continue to focus on our approach of the last few years and do  
 33 everything we can to shield the academic and student support services from any budget cuts. We  
 34 are monitoring this very carefully and we will report to you when we have any additional news. In  
 35 the mean time I would like to say that there are scholarship funds available for all students who  
 36 were hit by this economic downturn and need additional resources to please get in touch with Eija  
 37 Ayravainen and her Financial Aid counselors so that we can help them.

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 39 On a positive note, one of the priorities of this body over the last few years has been improving  
 40 our library. That project is moving forward, and we are very excited to report that we have hired  
 41 our Library Planners. They are ready to come forward with some staged-in serious renovations  
 42 which we hope to begin this summer. So we are reaching out to the Presidential Library Task  
 43 Force and the Senate Committee on the Library to speak with smaller groups of those faculty,  
 44 students, and staff who are really focused on facilities, and to work with Clay Williams to bring  
 45 together the Library staff and faculty at a separate discussion group so that we can talk about  
 46 phase-in renovations that would begin this summer on the main floor of the Library. So, we will be  
 47 coming forward with these plans. We do have money that we have raised privately to begin these  
 48 renovations, and it will be a very exciting improvement.

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56 We also want to thank all of you for your patience and indulgence with the Thomas Hunter Hall  
 57 renovations. It will be a very positive improvement as we are going forward to renovate the  
 58 exterior of that building and to finally get new windows. That project will proceed over the  
 59 summer and through the next year, but when it is completed, which we hope will be towards the  
 60 end of 2011, it will be a really beautiful thing for Hunter College and for the whole neighborhood  
 61 to have that building back in its historic glory.

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 63 A final facility project which we are hopeful to start soon is escalator repair. Len tells me that it  
 64 looks good this time notwithstanding some of the financial pressure, and we are hoping to come  
 65 back to you with some news for a renovation schedule.

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 67 Both the Library Dean Search Committee and the Education Dean Search Committee are making  
 68 good progress. They are beginning to bring candidates to campus, and we thank both the  
 69 Committees for their hard work. I want to take this opportunity to thank Sherryl Graves for her  
 70 wonderful dedicated leadership this year and Clay Williams who is also doing a wonderful job  
 71 heading our Library. I thank all of you for your discussion of the Nursing Search, and we are  
 72 looking forward to moving ahead with that search as well later on this year.

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 74 Finally, Richard and Sandi, I want to take a minute to thank both of you for moving us ahead so  
 75 carefully and intelligently towards our Strategic Planning process. I am sure you will be reporting  
 76 on that, but I just want to express my personal gratitude for identifying a consultant and moving  
 77 the committee forward. We have a deadline from Middle States, and we are absolutely sure that we  
 78 are not only going to meet it, but that we are going to meet it with very high quality. I am  
 79 extremely grateful to you and very excited about this process.”  
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81 **Report by the**  
 82 **Administrative**  
 83 **Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows.

84 **Special Election for Vacant At-large Seats on the Senate**

85 The Chair presented the following nomination in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2.H.i & ii, of  
 86 the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*:

87 Faculty: Jason Young (Psychology)  
 88 Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Affairs)  
 89 Student: Randy Wagenheim (Social Research)  
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91 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The  
 92 motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

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 94 **Approved Curriculum Changes**

95 The following curriculum changes, as listed in Part I and II of the report dated 24 March 2010, were  
 96 approved as per Senate resolution and were submitted for the Senate’s information. Items US-1621  
 97 (SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES-Change in a Degree Program: BS-Nutrition & Food  
 98 Science), GS-817 (SCHOOLS OF HEALTH SCIENCES & NURSING-Change in Degree Program:  
 99 MS/MPH Dual Degree), GS-825 (URBAN AFFAIRS & PLANNING-Change in Degree Require-  
 100 ments: MS in Urban Planning), GS-832 (SCHOOL OF NURSING-New Course: NURS 719), GS-  
 101 834/US-1622 (SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES-Accelerated BS-MS Pathway in Nutrition Track),  
 102 US-1624A (CHEMISTRY-Changes in a Degree Program: Bioinformatics Option 2), US-  
 103 1624B (CHEMISTRY-Change in hours: CHEM 3760, US-1625 (CLASSICS/ARAB-Change  
 104 in description ARAB 101-102), US-1626 (POLITICAL SCIENCE-New Course: PLSC 270,  
 105 Inclusion of PLSC 270 in GER Core Stage 3.B, Addition of “W” Designation), US-1627  
 106 (COMPUTER SCIENCE-Change in prerequisites and/or title: CSCI 232, 267, 394), US-1628  
 107 (CLASSICS/RUSSIAN-New Course: RUSS 203).  
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109 **Revision of College-wide Search Procedures**

110 The Chair presented the Report dated 24 March 2010 re: “Revised College-wide Search  
 111 Procedures as distributed.

At 4:00 PM it was moved that the Senate dissolve itself into a quasi committee of the whole for 30 minutes of informal discussion. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

At 4:30 PM it was moved that the Senate reconvene in formal session. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

Provost Rabinowitz moved that the report be amended as follows:

“to restore the number of faculty nominees for the panels from which the President chooses to twice the number of faculty to be appointed throughout the document.”

After discussion the question on the amendment was called and carried by voice vote without dissent.

Voting by clickers produced the following results on the amendment: 35 in favor, 20 opposed, and 2 abstentions. The amendment failed to receive the required number of 51 votes.

It was moved that the question be divided and that the following amendment to the current “Procedures” concerning the Search for Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences be considered next:

*1. In the case of a search for the **Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences** each Department (or appropriate subdivision) in the School of Arts & Sciences may nominate one or more full-time faculty members by election among its full-time faculty members and one or more students by election among its student majors (or equivalent) for service on the search committee. Faculty members (including part-time faculty) and student majors from ~~this division~~ the School of Arts & Sciences may also be nominated by petition of 25 faculty members and 25 students respectively.*

The Hunter College Senate shall elect a panel of 12 faculty members and 5 student members from this pool of nominees in such a manner as to provide for the widest possible distribution of divisional, departmental or programmatic representation on the committee. From this panel the President shall choose a search committee consisting 8 faculty members (two faculty members from each of the three divisions of the school, 2 faculty at-large), and 3 students. Departments or programs not represented on the committee shall be specifically invited to testify before the committee on their concerns and recommendations.

After discussion it was moved that the motion be amended by:

“adding two HEO’s or CLT’s to the panel elected by the Senate, and one HEO or CLT to the panel from which the President chooses the committee.”

After discussion the question on the amendment was called and carried.

Voting by clickers produced the following results: 23 in favor, 30 opposed, and 2 abstentions. The amendment failed to receive the required number of 51 votes.

The main motion was on the floor.

The question was called and carried.

Voting by clickers produced the following results: 41 in favor, 11 opposed, and no abstentions. The motion failed to receive the required number of 51 votes.

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After discussion and because of the late hour the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Philip Alcabes,  
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"  
Anthony Browne

Anthropology Tom McGovern (A)  
Ruchi Chaturvedi (A)  
Marc Edelman

Art Paul Ramirez

Chemistry Pamela Mills  
Dixie Goss (A)

Computer Science Saad Mneimeh (A)  
Ioannis Stamos

Curriculum & Teaching Bede McCormack (A)  
Nadine Bryce (A)  
Jody Polleck

Economics Timothy Goodspeed (A)  
Avi Liveson  
Howard Chernick

Educational Foundation Sarah Bonner "E"

Film & Media Tim Portlock  
Peter Parisi (A)

Geography Peter Marcotullio (A)  
Frank Buonaiuto  
Traci Warkentin (A)"E"

German Elke Nicolai (A)

Health Sciences Stacey Plichta (A)  
Jack Caravanos "E"

History Richard Belsky (A)  
Michael Turner

Library Lisa Finder (A)

Mathematics Patrick Burke (A)  
Dana Draghicescu (A)

Nursing Peggy Schuber (A)  
Carol Roye

Physics & Astronomy Ying-Chih Chen (A)  
Noel Goddard (A)  
Marilyn Rothschild 'E'

Psychology Peter Serrano (A)

Romance Languages Guiseppe DiScipio (A)  
Michael Taormina

SEEK Patricia Martin (A)"E"

Sandra Granizo Cruz "E"

School of Social Work George Paterson  
Willie Tolliver (A)  
Kenny Kwong (A)

Sociology Thomas Degloma (A)  
Mark Halling "E"

Special Education Donia Fahim (A)  
Theatre Deepsikha Chatterjee

**Lecturers and  
Part-Time Faculty**

Barbara Barone (Math&Stat) "E"  
Case Willoughby (Student Serv)  
Dana Reimer (Geography) "E"  
Christa Acampora (Philosophy)  
Barabara Sproul (Religion)  
Makram Talih (Health Sci) "E"  
Bernadette McCauley (History)

**Administration**

Dean Robert Greenberg "E"

**Ex-Officio**

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

**Students**

Lauren Hecker (Music)  
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)  
Andrew Rice (undecl)  
Angelo Rosado (History)  
Raphael Tomkin (Film/Poli Sci)  
Leanne Tory-Murphy  
Luard Dilja (undeclared)  
Kyle Sabo (Grad)  
Runako Taylor (Grad)  
Norman Kennard (Anthropo)  
Melinda Cornwell (Psych/Honors)  
Ginna Moreano (Psych) "E"  
Camille Lampel (Archaeo)  
Lauren Saenz (Pre-law)  
Jennifer Liu (undecl)  
Raya Harris (undecl)