

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

23 October 2024

The 695th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:57 PM in HW 714.

Presiding: Sarah Chinn, Chair

Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.

Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the Senate for in-person meetings, and they were enabled to vote using iClicker.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted with the provisions that Provost's report and update on Middle States be postponed to the next meeting.

Report by the President: Chair Chinn invited President Cantor to report. The report is in Appendix II.

Report by the Administrative Committee:

a) Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats

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

At-Large: Christopher Stone (Classical and Oriental Studies)

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

b) Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached report dated 23 October 2024 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information: UR-2756 Art & Art History (Routine change in courses), US-2754 Theatre (New course), US-2755 Biology (Change in courses), US-2757 Political Science (Change in course), US-2758 Film & Media (New courses), and GS-1614 Urban Policy and Planning (New degree program).

c) Election of Nominees for Search Committee for Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

The election of Chair panel, a panel of 8 faculty members and 6 students from the below pool of nominees. From this panel, the President shall choose a search committee consisting of 4 faculty members and 3 students.

Nominees for Chair Panel:

Dean Mary Cavanaugh, Silberman School of Social Work

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

Nominees for Member Panel:

FACULTY (8)

Tellers were appointed, and written ballots were distributed for the election of eight faculty members for the Member Panel. Electronic ballots were sent to the remote locations. Tallies of

the vote counts are below (the count includes all ballots from the remote locations).

1. Humanities & Arts:
(39) Prof. Janet Neary, English
(27) Prof. Yomaira Figueroa-Vásquez, AFPRL
2. Social Sciences:
(51) Prof. Rupal Oza, WGS
3. Sciences & Mathematics
(51) Prof. Sandra Clarkson, Mathematics & Statistics
4. School of Education:
(23) Prof. Nora Aboali, Educational Foundations and Counseling Programs
(38) Prof. April Kisamore, Special Education
5. School of Nursing and Health Professions
(39) Prof. Nancy Eng, Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
(25) Prof. Cristiana Collins, Physical Therapy
(29) Prof. Elsie Jolade, Nursing
6. School of Social Work/Library
(38) Prof. Keith Chan, School of Social Work
(46) Prof. Stephanie Margolin, Library

STUDENTS (6)

Anel Radonic (Political Science, History Adolescent Education, Certificate in Public Policy)
Ariadna Pavlidis-Sanchez (Public Health)
Christopher Chawki (Biochemistry)
Juniper Sokolov (Psychology, Political Philosophy, Public Policy)
Solange Arias (Clinical Psychology)
Zara Amer (Computer Science)

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees for the Student Panel. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

d) Temporary appointment for Ombuds Officer

Chair Chinn informed the body that the Administrative Committee appointed Professor Ines Miyares, Geography & Environmental Science department, as a temporary Omubuds Officer for the academic year 2024-2025.

**Committee
Report:**

Committee on the Calendar

Chair Chinn invited Professor Zachary Shirkey, Chair of the Committee on the Calendar, to present an updated proposal on the revised Bell Schedule. Debate followed.

Senate Committee on the Calendar Bell Schedule Proposal

RATIONALE: The Revisions to the Bell Schedule, passed by the Hunter College Senate on 9 December 2020 and implemented in Fall 2021, require that “the impacts of the new schedule will be reported to the Senate within three years following implementation.” Therefore, the Senate Committee on the Calendar has collected information on the effects of those revisions through a survey of Hunter College students, a survey of department chairs and program directors, and data on room usage supplied by the Registrar.

In light of this information, and to better align the schedule with student, faculty and staffing needs, as

well as better use the limited available instructional space at Hunter College, the Committee has voted to propose the following revisions to the Bell Schedule to take effect beginning in the Spring 2026 semester:

BE IT RESOLVED that Hunter College adopt the schedule as proposed by the Senate Committee on the Calendar Committee that groups time periods into 150-, 75-, and 50- minute time blocks beginning at 7:00am through 9:50pm each weekday.

Appendix 1 displays time blocks for 75-minute class periods. Appendix 2 displays time blocks for 150-minute class periods. Appendix 3 displays time blocks for 50-minute class periods. These proposed changes do not affect Saturday and Sunday course offerings, which will continue to be governed by prior Senate resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hunter College adopt a Community Period on Friday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that classes offered two days a week will be paired Monday- Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday. Classes offered three days a week will be Monday- Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday-Friday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be exceptions to the proposed time schedule, for example but not limited to, courses in the Schools of Education, Nursing, and Health Professions, courses at Silberman, 63 Madison, & Hudson Street campuses, courses that meet for longer than 3 hours, (e.g., studios, labs, rehearsals), and courses that meet after 9:30PM Monday through Thursday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Department Chairs and Program Directors will plan schedules, including requests for exceptions, in consultation with school Deans. If the Registrar cannot accommodate particular schedule requests, the issue will be referred to Department Chairs, Program Directors, Dean(s) and/or the Provost to resolve the conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the impacts of the new schedule will be reported to the Senate within three years following implementation.

iClicker voting produced the following results: 48 in favor, nine against, and two abstentions.
The Resolution failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jeninsky
Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

(A) =Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excused

Faculty					
AFPRL	Anthony Browne	X	Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson	A
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A			0
	Lázaro Lima	(A) X		Robert Thompson	(A) X
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A		Barry Cherkas	(A) X
	Stephanie Levy	(A) A	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Chad Euler	X
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Steven Einheber	(A) X
Art & Art History	Howard Singerman	A		Muktar Mahajan	(A) X
	Dave McKenzie	A	Music	Michele Cabrini	A
	Emily Braun	(A) X		L. Poundie Burstein	(A) X
		(A)		Steven Spencer	(A) X
Biological Sciences	Ben Ortiz	A	School of Nursing	William Samuels	A
	Jesus Angulo	X			0
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Tara Heagle	X
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Deidre O'Flaherty	(A) X
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu	A	Philosophy	Omar Dahbour	X
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) A		Daniel Harris	(A) X
	Brian Zeglis	(A) X		Kyle Ferguson	(A) X
	Nadya Kobko-Litskevitch	X	Physical Therapy	Steve Kofsky	X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Frederick Rogals	X		Chad Woodard	(A) X
	Doron Friedman	(A) A			(A)
		(A)	Physics & Astronomy	Ying-Chih Chen	X
Computer Science	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	X		Yuhang Ren	(A) X
	Raj Korpan	(A) A			(A)
	Saptarshi Debroy	X	Political Science	Lina Newton	A
	Justin Tojeira	(A) A		Robert Jenkins	(A) A
Curriculum & Teaching	Edgar Troudt	X		Michael Lee	(A) X
	Stephen Demeo	A	Psychology	Darlene DeFour	A
	Maverick Zhang	(A) A		Nesha Burghardt	A
	Tim Farnsworth	X		Glenn E Schafe	(A) A
Dance	Darvejan Jones	X			0 (A)
		0 (A)	Romance Languages	Sam Diiorio	A
		0 (A)		Monica Calabritto	(A) A
Economics	Tim Goodspeed	X		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) X
	Michelle Liu	A	School of Social Work	Samuel Aymer	A
	Kenneth McLaughlin	(A) A		Daniel Gardner	X
	Avi Liveson	(A) X		Seon Mi Kim	(A) X
onal Foundations & Counseling Programs				Samuel Aymer	(A) X
	Sarah Bonner	(A) A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	John Keegan	(A) X		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Veronica Muller	X		Heba Gowed	(A) X
English	Sarah Chinn	A	Special Education	Salvador Ruiz	A
	Janet Neary	A		Melissa Jackson	(A) X
	Mark Miller	A		Kristen Hodnett	(A) A
	Katie Winkelstein-Duvenec	(A) X	SLPA	Nancy Eng	A
Film & Media Studies	Kelly Anderson	A		Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	(A) A
				Stanley Chen	(A) A
	Tami Gold	(A) A	Theatre	Claudia Orenstein	A
	Gustavo Mercado	(A) X		Phillip Brown	X
Geography & Environmental Sci	William Solecki	X			0 (A)
		(A)	Urban Policy and Planning	Victoria Johnson	X
	Sun Shipeng	(A) X		Lily Baum Pollans	(A) A
German	Christina Mekonen	A			(A)
	Elke Nicolai	(A) A	Nutrition and Public Health*	Susan Cardenas	X
		0 (A)		Khursheed Navder	(A) X
History	D'Weston Haywood	X		Steven Trasino	(A) X
	Aaron Welt	(A) A	Women & Gender Studies	Christopher Mitchell	X
	Mary Roldan	A		Priscilla Yamin	(A) A
Library	Iris Finkel	A		Rupal Oza	(A) X

Students

Daniel Cronin	A
Ariadna Pavlidis-Sanchez	A
Olivia Massey	X
Lorraine Santana	X
Ermina Chowdhury	X
Nishat Raihana	A
Viet Thanh Phan	A
Veronica Witkowski	A
Juan Sebastian Barahona	X
Izadora Lima Soares Prereira	X
Aliyah Harrison	X
Susana Sanchez	X
Rachel Weng	A
Ezra Hubbard	X
Iman Meawad	A
Hafsa Naseer	X
Roseline Olumuyide	X
Tyler Etienne	X
Priscilla Jimenez	E
Alexander Pappas	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Burhan Siddiqui	A
	Luis Roldan	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
English		0
Psychology	Stefan Schlussman	A
Social Work	James Mandiberg	X
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	X
Religion	Wendy Raver	A
Geography	Ines Miyares	A
Classical and Oriental Studies	Christopher Stone	A
Special Education	Gina Riley	A
Registrar	Jennifer Dennington	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Art & Art History	Peter Dudek	X

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Bushir Juwara	X
Vice President, GSA		0
President Alumni Association	Elizabeth Wilson-Anstey	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Irina Ostrozhnyuk	X
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Provost	Manoj Pardasani	A
Interim Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Erica Chito Childs	A
Dean of Education	Julie Gorlewski	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Social Work	Mary Cavanaugh	A
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs	Joseph Fantozzi	A
Dean of Nursing	Ann Marie Mauro	A

APPENDIX II

“Thank you, Sarah. I will be very brief. First of all, I just want to remind people that November 18th Eboo Patel from Interfaith America is talking at 4pm at Roosevelt House. You should have gotten a memo about it. I really encourage you all to come: staff, students, faculty. It would be really great to see you.

“I wanted to very briefly say a little update on the kinds of listening sessions that Manoj and I have been doing. We have started with faculty and staff in each school. We have gone to Silberman, to Nursing, to the School of Education, to the STEM faculty in Arts and Sciences, to the Social Science faculty in Arts and Sciences. Tomorrow, we will go to the School of Health Professions, then to Arts and Sciences Humanities and Arts, and then the Library. So, it will all be staggered so that we can do a whole bunch of sessions with college-wide staff. We have been meeting with student groups, but then, we are going to figure out some way to do it with multiple student groups, which maybe Daniel will help me figure out, so that it is not too large, so people feel they can speak, but we are still comprehensive. That is kind of an on ramp, if you will, to feed into the strategic planning. So, once all that is done, we are going to send out to everybody a very short survey asking about your dreams for Hunter. Then, we will do a steering committee and some working groups based on a qualitative analysis of the survey. We are open to suggestions about strategic planning and about these listening sessions from anybody. You can always email me or Manoj.

“This is now going to be a little bit down to the nitty gritty, but our lives are in the nitty gritty. I want to talk about elevators and escalators. As you know, Gustavo and his staff are just absolutely up to here with the decamping from Brookdale and all of those renovations. At the same time, I want to assure everybody that we are working on the elevators and escalators. We are going to do a twofold approach here. At the moment, we have one vendor who deals with maintenance on escalators and elevators. That means if multiple things go out, it is hard to get them in time to do stuff quickly. So, we are working on procurement for two more vendors. Procurement takes a little bit of time, as you know, but hopefully that will happen relatively soon. That means that we can at least address ongoing issues as they happen. Then, the bigger issue is, which will take considerably more time but we are starting on the design phase of those already in the North building and West building: the modernization of these elevators, which really will require a staggered approach of taking some offline and then wait on other ones and making sure again that we have multiple vendors, so they do not go out. I have pages and pages (of information on facilities projects) here, but I am not going to give you all the details other than to say if you do have very specific suggestions or questions, please bother Gustavo.

“Then, at the same time as all the big projects are going on in terms of the detail and renovations, and such, there are some very high-profile things that we care a lot about that we are trying to figure out how to get enough staff to get it done. One is lactation rooms. We have identified some space in the West building. Over time, we will also probably add space in the North building for a good lactation room which involves sinks and electrical work, and things like that. Hopefully, it will happen during the winter break and then be ready by the spring.

“Then, a prayer room. That is very important to us. We are working on locating it in the West building B level, and it requires some renovations and some athletic spaces. Again, we are hoping that that is going to be completed early Spring semester.

“Then, gender neutral bathrooms. We are going to do a pilot program to start that so that we can start it quickly. We are going to take the bathrooms on the 3rd floor, 5th floor, and 7th floor of the North building as the pilot program, and then hopefully extend that over time. It involves some fixtures, partitions and stalls, but hopefully it will be ready late Spring for sure, possibly even early Spring.”