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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

8 March 2017

- 1 The 595th meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:38 PM in HW room 714.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Thomas DeGloma, 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 Senate,
8 and clickers were distributed to them.
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- 10 **Report by** President Raab said the following:
11 **the President:** “Thank you and good afternoon. I just had a longer meeting with the Senate Administrative
12 Committee and updated them on the State budget negotiations that are ongoing. The proposal for
13 this year was one of the healthiest for funding of CUNY. One of the proposals in the budget was for
14 a 5-year \$250 tuition increase. As I said at the time, this is never an easy proposal to support, but in
15 term of the operation needs of the institution, the funding is critical to fixing the quality of our
16 operation. It is questionable if this will end up in either of the one-house bills of the legislature or
17 senate. We are watching the proceedings closely in Albany and will update everyone when we have
18 more information on what is finally approved.
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- 20 “I would like to cover something that some faculty have spoken to me about, and we are keeping
21 our eye on and come back to talk more about is the issue is the availability through the new
22 CUNYfirst system on the citizenship status of our students. Over the years as the systems have
23 changed a number of people who work with our students have access to this information has
24 increased. CUNY itself has become more vigilant and has started to reduce the number of screens
25 that this information is on. We are talking about how we serve our students in keeping their
26 information private. I would like you to know we are working with Student Services and are being
27 judicious on how information is shared.
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- 29 “One a final note, on March 14th, we are having the official opening of the 6th and 7th floor of the
30 library and hope that you all will be able to join us. We are moving ahead with the planning of the
31 5th-floor renovation which we hope to begin over the summer.”
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- 33 **Report by the** Professor DeGloma presented the report as follows:
34 **Administrative**
35 **Committee:**
- 36 **a) Approved Curriculum Changes**
37 The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 8 March
38 2017 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate’s
39 information. Items: GS-1140 Computer Science (Change in courses), GS-1150 Computer
40 Science (Change in courses), GS-1134B Computer Science (Change in courses), GS-
41 1113B Computer Science (Change in degree program), GS-1142 Theatre (Change in
42 degree program), GS-1146 Curriculum & Teaching (Change in courses), GS-1148
43 Educational Foundations (Change in course), GS-1149 Educational Foundations (New
44 courses), US-2129 Sociology (New course), US-2130 Urban Policy & Planning (New
45 course), US-2136 Economics (Change in course), and US-2137 Economics (Change in
46 degree program).
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54 **b) Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**

55 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter*
56 *College*, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees
57 received to date:

58 Students: Jacqueline Rozado

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

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63 **Statement by the Secretary Regarding the Drafting of Meeting Minutes:**

64 Chair DeGloma called on Ms. Dana Reimer, Secretary of the Senate, who said the following:

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66 “At our February 22nd meeting, a question was asked if the Senate meeting minutes have changed
67 in regards to recording and publishing of back and forth statements on agenda items. Chair
68 DeGloma said that he was not aware of any changes in the way the minutes are transcribed. Out of
69 curiosity and because my name is one the minutes I went to the Senate website and reviewed a
70 randomized set of minutes from eleven prior meetings from different academic years. I have found
71 that while the type font has changed over time the composition of the minutes were consistent and
72 contained no back and forth discourse of the deliberations.”

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74 **Old Business: Graduate Student Association Report on Participatory Budgeting**

75 Chair DeGloma called on Ms. Meghann Williams, President of the Graduate Student Association,
76 to Report on Participatory Budgeting. The Senate Office has requested a copy of the presentation.

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78 **Committee Report: Committee on Charter Review:**

79 Professor Philip Alcabes, Chair of the Committee on Charter Review, presented the report dated 8
80 March 2017 for the First Reading of the Proposed Amendments to the Charter for a Governance of
81 Hunter College. The report is attached as Appendix II.

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83 **Committee on General Education**

84 Professor Manu Bhagavan, Co-Chair of the Committee on General Education, said the
85 following in regards to Institutional Learning Outcomes:

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87 “I am here to update you on the college process on the institutional learning outcomes which
88 are tied to our Middle States Reaccreditation process. As part of Middle States, the college is
89 required to come up with learning outcomes that have to be assessable and are meant to keep
90 us accountable. What we have done so far was that the GER committee got the conversation
91 going and working with the administration, we held a series of workshops on ILO. The Middle
92 States gave us suggestions that we built into categories. We held six workshops with different
93 institutional stakeholders. After holding the workshop the information collect was compiled,
94 and a broad Institutional Learning Outcomes Committee is going through the list to formalize
95 the information and create a draft report by the end of April with recommendations.”

108 **Report by the Committee on By-Laws for the School of Arts & Sciences**

109 Professor Laura Keating, Chair of the Committee on By-laws for the School of Arts & Sciences
110 said the following:
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112 “In this report I just want to update the Senate on the progress of the School of Arts and Sciences
113 Bylaws drafting process since I reported last fall, on October 5. Around a week after that report, on
114 October 13, the first draft of the bylaws was distributed to school faculty, program directors,
115 student government leaders, the administration, and the executive committees of the FDA and the
116 HEO Forum. Between then and mid-December, the committee gathered feedback on the
117 preliminary draft in a number of ways. We held three open-meetings, and I and other committee
118 members attended several other meetings, including that of the SAS Council of Chairs in October, a
119 meeting of the FDA in November, and two meetings of the SAS Advisory Committee – once
120 before and once after the November and December department meetings were held. In the fall, I
121 also met with the Senate Departmental Governance Committee and with Lara Miranda and Tom
122 DeGloma in the Senate and I brought the suggested revisions back to the committee for
123 consideration. We also received revision requests and comments from several individuals and
124 departments via e-mail and from an on-line comment form. The drafting committee then met in
125 mid-December and late January to make revisions that incorporated most, if not all, of the changes
126 suggested. We distributed the revised draft on January 31 for the second feedback period.”
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128 “As part of that, in February, we held two more open meetings, and I and other members of the
129 committee participated in discussions of the revised draft at a SAS Advisory Committee meeting
130 and a meeting of the FDA. As of today, we have received feedback and suggested changes from
131 several other individuals, departments, the administration, the legal office at Hunter, and the union.
132 The drafting committee has met three times in the past three weeks to make subsequent revisions
133 and to finalize a proposed set of bylaws to submit to the Senate Departmental Governance
134 Committee for its approval. As occurs with the review of departmental bylaws, we plan to work
135 with them to make the changes needed so that the school bylaws are consistent with CUNY and
136 Hunter governance documents.”
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138 “Once the proposed bylaws have been given the okay from that committee, the voting process in
139 the school will begin. That process will involve paper secret ballots distributed to faculty through
140 their departments and then counted by the Senate staff and Administrative Committee (with myself
141 recused). There will also be a mechanism for e-mail and regular mail voting for those who will not
142 be on campus during the voting period. During voting, there will be a department collection period
143 in which ballots are collected back by the department and then delivered together, unopened, to the
144 Senate Office. A Senate collection period will follow in which people who still have not voted may
145 submit ballots directly to the Senate. Once that period ends and the votes are tallied, if the bylaws
146 are approved by a majority of the voting faculty, then the bylaws will come here to be ratified as is
147 the case with departmental bylaws and as occurred with the School of Nursing bylaws. As the
148 Senate Chair stated back in October, Senate ratification will focus solely on affirming or
149 challenging the integrity of the process, not on changing the rules that the School has approved for
150 its own operations and procedures. With regard to this matter, the Senate is acting in its capacity as
151 an oversight body, not as the governance unit whose bylaws are being considered.”
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161 **Report by the Office of Student Conduct on the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee**

162 Professor DeGloma read the following Statement on Behalf of Ms. Colleen Barry, Director of
163 Student Conduct:

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165 “The Office of Student Conduct is seeking faculty members to serve on the Faculty Student
166 Disciplinary Committee (FSDC). The FSDC is an important committee at the college that hears
167 cases of violations of policies on campus like Academic Integrity, Henderson Rules, and Sexual
168 Misconduct when students are contesting violations. At this time, the current slate of faculty has
169 reached their term limits for service, and we are looking for new members to begin a term of two
170 years in July. There is one off-site training, and the committee only meets when there are
171 violations. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Barry or Sharmeen Ahmed in the Office of
172 Student Conduct”

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174 **New Business:** Senator Sandra Clarkson announced the death of a Dr. Michael Jaworskyj, who was Senator
175 for the Political Science Department and a very vocal member of the Senate.
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178 Due to the late hour, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting
179 adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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181 Respectfully submitted,

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184 Dana Reimer
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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
	Denis Milagros	(A) A		Verna Segarra	X
		(A)		Pat Burke	(A) E
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	X	Medial Laboratory Sciences	Rob Thompson	(A) X
	Mike Steiper	(A) X		Chad Euler	A
	Marc Edelman	(A) X		Robert Raffaniello	(A) X
Art & Art History	Susanna Cole	E	Music	Dean Johnston	(A) X
	Susan Crile	A		Jewel Thompson	A
	Lynda Klich	(A) A			(A)
Biological Sciences	Nebahat Avcioglu	(A) X	School of Nursing	Michele Cabrini	(A) A
	Derrick Brazill	X		Christine Ganzer	A
	Shirley Raps	A		Abigail Kotowski	A
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Lynda Olender	(A) A
Chemistry	Maria Pereira	(A) X	Philosophy	Omar Dahbour	A
	Akira Kawamura	A		Laura Keating	(A) A
	Gabriela Smeureanu	(A) A		Christa Acampora	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Nancy Grennbaum	(A) X	Physics & Astronomy		
	Joanne Spurza	X		Ying Chen	(A) X
	David Petrain	(A) A		Kelle Cruz	(A) A
Computer Science	Alex Elinson	(A) X	Political Science	Jill Schwedler	A
	Lie Xie	A		John Wallach	(A) A
	Felisa Vasquez-Abad	(A) X		Michael Lee	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching		(A)	Psychology	Peter Serrano	X
	Jody Polleck	X		Jonathan Rendina	A
	Jason Wirtz	A		Rebecca Huselid	(A) X
	Stephen Demeo	(A) A		Chris Braun	(A) X
Dance	Ben Shuldiner	X	Physical Therapy	Herb Karparkin	X
	David Capps	A			(A)
		(A)		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
Economics	Kathleen Isaac	(A) A	Romance Languages	Julie Van Peteghem	X
	Avi Liveson	A		Rolando Perez	(A) A
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Monica Schinaider	(A) X
	John Li	(A) X			(A) X
Educational Foundations & Cou		(A)	School of Social Work	Terry Mizrahi	X
	Veronica Muller	X		Michael Lewis	X
	Alexander Fietzer	(A) A		Samuel Aymer	(A) X
		(A)		(A)	
English			Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	Leigh Jones	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Sarah Chinn	A		Michaela Soyer	(A) X
Film & Media Studies	Steven Wetta	(A) X	Special Education	Elizabeth Klein	A
	Janet Neary	(A) A		Jennifer Klein	A
	Larry Shore	A		Kristen Hodnett	(A) X
	Sissel McCarthy	(A) A		Donald Vogel	(A) A
Geography	Isabel Pinedo	(A) X	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiolo	Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	A
	Haydee Salmun	A		Carol Silverman	(A) A
	Jochen Albrecht	(A) A			(A) A
		(A)	Theatre	Jonathan Kalb	A
				Mia Rovegno	X
				Claudia Orenstein	(A) X
German	Elke Nicolai	A	Urban Policy and Planning	Jill Gross	(A) X
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A		Stanley Moses	X
		(A)		Victoria Johnson	(A) A
History	Rick Belsky	A	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabes	A
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) A		Steven Trasino	(A) X
	Eduardo Contreras	A		Khursheed Navder	(A) A
Library	Mee' Len Hom	A	Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury	A
	Sarah Ward	A		Catherine Raissiguier	A
	Adina Mulliken	(A) A			
	Danise Hoover	(A) A			

Students

Darcie Dominianni	A
Maria Pia Sifuentes	A
Stephanie Barragan	E
Matthew LoCastro	X
Sandra-May Flowers	A
Mila Adelman	A
Joy Nuga	A
Sara Shanaj	X
Kendra Cornelis	A
Noam Sohn	A
Alfie Corteza	A
Lucien Formichella	A
Shannon O'Rourke	X
Asheley Siewnarine	X
Demi Moore	X
Nicole Parker	A
Hieu Dang	A
Meghann Williams	A
Cara Fitzgerald	A
Meliane Lozier	X
Bran May	X
Sarah Lamsifer	A
Sarah Mathew	X
Jawwaad Alam	X
Edward Friedman	A
Soumya Misra	X
Stephon Odom	A
Omar Albert	A
Jennifer Uolla	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Brain Maasjo	(A) A
	Shannon Silenas	X
Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	A
Geography	Dana Reimer	A
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barrera	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Shawna Leigh	E
Medicial Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Philosophy	Ian Blecher	E
Sociology	Thomas DeGloma	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Elaine Walsh	A
Urban Affairs & Planning	Laxmi Ramasubramanian	E
History	Bernadette McCauley	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Melany Balaguera	X
Vice President, Graduate Student Association		X
President Alumni Association	James Amodeo/Patricia Rudden	A
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Marilyn Daley-Weston	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	E
Vice President for Administration	Robert Pignatello	A
Provost, Acting	Lon Kaufman	A
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Education	Michael Middleton	A
Special Counsel to the President & Dean	Laura Hertzog	A
School of Nursing	Dean Gail McCain	A

Appendix II
 First Reading of Proposed Charter Amendments

Article/ Section	Current	Proposed	Rationale
AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD SERVICES AND FACILITIES			
VIII.21	<p>There shall be a Committee on Food Services and Facilities, consisting of three faculty members, three students, and the College Business Manager to serve as a Chairperson ex-officio, all Committee members to have a vote. The Committee shall be responsible for advising the administration concerning all food services at the College, including the quality, variety, prices, and presentation of the food, as well as dining facilities. An annual review of all contracted food services shall be part of the Committee's responsibility.</p>	<p>There shall be a Committee on Food Services and Facilities, consisting of three faculty members, three students, and the College Business Manager to serve as a Chairperson ex-officio, all Committee members to have a vote. <u>The Committee will meet at least once per semester, and report to the Senate at least once per year.</u> The Committee shall be responsible for advising the administration concerning all food services at the College, including the quality, variety, prices, and presentation of the food, as well as dining facilities. An annual review of all contracted food services shall be part of the Committee's responsibility. <u>The Committee shall also be responsible for making recommendations to the Administration on the COLLEGE FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE state of classrooms and other teaching facilities, common areas, and access (including but not limited to corridors, doorways, elevators, and escalators), particularly in regard to the teaching/learning activities of the College.</u></p>	

AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR STUDENT SENATORS			
<p>III.1</p>	<p>The Hunter College Senate shall have 100 Senators and Alternates sufficient in number to provide two faculty alternates for each department, being composed of 57% faculty members, 38% students and 5% representatives of the administration, with seats reserved in the following proportions: ... 14% Full-time Undergraduate students, other than students in the SEEK Program. 11% Part-time Undergraduate students.</p>	<p>The Hunter College Senate shall have 100 Senators and Alternates sufficient in number to provide two faculty alternates for each department, being composed of 57% faculty members, 38% students and 5% representatives of the administration, with seats reserved in the following proportions: ... <u>Undergraduate students, other than students in the SEEK Program.</u></p>	
<p>III.3</p>	<p>Ex officio nonvoting membership shall be extended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Presidents of the Hunter College Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Association; b. the President of the Hunter College Alumni Association; c. the Presidents of the Hunter College HEO Forum and the College Laboratory Technician Council; 	<p>Ex officio nonvoting membership shall be extended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Presidents of the Hunter College Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Association, <u>or designee</u>; b. the President of the Hunter College Alumni Association; c. the Presidents of the Hunter College HEO Forum and the College Laboratory Technician Council; 	

<p>IV.2</p>	<p>C. The 14 Senate seats reserved for Full time undergraduate students, other than students in the SEEK Program, shall be filled as follows:-</p> <p>—— (i) ———— Of these seats</p> <p>—— (ii) The remaining 5 Senate seats shall be reserved for Full time Freshmen and Sophomores who have not as yet declared their major. Candidacy at large shall be declared by filing a petition meeting the requirements established by the Senate. From the pool of such candidates, the Full time Freshmen and non major Sophomores will elect the required number of representatives by an at large election.</p> <p>D.—— The 11 Senate seats reserved for Part time undergraduate students shall be filled as follows:-</p> <p>—— Candidacy at large shall be declared by filing a petition meeting the requirements established by the Senate. From the pool of such candidates, the Part time undergraduate students will elect the required number of representatives by an at large election.</p>	<p>C. <u>All undergraduate student positions shall be filled by the Undergraduate Student Government of Hunter College (USG) in cooperation with the Senate Vice Chair according to the representational requirements outlined below and in Article III.1 and Article IV.4.B.</u></p> <p><u>The 25 Senate seats reserved for undergraduate students shall be filled as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>5 seats shall be filled by undergraduate student government representatives who have been elected to the USG.</u> ii. <u>There shall be 15 seats reserved for the undergraduate student body at large. The undergraduate student body shall be made aware of these seats through the resources of the USG. Undergraduates may then apply and nominations will be submitted to the Hunter Senate upon the recommendation of the USG.</u> iii. <u>5 seats shall be reserved for full-time department majors. Toward their election, each department will elect, from nominations made within its own ranks, 1 nominee for these seats. All Full-time Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores who have declared their major will elect, under the auspices of the Undergraduate Student Government, the required number of representatives by an at-large vote among these nominees.</u> 	
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