

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate 5 March 2008

- 1 The 486th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:45 PM in Room W714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Richard Stapleford, 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
8 Senate, and clickers were distributed to them.
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- 10 **Minutes:** The Minutes of February 6th were approved as distributed.
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- 12 **Report by the** There was no report.
13 **President:**
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- 15 **Report by the** The Chair presented the report as follows:
16 **Administrative**
17 **Committee:** Special Election to fill vacant seats on the Senate
18 In accordance with Article IV.2.H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*
19 the Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date for the at-
20 large seats:
21 Students:
22 Meryam Bukhari (undeclared)
23 Julieta Estevez (Studio Art)
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- 25 It was moved that the nominations be accepted. The motion carried by voice vote without
26 dissent.
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- 28 Re: Membership of the Mellon Project Special Committee to Review the GER
29 The Chair informed the Senate that the Committee had requested Senate approval for adding
30 a faculty member from the Sciences, Professor Derrick Brazill (Biology), and a student,
31 Matthew Charles Bank, to the current membership.
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- 33 The nominations were approved by voice vote without dissent.
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- 35 **Committee** Mellon Project Special Committee to Review the GER
36 **Reports:** Professor Stapleford informed the Senate that the Committee had withdrawn the Resolution
37 and that it would present its recommendations for a permanent structure for coordinating
38 general education at a later date.
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- 40 At 3:55 PM it was moved that the Senate dissolve into a Semi Committee of the Whole for 30
41 minutes for discussion of the report "*How We Care for the Curriculum at Hunter College.*"
42 The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
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- 44 At 4:25 PM it was moved that the time for the Semi Committee of the Whole be extended by
45 15 minutes. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
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52 The Senate reconvened in formal session at 4:40 PM.

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54 **Committee on Academic Freedom**

55 Professor William Sakas, Chair of the Committee presented the following “Procedures for
56 Adjudicating an Academic Freedom Complaint.”

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58 He informed the Senate that the Committee would consider suggestions and
59 recommendations made by the Senate at its next meeting.

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61 **Procedures for Adjudicating an Academic Freedom Complaint**

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63 1. **Who can bring a complaint** Any individual or group of individuals of the Hunter College
64 community including, but not limited to, full- and part-time instructional and non-in-
65 structural staff, members of the administration, and students.
- 66 2. **Form of complaints** Complaints may be made orally or via a written mechanism (includ-
67 ing email). Complaints may be received directly from the aggrieved party/parties or from a
68 third party who believes that they observed a breach of an individual's or group's academic
69 freedom rights. Any member of the Academic Freedom Committee may accept a complaint
70 after which it shall be passed to the Chair of the Committee.
- 71 3. **Initial inquiry** An informal 'fact finding' inquiry shall be initiated by the Chair of the
72 Committee. It is the Chair's responsibility to determine the merits of the complaint, and if
73 the complaint involves issues of academic freedom. If the Chair determines that the
74 complaint falls outside the purview of academic freedom, the complainant(s) will be noti-
75 fied; no further action will be taken.
- 76 4. **Informal complaint** If the complaint was made informally and the complainant is unwill-
77 ing to submit a written, signed complaint then the Chair, respecting the complainant's right
78 to anonymity, will report the results of the initial inquiry to the Committee; no further
79 action will be taken.
- 80 5. **Formal complaint** A formal investigation of a breach of academic freedom rights will be
81 initiated after a signed complaint is submitted by the complainant to the Chair of the
82 Committee.
- 83 a. The Chair in consultation with the complainant will form an investigative sub-committee of
84 two members of the Academic Freedom Committee. At the discretion of the Chair, a
85 student member of the Committee will be added to the sub-committee.
- 86 b. The sub-committee will then conduct an investigation.
- 87 c. The sub-committee will attempt to bring about a resolution of the matter that is satisfactory
88 to all parties concerned; the sub-committee will report the results of the investigation to the
89 complainant(s), the alleged violator(s) and the Committee.
- 90 d. If, in the opinion of the sub-committee, no resolution is possible, the sub-committee will
91 report its findings and recommendations to the Committee. After review by the Committee,
92 a report of the findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the complainant(s), the
93 alleged violator(s), the Executive Committee of the Senate, and the Provost.
- 94 6. **Privacy** The privacy of the party/parties bringing a complaint of a breach of academic
95 freedom must be respected, and information obtained in connection with the submission of
96 the complaint and any subsequent investigation or resolution of the complaint will be
97 handled with utmost confidentiality.

98 The floor was open for discussion

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100 **New Business:**

Ms. Kelle Jacob informed the Senate that she had scheduled an “Open Meeting for Students” on
Wednesday, March 12, from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Chanin Language Center B126 West to seek student
input and participation in the Middle States accreditation process currently under way at Hunter.

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It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gross,
Secretary

APPENDIX 1

The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:

Faculty

Africana&PR/Latino Studies	Pedro Lopez-Adorno (A)
Anthropology	Michael Steiper (A)
Biological Sciences	Thomas Schmidt-Glenwinkel (A) Ezra Shahn
Chemistry	Pamela Mills Namby Krishnamachari (A)
Classical & Oriental Studies	Fang Dai (A)
Computer Science	Ioannis Stamos (A)
Economics	Howard Chernick Jonathan Conning (A)
Film & Media Studies	Tim Portlock (A) Michael Gitlin Peter Parisi
Health Sciences	Jack Caravanos Mimi Fahs (A)
History	Bernadette McCauley (A) "E" Barbara Welter "E"
Mathematics	Ada Peluso Makram Talih (A)
Nursing	Leighsa Sharoff
Physics/Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A) Marilyn Rothschild "E"
Psychology	Jeffrey Parsons
Romance Languages	Monica Calabritto (A) Sam Diiorio
SEEK	Patricia Martin (A) Maria Rodríguez "E"
School of Social Work	Bernadette Hadden
Sociology	Charles Green (A)
Special Education	Grace Lappin Thomas McIntyre (A)
Theatre	Alan Sikes

**Lecturers and
Part-Time Faculty**

Claus Mueller (Sociology)
Aubrey Ewaroo

Administration

Dean Jacqueline Mondros (A)

Ex-Officio

Jason Ares, CLT Council President
Nadine Young, HEO Forum Pres.
Sarit Levy, GSA Pres.
Al Peterson, USG Pres.

Students

Jiayun Zhong
Karen Busani-Halevi "E"
Joseph Eastman (Poli Sci)
Tithi Ghosh
Binu Abraham (Classics Hon.)
Jonathan Alexandratos (History)
Tin Thu (Sociol.)
Theodora Telfort (Economics)
Ezra Serrar
Nicole Odom
Tonia Tiewul (THH)
Ingrid Deborah Francois
Jean-Kenson Dorlouis (Biochem)
Josef Bresko (Honors/Econom)
David Wexler (Poli Sci)
Senna Fan Ye (Nurs)
Destimona Anokye
Renelyn Joy Carino
Isaiah Negron
Ho Young Hung (Poli Sci& Sociology)
Tina Galvez
Jian Jie Ren "E"
Yevgeniy Milman (Math&Stat, Grad)
Jenny Alcalde (undeclared)
Ricardo Jute
Steven Perchikov
Wanda Anderson
Sara Reinstein
Greta Rojas (Psych&Nursing)
Israel Burns
Dominitza-Carmen Belecciu (Grad.Math)
Sofia Farquharson (Urban Plan.)
Bawo Ebigbeyi (Account.)