

MINUTES
Meeting of the Hunter College Senate
21 April 2010

1 The 515th 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 March 24th and April 7th were approved as distributed.
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12 **Report by the** The following is a summary statement of President Raab's report to the Senate: She said:
13 **President:**
14 "I had hoped to have some budget news to report today, but unfortunately Albany is still in its
15 stalemate and we are still waiting to hear the results.
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17 On a happier note, we have two very active searches coming to a conclusion on campus. One is for
18 the Chief Librarian and the other for the Dean of the School of Education. I want to take a moment
19 to thank the Senate for setting up the Committees, and thank all the members of these committees.
20 I also want to urge you to stop by the open sessions and get some sense of the candidates. We are
21 really looking for people's feedback. Today you will be voting on the panels for Search
22 Committee for the School of Nursing. I appreciate everyone's support. We will be moving ahead
23 with that search in the Fall. I also want to mention the Search for Dean of the School of Arts and
24 Sciences. I have requested that the Senate also start the process of establishing that search
25 committee. The hope is that we will have a committee by the last Senate meeting of this Semester.
26 It is very important to the search that we be able to advertise for this position over the Summer,
27 and in order to do that the Committee needs to meet and review the job description so that we can
28 get it posted.
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30 In the meantime we express our undying gratitude to Dean Robert Greenberg for stepping into this
31 position with no notice. He had a full plate of his own with incredible agendas and responsibilities,
32 and then stepped up the plate to do a superb job as the Acting Dean. We have been doing what we
33 can by adding staff to Robert's office in different ways. We all pulled together brilliantly as a
34 community to get through this transitional time, and we look forward to all of you participating in
35 this very important search. We are talking to Search firms. If you have any experience or any
36 thoughts, or anybody we should be looking at, please let us know. I do hope all of you will work to
37 make the Arts and Science search a really big success.
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39 I had mentioned a few weeks ago that we are moving forward this summer with the Library
40 renovations. There are meetings to look at plans and I hope that everybody will participate. This
41 part of the renovation is really about the space and how to make a Library that is really at the top
42 of the game of working with students and teaching, and also providing a place for students to
43 study where they feel really welcome and safe, and to make it a place where they do group
44 projects or study alone.
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46 I want to thank Manfred Kuechler. We have handed out many FITT awards for this summer for the
47 technology and teaching initiative. We thank all of you who applied and we are moving ahead not
48 withstanding pressures on the budget. It is extremely important that you have assistance in
49 integrating technology into your teaching and we are very proud to have been able to support this
50 initiative. We are also very pleased that we are able to continue to support the faculty travel grants,
51 and we are very pleased that people continue to apply for these grants. One other thing that the

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Provost will be talking to all of you about in the next few months with the hope of moving ahead with the program in the fall is a similar program to support small stipends for faculty research. We are nearing the end of nominations for the faculty awards. So, this is the time for you to tell us who is wonderful and who deserves some recognition and attention.

On the enrollment front there is good news in these financially tough times for all of us and the city. Enrollments at Hunter and admissions are incredibly robust. We took about one out of four freshmen this year who applied, which is really pretty incredible. Our enrollment projections for September for undergraduate freshmen and transfers are relatively where they are now. We are trying to grow, and continue to grow, and have grown in the past few years, in the Graduate programs in places where there is capacity and some growth in faculty and in space. I really want to commend Dean Mondros. We are doing a really wonderful job in very intelligently and strategically growing the Social Work School, and thereby providing more opportunities for social workers.

One recent statistic stands out. A few years ago the School of Education increased the School Counseling Program from 20 students to 40 students by adding a line that we were able to have CUNY fund in the work force development initiative. Everybody who graduated from the School Counseling Program gets a job immediately. We had 40 slots for that program this year and 400 applications. So, you can see the pressure. I am not quite sure how the School of Education made all those decisions, but it is really extraordinary how many people want to be here and get both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees.

That leads to the last point that I want to make. I am sure many of you saw the article in the Times today about alternative routes for Master's degrees in Education. This was a very interesting proposal. For the first time the Regents have approved other than Education Schools granting Master's degrees. Technically the Regents will still grant the degrees but this will allow for alternative programs, such as the Teach for America and possibly a charter school or a museum to actually give Master's degrees. We are not particularly worried about what is going to happen. We have such strong demand, particularly for so many of our specialized programs and we think it is going to be extremely difficult for anyone else to replicate that. Most Education schools cannot touch what Hunter does in Special Education. We are just the best, and it is going to be very difficult for a charter school or Teach for America to be able to have the expertise, the training, and the placements that we have in specialty programs. So, we will see how this unfolds. It does bring up the question that if we were to enroll fewer Education students over the years, what are the Master's programs that we should be growing or creating, and that is something that I would like to turn back to the faculty to start thinking about. If there is going to be a decline, where do we go? The new School of Public Health, our Public Health Master's Programs are really becoming much more robust and this is something that we hoped to see. Of course, we also added Doctoral students and I think we are up to about 40 Doctoral students now, which is really amazing. So, we are seeing growth in interesting places, in places where we can really make a difference.

In closing I want to remind all of you that graduation is on June 3rd at 2 o'clock at Radio City Music Hall. Our graduation speaker is Maurice DuBois who is a very popular local newscaster and someone involved in number of philanthropies throughout the City. Carolyn Maloney, our congresswoman and a great supporter of Hunter College, will be receiving a President's Medal. Leon Cooperman will be getting an Honorary Degree. He is a very successful person in finance, who has donated much of the money that he has been making to a number of causes throughout of the Metropolitan area, including most recently a \$1M gift to Hunter College to support our pre-business program and scholarships. So, I hope many of you can join us. "

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**Report by the
Administrative
Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows.

Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in Parts I and II of the report dated 4/21/10 were approved as per Senate resolution, and were submitted for the Senate's information: Items US-1624

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(CHEMISTRY -Changes in a Degree Program, incl. change in hours and/or credits: CHEM 102, 104, 222, 224), US-1630 (POLITICAL SCIENCE: New Course PLSC 330, Inclusion of PLSC 330 in Core Stage 3, Group B, Addition of "W" designation, Deletion of POLSC 330), US-1635 (SCHOOL OF NURSING: Letter of Intent for a Dual/Joint AAS/BS Degree in Nursing: Queensboro Community College and Hunter College), US-1632 (ROMANCE LANGUAGES: New Course: FREN 211), US-1633 (RELIGION: Minor in Religion), US-1634 (ART: Changes in a Degree Program, including new courses ARTCR 290.00, 390.00), US-1636 (ENGLISH: Change in a Degree Program: Concentration in Adolescent Education), US-1637 (CLASSICS: Change in title and description CLA 322, 323).

Item US-1631 (School of Health Sciences/Medical Lab Technology) was withdrawn and will be re-submitted at a later meeting.

Search Committee for Dean of the School of Nursing

The Chair presented the following nominations for the Chair-panel and Member-panel for the Search Committee for Dean of the School of Nursing as distributed:

Nominees for Chair-Panel:

Neil L. Cohen, M.D., Distinguished Lecturer in Public Health and Social Work

Nominees for Member-Panel:

FACULTY:

Dr. Steven Baumann
Dr. Catherine D'Amico
Dr. Violet Malinski
Dr. Diana Mason
Dr. Donna Nickitas
Dr. Carol Roye
Prof. Joseph Saladino
Dr. Lorraine Sanders

STUDENTS:

Irene Odonkor (undergraduate)
Jessica Cue (undergraduate)
Sheila Spencer (undergraduate)
Richard Dorritie (undergraduate)
Violeta Kandova undergraduate
Mimi Lim (graduate)
Richard Stiles (graduate)

It was moved that the entire slate be approved for submission to the President.

The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

Continuation of Discussion of Revised College-wide Search Procedures

Professor Alcabes moved that the report be recommitted.

After brief discussion the question was called and carried. The motion carried by voice vote without dissent.

**Committee
Reports:**

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee Re: Hybrid and On-line Courses

Professor Eckhard Kuhn-Osius, Chair of the Committee, presented the Report dated 21 April 2010 as distributed. The following resolution was on the floor:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate strongly affirm the long-standing rule that the responsibility for ensuring the content, curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, format, and delivery of all instruction rests with academic departments or equivalent units of the College. All changes in any of the above-mentioned areas must, as a rule, be approved by a departmental curriculum committee or equivalent body. If such changes are substantive, a curriculum proposal going through the established approval process is required.

After discussion the question was called and carried. The resolution was approved by voice vote without dissent.

The Chair informed the Senate that the Update from the Mellon Project Special Committee was postponed to the next meeting

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It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 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	Pedro Lopez-Adorno (A)"E" Edgardo Melendez (A)"E"	Psychology	Peter Serrano (A) Tricia Striano (A) Peter Moller 'E'
Anthropology	Tom McGovern (A) Marc Edelman	Romance Languages	Guiseppe DiScipio (A)
Art	Paul Ramirez	School of Social Work	George Patterson Willie Tolliver (A) Kenny Kwong (A)
Biological Sciences	Shirley Raps "E"	Sciology	Thomas Degloma (A) Claus Mueller (A)
Chemistry	Pamela Mills Dixie Goss (A)	Special Education	Donia Fahim (A)"E" Jamie Bleiweiss (A)"E"
Classical&Oriental Studies	Yitzhak Berger (A)	Student Services	Nicole Wright-Gordon (A)
Computer Science	Saad Mneimeh (A) Ioannis Stamos		
Curriculum & Teaching	Bede McCormack (A) Nadine Bryce (A) Jody Polleck	Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty:	Christa Acampora (Philosophy) Barabara Sproul (Religion) William Sakas Makram Talih (Health Sci) "E" Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Affairs) "E"
Economics	Timothy Goodspeed (A) Avi Liveson Howard Chernick	Administration:	Dean Sherryl Graves (A) Dean Kristine Gebbie (A)
Educational Foundation	Markus Bidell (A) "E" Sarah Bonner "E"	Ex-Officio:	Deborah Francois, USG Pres. George Wallace, CLT Council President Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres. Patricia Rudden, Alumni Assoc. Pres.
English	Gavin Hollis (A)"E"	Students :	Lauren Hecker (Music) Kyle Sabo (Grad) Randy Wagenheim (Grad. Socio)
Film & Media	Peter Parisi (A) "E"		
Geography	Frank Buonaiuto Traci Warkentin (A)		
Health Sciences	Stacey Plichta (A) Jack Caravanos		
History	Michael Turner		
Library	Lisa Finder (A) Danise Hoover (A)		
Mathematics	Patrick Burke (A) Dana Draghicescu (A) Ada Peluso		
Nursing	Peggy Schuber (A)		
Philosophy	Frank Kirkland (A) Alan Hausman ' E /		
Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen (A) Marilyn Rothschild ' E ' Noel Goddard (A)		
Political Science	John Wallach (A)		