

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

9 October 2024

The 694th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:58 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.

Report by the Provost: Chair Chinn invited Interim Provost Pardasani to provide an update on SPARC.

Interim Provost Pardasani said the following:

“Good afternoon, everybody. I hope everyone is doing well. I am sorry I cannot be there in person. I do not have any further updates on Brookdale SPARC from the last meeting. I will bring any further details to you as soon as we have any updates. Thank you.”

Middle States Update: Chair Chinn invited Interim Dean Erica Chito-Childs, co-Chair of the Steering Committee, to provide an update on Middle States.

Erica Chito Childs, Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences said the following:

“I am Erica Chito Childs, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. We just started the process for Middle States. Tom DeGloma, professor in Sociology, are I are chairing. We have seven committees which need co-chairs. Then, we need to populate the committees. Emails went out to fourteen people today: one administrator and one faculty who will be chairing each committee. If you are lucky enough to receive one of those emails, hopefully, you can say yes. Then, we are going to start the process to populate. If you want to be a part of these committees, we are asking for volunteers. We are hoping to get representation from all the different schools. Once we populate the committees, we are going to start the work. So, anticipate emails. There is a lot of data we need to get from the past years. We work off the strategic plan, and so, there is going to be a lot going on about that in terms of what we said we were going to do after the last Middle States. What have we done? Have we done it? Do we still want to do that or do we have a new mission and new initiatives? So, there will be a lot more information coming. I want to stress that this is a college-wide initiative. So, we need your participation and input. We want to involve you. I have a feeling we will probably be begging all of you to participate. It is a lot of work. That is all we have right now. Thank you.”

Report by the Administrative Committee:

a) Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached report dated 9 October 2024 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate’s information: GR-1616 Theatre (Routine Change in course).

b) Resolution Creating an Ad hoc Committee on Prior Learning and Credit Transfer

Chair Chinn reminded the body that Hunter College was instructed by CUNY Central to revise its policy on prior learning and credit transfer. The Administrative Committee created the

Resolution Creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Prior Learning and Credit Transfer. Chair Chinn read the Resolution into the record.

**RESOLUTION CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PRIOR LEARNING
AND CREDIT TRANSFER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hunter College Senate create a joint Ad Hoc Committee on Prior Learning and Credit Transfer comprised of members of the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee and the Graduate Course of Study & Academic Requirements Committee.

There was a motion to adopt the Resolution. It was seconded.
The Resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Chair Chinn reminded the body that the Senate Office is accepting nominations for the Search Committee until 17 October, 5:00 PM. The election of the Search Committee will take place at the 23 October Senate meeting.

d) Reminder: Nominees for temporary appointment for Ombuds Officer

Chair Chinn reminded the body that the Administrative Committee is accepting nominations for a temporary appointment for Ombuds Officer who will serve during the 2024-2025 academic year. The appointment will be announced at the 23 October meeting.

e) Resolution Calling to Rescind Restrictive “Policy on Posting Flyers” and Withdraw Threat to Suspend the Hunter Internationalist Club freedom of Expression

Chair Chinn said the following:

“I thought rather than making this combative, why don't the interested parties sit down and talk about it and simply resolve it that way. And, that is what we did. We had a large meeting on Monday with President Cantor, VP for Student Affairs Eija Ayravainen, Director of Student Life Miesha Smith, members of the Administrative Committee, the Provost, and members of the Internationalist Club. We had an hour, and we had, I thought, a very wide ranging and deep conversation about the issues involved: about student fears of censorship and suppression of freedom of expression and about the wording of emails that clubs get about violating posting regulations: “If you violate posting regulations, you are liable to be suspended” and “there has to be an approved flyer,” etc. So, we did a couple of small things. For example, it does not have to be an approved event. What happens is student clubs just submit a flyer to the Office of Student Affairs so that it can go out to the student community. I think we all agree that the email itself did not have a very welcoming tone. So, both of those got changed. The big thing was the flyering policy. We had a lot of back and forth about that in terms of where flyers should go and what kind of flyers should go where. Eventually, we came to a unanimous decision that students should be allowed to post flyers about whatever they want as long as it is on the cork boards because you can't put flyers on the walls, by the elevators because paint may come off, and it might cover the elevator emergency instructions. Essentially, any club or any individual can freely express what they want to say on the bulletin boards.

“It took exactly sixty minutes to get there, which I am particularly proud. What struck me the most about this was the spirit of openness and collaboration that everyone brought to the table. This is not something that we have done in the past to solve our problems. I really thank President Cantor, Vice President Ayravainen, Provost Padasani and our students as well for coming in with open minds and open hearts and trying to come to a mutually satisfying resolution, which we did. I think we came to a decision that is good for all student clubs and all students. I am so pleased about this. I hope that it is a model for how we will move forward that we can resolve

things through conversations in good faith, all wanting a resolution that works for as many people as possible. There is no resolution because there was a resolution, essentially. Again, I just want to thank everyone who was involved because it was a tough conversation, but it was a fruitful one. I think everyone walked away okay, which is kind of the best possible outcome. Thank you to the members of the Admin Committee, as well.”

**Committee
Report:**

Nominating Committee

Chair Chinn called on Professor Edgar Troudt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present a report.

The Nominating Committee is submitting the following nominations for seats currently vacant on Senate Committees.

1. UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE

Faculty At-large:	Kenneth McLaughlin (Economics)
Faculty from Social Work:	Anna Ortega-Williams
Faculty Alternate:	Frederick Rogals (Classical & Oriental Studies)

2. GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY & ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Faculty from Sciences & Math:	Bora Ferlengez (Mathematics & Statistics)
Faculty from Education:	Sarah Bonner (Educational Foundations)
Faculty Alternate:	Lacey Peters (Curriculum & Teaching)

3. UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Faculty from Nursing and Health Professions:	Tara Heagele (Nursing)
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4. COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Student:	Lauren Lin (Economics)
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5. COMMITTEE ON THE CALENDAR

Faculty Alternate:	Michael Sheetz (Music)
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6. COMMITTEE ON THE EVALUATION OF TEACHING

Student:	Arianna Ahmed
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7. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT STANDING

Faculty:	Darlene DeFour (Psychology)
Faculty:	Donna Paparella (English)

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

Committee on the Calendar

Chair Chinn invited Professor Zachary Shirkey, Chair of the Committee on the Calendar, to give a brief update on the proposed revised Bell Schedule.

Professor Shirkey said the following:

“I do not have new items to add. The department chairs have discussed this at the FP&B meeting. The department chairs said they were going to discuss it with their faculty at department meetings today. I was told to come prepared to answer questions that may have arisen at faculty meetings. There had been a brief discussion at FP&B about possibly having a community hour on a Wednesday, even though with the Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday, Thursday schedule. There was an issue with that in the sense that for

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every 75 minutes of community period we are going to lose 2,100 large lecture hall seats, let alone all the other classroom seats. So, that is not feasible. It is feasible to keep the Senate on a Wednesday because that is a single room. We can do a room, but we cannot do all of them. So, the Senate does not have to move, but there is not a way to have a block where there are no classes on Wednesday.”

Questions and discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 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	A	Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson	A
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A			0
	Lázaro Lima	(A) X		Robert Thompson	(A) A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Barry Cherkas	(A) A
	Stephanie Levy	(A) A		Chad Euler	X
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Steven Einheber	(A) X
Art & Art History	Howard Singerman	X	Music	Muktar Mahajan	(A) X
	Dave McKenzie	X		Michele Cabrini	A
	Emily Braun	(A) X		L. Poundie Burstein	(A) A
Biological Sciences		(A)	School of Nursing	Steven Spencer	(A) X
	Ben Ortiz	A		William Samuels	X
	Jesus Angulo	A			0
Chemistry	Paul Feinstein	(A) X	Philosophy	Tara Heagele	X
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Deidre O'Flaherty	(A) X
	Gabriela Smeureanu	A		Omar Dahbour	X
Classical & Oriental Studies	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) A	Physical Therapy	Daniel Harris	(A) X
	Brian Zeglis	(A) X		Kyle Ferguson	(A) X
	Nadya Kobko-Litskevitch	X		Steve Kofsky	X
	Frederick Rogals	A	Physics & Astronomy	Chad Woodard	(A) A
	Doron Friedman	(A) A			(A)
		(A)		Ying-Chih Chen	X
Computer Science	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	A	Political Science	Yuhang Ren	(A) X
	Raj Korpan	(A) A			(A)
	Saptarshi Debroy	X	Psychology	Lina Newton	X
Curriculum & Teaching	Justin Tojeira	(A) A		Robert Jenkins	(A) A
	Edgar Troudt	A		Michael Lee	(A) A
	Stephen Demeo	A	Romance Languages	Darlene DeFour	A
	Maverick Zhang	(A) X		Nesha Burghardt	A
	Tim Farnsworth	X		Glenn E Schafe	(A) A
Dance	Darvejan Jones	A	School of Social Work	Peter Serrano	(A) X
		0 (A)		Sam Diiorio	A
		0 (A)		Monica Calabritto	(A) X
Economics	Tim Goodspeed	X	Sociology	Julie Van Peteghem	(A) X
	Michelle Liu	A		Jonathan Prince	X
	Kenneth McLaughlin	(A) A	Special Education	George Patterson	X
Social Foundations & Counseling Programs	Avi Liveson	(A) X		Marina Lalayants	(A) X
	Sarah Bonner	(A) A		Samuel Aymer	(A) X
English	John Keegan	(A) X	SLPA	Mark Halling	A
	Veronica Muller	X		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Sarah Chinn	A		Heba Gawayed	(A) X
	Janet Neary	A	Theatre	Salvador Ruiz	A
	Mark Miller	A		Melissa Jackson	(A) X
	Katie Winkelstein-Duvenec	(A) X		Kristen Hodnett	(A) A
Film & Media Studies	Kelly Anderson	A	Urban Policy and Planning	Nancy Eng	X
				Michelle MacRoy-Higgins	(A) X
				Stanley Chen	(A) X
Geography & Environmental Sci	Tami Gold	(A) A	Nutrition and Public Health*	Claudia Orenstein	A
	Gustavo Mercado	(A) X		Phillip Brown	X
	William Solecki	X		Louisa Thompson	(A) X
German		(A)	Women & Gender Studies	Victoria Johnson	A
	Sun Shipeng	(A) X		Lily Baum Pollans	(A) X
	Christina Mekonen	A			(A)
History	Elke Nicolai	(A) A		Susan Cardenas	A
		0 (A)		Khursheed Navder	(A) X
	D'Weston Haywood	X		Steven Trasino	(A) X
Library	Aaron Welt	(A) A		Christopher Mitchell	A
	Mary Roldan	A		Priscilla Yamin	(A) A
	Iris Finkel	A		Rupal Oza	(A) X
	Ajatshatru Pathak	A			
	Dorian Onifer	(A) A			
		(A)			

Students

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

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Burhan Siddiqui	X
	Luis Roldan	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
English	Donna Paparella	X
Psychology	Stefan Schlussman	A
Social Work	James Mandiberg	X
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	X
Religion	Wendy Raver	A
Political Science	Ines Miyares	A
English	Priscilla Yamir	X
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	A
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	X
Assistant Vice President for Student Aff	Joseph Fantozzi	A
Dean of Nursing	Ann Marie Mauro	A