

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

17 April 2024

The 689th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:59 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: Chair Chinn informed the body that Item 5 was moved before the Administrative Committee report.

**Committee
Report:**

Committee on the Budget

Chair Chinn called on Professor Gina Riley, Chair of the Committee on the Budget, to present the Resolution to Authorize Hunter College to Add an Academic Excellence Fee to the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nursing Program. Professor Riley read the Resolution into the record and then yielded the floor to Professor Stephen Yermal, School of Nursing, who presented the rationale of the Resolution. Questions followed.

The Resolution to Authorize Hunter College to Add an Academic Excellence Fee to the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nursing Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York authorizes Hunter College to charge a \$380 per credit Academic Excellence fee for students registered in the Hunter College Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program; and

BE IT, FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the new fees will be effective for students entering the NA-ADACNP program beginning in the fall 2024 semester; and

BE IT, FURTHER

RESOLVED, That, consistent with the Academic Excellence Fee Policy, Hunter College will conduct an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the fee investments in enhancing student experience, learning and success, including retention and graduation rates and program outcomes such as career placement, and pass rates on professional examinations, and demonstrate how faculty and students are engaged in ongoing planning and budgeting of fee investments, and shall provide a summary report of the assessment findings every five (5) years to the Board of Trustees Committee on Finance and Administration, and share it widely within the campus community.

The Resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

**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:

Faculty:	Priscilla Yamin (WGS)
Students:	Roseline Olumuyide (Chemistry) Deni Espinoza (Art Studio) Joanna Ng (Human Biology) Tyler Etienne (Political Science) Raitah Jinnat (Computer Science) Johanna von Maack (Women & Gender Studies) Kanishka Awasthi (Special Honors, English) Isabella Grullon (Special Honors, Political Science) Priscilla Jimenez (Political Science) Naushin Sakirah (Special Honors, Public Health) Ezra Hubbard (English) Juan Sebastian Barahona (Media Studies)
At large:	Jennifer Dennington (Registrar's Office)

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.

b) Approved Curriculum Changes

The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached reports Part I and II dated 17 April 2024 have been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information. Items: UR-2672 WGS (Routine change in courses), GR-1603 Physical Therapy (Change in courses), US-2665 Curriculum & Teaching (New course; P&D/3), UE-2675 Arts & Sciences (Routine Deregistration of a Program), US-2668 Classical & Oriental Studies (Change in MOI), US-2667 Music (Change in MOI), US-2669 German (Change in course, Add W), US-2670 Public Policy (Change in course, Add InS), US-2671 WGS (Change in degree program), US-2673 Political Science (New course, Add MOI, P&D/3, and W), US-2674 Biology (Change in Course), GS-1601 Special Education (Change in courses), GS-1602 Physical Therapy (Change in degree program).

c) Search Waiver for the Assistant Vice President for ICIT

Chair Chinn informed the body that the Senate was asked to waive a formal search for the Assistant Provost and Chief Information Officer, Dr. Henry Saltiel who has been acting in the position since 6 July, 2022. Chair Chinn presented the Resolution of the Administrative Committee Recommending a Modified Search Procedure for the position of Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer.

Resolution of the Administrative Committee Recommending a Modified Search Procedure for the position of Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel has served as an Interim Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer since July 6, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel possesses extensive expertise as a seasoned professional in the field of post-secondary education, particularly in IT strategy, planning, and management, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel's distinguished career spans four decades of higher education IT leadership and is complemented by a Doctorate of Education focused on Higher Education Management, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel has demonstrated outstanding performance in previous leadership roles, notably at CUNY and Adelphi University, as evidenced by over 20 years of exemplary performance evaluations, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel has spearheaded pivotal initiatives, including the transition from legacy systems to modern platforms and the establishment of essential institutional infrastructure, contributing significantly to the advancement of educational technology, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel has effectively addressed critical deficiencies within the Instructional Computing and Information Technology (ICIT) Department at Hunter College, markedly enhancing cybersecurity, website infrastructure, network equipment, and employee management practices, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel has initiated and overseen numerous ongoing, time-constrained, and mission-critical projects aimed at standardizing business management processes, implementing industry-standard IT and HR practices, and strengthening inter-departmental relationships, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Saltiel's leadership has been instrumental in providing support and guidance beyond the ICIT department, fostering collaboration and innovation across the institution, and

WHEREAS, the continuity of Dr. Henry Saltiel's leadership is vital for the successful completion of various IT projects and initiatives, ensuring the stability and advancement of Hunter College's IT operations, and

WHEREAS, the Senate Administrative Committee recommends waiving the Senate procedures as a one-time modified procedure for identifying a candidate for the Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer position and believes this action is in the college's best interest,

Be it resolved that Hunter College wishes to retain Dr. Henry Saltiel in his current position as Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer for Hunter College within the ICIT Department, recognizing the importance of his continued leadership for the institution's progress and success in the realm of educational technology.

Voting by voice vote produced one Nay. iClicker voting followed.

Voting by iClicker produced the following results: 57 in favor, six against, and seven abstentions. The Resolution was approved.

d) Search Committee for Dean for School of Education

Chair Chinn reported that one student spot in the member panel became vacant. Below are the names of two nominees to be elected for the student slot in the member panel that will be forwarded to the President.

Leo Sherman (Department of Special Education)
Jacob Kellman (Department of Special Education)

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

e) CUNY By-Laws Revision

Chair Chinn said the following:

"I want to speak about CUNY By-laws. I talked about this a little bit last time. You were sent the draft of the By-laws revisions. They are coming down from CUNY Central via the Executive Vice President's Office, Wendy Hensel. After a great deal of pressure from the Faculty Governance Leaders, and we have our Laura Keating thank for that, faculty governance leaders from around the University and our Council of Chairs of Arts and Sciences here at Hunter, a lot of the campuses said 'this is too soon.' This is a huge change that is going to be made, and we

cannot have it made in April. So, that got changed and is now going to be moved into the Fall which could mean anything from mid to late August until October. That gives us some time on campus to really work through what the issues are that affect the faculty and administration and craft a response. Last week, I was in a meeting with the co-chairs of the Council Chairs of Arts and Sciences, our union chapter chair, adjunct liaison to the union, and the Chair of the Faculty Delegate Assembly. We met for the first time to talk about strategy. We are going to keep meeting over the course of the summer to come up with a response to these changes in By-laws. I am hoping we will meet again, at least, probably not by the next Senate meeting because spring break is in between, but by following and hopefully, we will have at least a short report about this to you.”

f) **Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Israel-Palestine Conflict**

At the last meeting, the Senate decided to commit the Resolution on Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Israel-Palestine Conflict to the Administrative Committee. Chair Chinn presented a revised Resolution. Debate followed.

Resolution on Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Israel-Palestine Conflict

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hunter College Senate shall create an ad hoc committee consisting of 4 students (including at least one graduate student), 3 faculty (at least one should be from the professional schools), and 2 members of the staff, whose chair will be elected by committee membership. The charge of this committee will be to foster constructive and respectful dialogue about Israel/Palestine within our community and provide a space in which diverse perspectives can be shared and respected, even in disagreement. The term of this ad hoc committee will be one academic year with the possibility of renewal.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hunter College Senate unequivocally condemns all acts of violence and aggression in the Israel-Palestine conflict and advocates for a lasting resolution that allows both peoples to live with dignity, sovereignty, freedom, and security;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate reaffirms its commitment to fostering a campus environment that promotes inclusivity, diversity, and mutual respect, and actively opposes all forms of discrimination, including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urges the USG to continue to engage in dialogue, advocacy, and educational initiatives to raise awareness about the complexities of the Israel-Palestine conflict and encourage constructive discourse and understanding within our community;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate urges the Hunter College administration to provide support and resources for students affected by the conflict and to actively address instances of discrimination and hate speech on campus.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

There was a motion to accept the amendments to the Resolution that the Administrative Committee made in consultation with the Undergraduate Student Government. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Debate on the Resolution was limited to 20 minutes.

There was a motion to amend the title of the Resolution as follows:

Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to **Foster Dialogue about** ~~Address~~ the Israel-Palestine Conflict.

It was seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

There was a motion to amend as follows:

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hunter College Senate ~~unequivocally condemns all acts of violence and aggression in the Israel-Palestine conflict and~~ advocates for a lasting resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict that allows both peoples to live with dignity, sovereignty, freedom, and security.

It was seconded.

Chair Chinn addressed a procedural issue because at least one person was recording the meeting. Chair Chinn reminded that while recording the meeting is allowed under New York State law, there are limitations regarding posting the recording under the New York Open Meeting Law. Chair Chinn stated that in order to post the recording online, a release from each speaker is required.

The question to end debate on the above amendment was called. It was seconded. Voting by iClicker produced the following results: 31 in favor, 44 against, and two abstentions. The motion failed.

The question to adopt the Resolution was called and carried.

Voting by iClicker to adopt the Resolution as amended produced the following results: 62 in favor, nine against, and five abstentions. The Resolution was approved.

Committee Report:

The Calendar Committee

Chair Chinn invited Professor Zachary Shirkey, Chair of the Calendar Committee, to present an update on the committee's work. Professor Shirkey's presentation is in Appendix II.

Joint Report by the GER Committee and Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

Chair Chinn invited Professor Lawrence Kowerski, Chair of the GER Committee, and Professor Christopher Mitchell, co- Chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee to provide an update on the Pluralism & Diversity requirement.

Professor Mitchell said the following:

"I am providing an update on P&D approvals for the UCSC and the GER. Thanks to folks on the subcommittees that are approving these. It is a lot of work. We are currently in a third round of submissions. We have gone through two rounds; each round at about 50 to 60 proposals. We are most importantly on track to approve enough courses so that this can go into effect in the Fall for the incoming freshman class. We should have enough seats for those folks to take P&D classes."

Professor Kowerski said the following:

"GER Committee has been working very closely with the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee. The GER Committee had a conversation with Advising and the Dean's Office who provided us with data. All were in agreement that we are well-positioned. While not right now, we will be ready by the Fall. We are going to start the process of reaching out to Degree Works, so we can start the process of implementing it. If you have not submitted your new P&D, I urge you to do so now because it is an expedited process."

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You will not have to show up and defend it. It is easy. Please do that now. We do anticipate that by the time of next semester, we will have enough courses.”

Old Business: The Governance Committee

On behalf of the Governance Committee, Chair Chinn presented the revised Theatre by-laws and the revised “Guidelines for By-laws for Non-Departmental Academic Units”.

Professor Chinn presented the revised Theatre by-laws. By-laws are available on the Senate website.

The revised Theatre by-laws were approved by unanimous consent.

Professor Chinn also presented “Guidelines for Bylaws for Non-Departmental Academic Units”. The Guidelines are available on the Senate website.

Due to time constraints, voting to adopt the Guidelines will take place at the next meeting.

Due to the late hour, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM.

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) X			0	
	Lázaro Lima	(A) A		Robert Thompson	(A) A	
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A		Barry Cherkas	(A) A	
	Stephanie Levy	(A) X	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Chad Euler	A	
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Steven Einheber	(A) X	
Art & Art History	Itam Uchenna	A		Mukhtar Mahajan	(A) X	
	Dave McKenzie	A	Music	Michele Cabrini	A	
	Chitra Ganesh	(A) X		L. Poundie Burstein	(A) A	
Biological Sciences	Emily Braun	(A) X			(A) X	
	Ben Ortiz	A	School of Nursing	William Samuels	X	
	Jesus Angulo	X			0	
Chemistry	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Stephen Yermal	A	
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Deidre O'Flaherty	(A) X	
	Gabriela Smeureanu	A	Philosophy	Laura Keating	A	
Classical & Oriental Studies	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) X		Daniel Harris	(A) X	
	Brian Zeglis	(A) X		Omar Dahbour	(A) A	
	Nadya Kobko-Litskevitch	X	Physics & Astronomy	Kelle Cruz	A	
Computer Science	Yasha Klots	X		Yuhang Ren	(A) X	
	Frederick Rogals	(A) X		Ying-Chih Chen	(A) X	
	Doron Friedman	(A) X	Political Science	Lina Newton	X	
Curriculum & Teaching	Justin Tojeira	A		Charles Tien	(A) X	
	Raj Korpan	(A) A		Michael Lee	(A) X	
	Saptarshi Debroy	X	Psychology	Roseanne Flores	X	
Dance		0 (A)		Darlene DeFour	A	
	Edgar Troudt	A		Glenn E Schafe	(A) X	
	Stephen Demeo	A		Peter Serrano	(A) X	
Economics	Maverick Zhang	(A) X	Physical Therapy	Jaya Rachwani	A	
	Tim Farnsworth	X		Milo Lipovac	(A) X	
	Maura Donohue	X		Chad Woodard	(A) X	
Educational Foundations & Counseling Programs	Ana Nery Fragoso	(A) X	Romance Languages	Magdalena Perkowska	X	
	David Capps	(A) X		Monica Calabritto	(A) X	
	Tim Goodspeed	X		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) X	
English	Michelle Liu	A	School of Social Work	Jonathan Prince	X	
	Kenneth McLaughlin	(A) A		George Patterson	X	
	Avi Liveson	(A) A		Marina Lalayants	(A) X	
Film & Media Studies			Sociology	Keith Chan	(A) X	
	Sarah Bonner	(A) A		Mark Halling	A	
	John Keegan	(A) A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X	
Geography & Environmental Scien	Sarah Chinn	A	Special Education	Michaela Soyer	(A) X	
	Angie Reyes	X		Salvador Ruiz	A	
	Mark Miller	A		Melissa Jackson	(A) X	
German	Janet Neary	(A) A		Kathryn Furlong	(A) A	
	Larry Shore	A	SLPA	Donald Vogel	A	
				Nancy Eng	(A) A	
History	Tami Gold	(A) A		JungMoon Hyun	(A) A	
	Gustavo Mercado	(A) X	Theatre	Louisa Thompson	X	
	Allan Frei	X			0	
Library	William Solecki	(A) X		Claudia Orenstein	(A) A	
	Sun Shipeng	(A) X	Urban Policy and Planning	Lily Baum Pollans	X	
	Christina Mekonen	A		Victoria Johnson	(A) A	
Nutrition and Public Health*	Elke Nicolai	(A) X		vacant	(A)	
	Aine Zimmerman	(A) A		Susan Cardenas	A	
	D'Weston Haywood	A		Khursheed Navder	(A) A	
Women & Gender Studies	Manu Bhagavan	(A) A		Steven Trasino	(A) X	
	Aaron Welt	A		Jennifer Gaboury	A	
	Iris Finkel	A		Catherine Raissiguier	(A) X	
	Ajatshatru Pathak	A		Rupal Oza	(A) X	
	Mee' Len Hom	(A) A				
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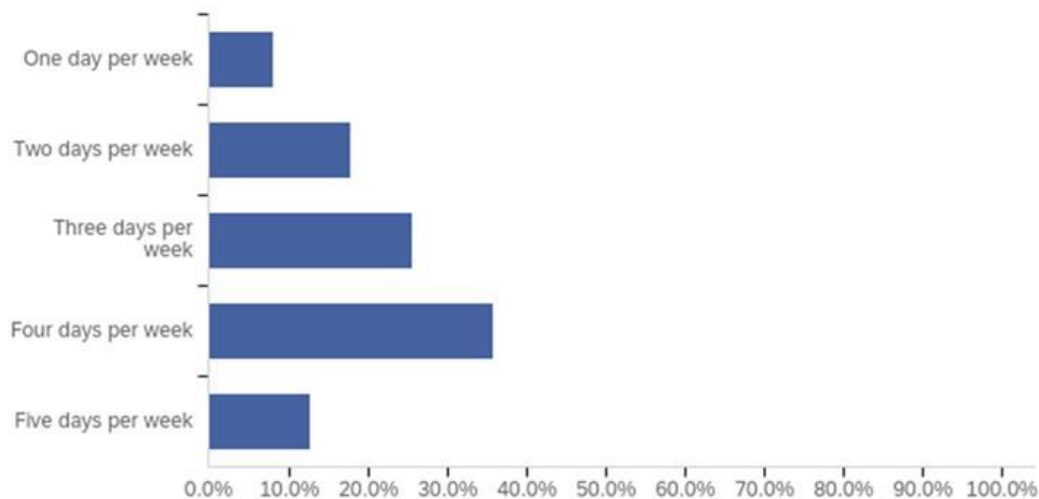
			At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty		
Students			Student Services	Burhan Siddiqui	A
	Nicole Palmetto	A		Luis Roldan	(A) X
	Ariadna Pavlidis-Sanchez	A	Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
	Aysha Khan	X	English	Donna Paparella	X
	Ronette Johnson	X	Psychology	Stefan Schlusman	A
	Olivia Massey	X	Social Work	James Mandiberg	X
	Lorraine Santana	X	Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	X
	Ermina Chowdhury	X	Religion	Wendy Raver	A
	Nishat Raihana	A	Political Science	Rosa Squillacote	X
	Hridika Tasnim	A	English	Susan Barile	X
	Viet Thanh Phan	A	Special Education	Gina Riley	A
	Veronica Witkowski	X	Registrar	Jennifer Dennington	A
	Ariana McNab	X	THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
	Juan Sebastian Barahona	A	Art & Art History	Peter Dudek	X
	Ahmed Tabbakh	X			
	Gabriela Covaria	X	Ex-Officio		
	Labiba Iqra	X	President, USG	Bushir Juwara	A
	Aliyah Harrison	X	Vice President, GSA		0
	Susana Sanchez	X	President Alumni Association	Elizabeth Wilson-Anstey	X
	Rachel Weng	A	President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	X
	Rosa Rivera	A	President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	X
	Shannon Benjamin	A			
	Jasmina Rustamova	A			
	Iman Meawad	A			
	Hafsa Naseer	A	ADMINISTRATION		
	Roseline Olumuyide	A	Senators:		
	Deni Espinoza	A	HEO/CLA Representative	Irina Ostrozhnyuk	X
	Joanna Ng	A	Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
	Tyler Etienne	A	Provost	Manoj Padasani	A
	Raitah Jinnat	X	Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
	Johanna von Maack	A	Dean of Education	Jennifer Tuten	X
	Kanishka Awasthi	A	Alternate Senators (3):		
	Isabella Grullon	A	Dean of Social Work	Mary Cavanaugh	X
	Priscilla Jimenez	E	Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs	Joseph Fantozzi	A
	Naushin Sakirah	X	Dean of Nursing	Ann Marie Mauro	A
	Ezra Hubbard	A			

APPENDIX II

Bell Schedule Student Survey Preliminary Data

Hunter College
Senate Committee on the Calendar

On average, how many days per week do you attend classes on the Hunter Main Campus?



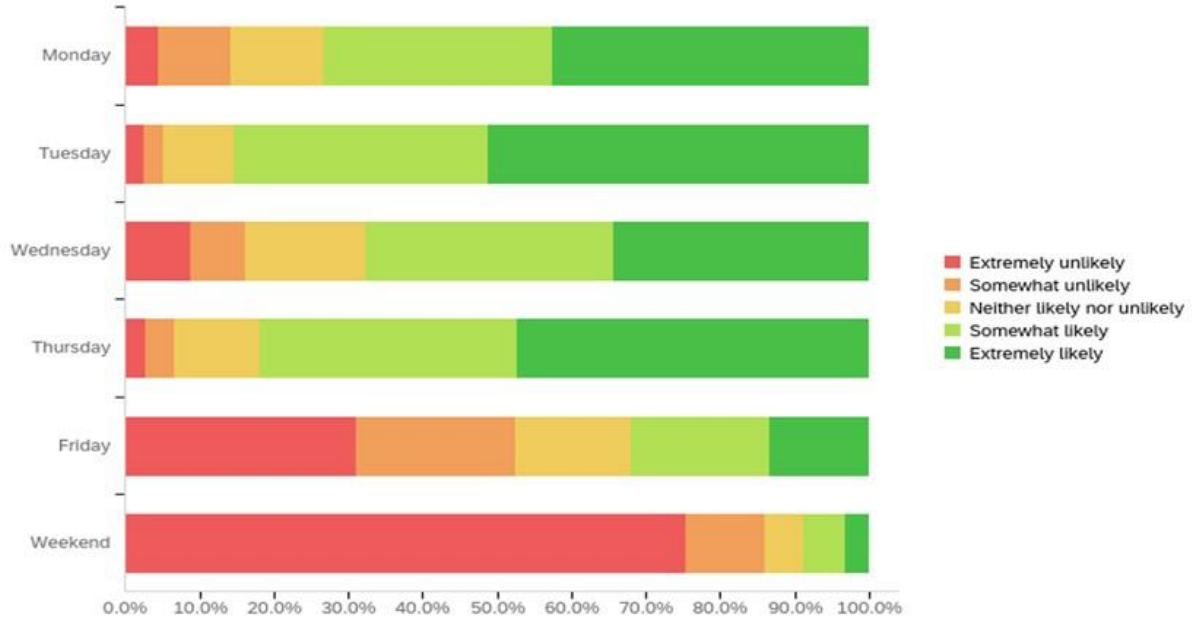
Please rate how likely you are to...

#	Question	Extremely unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Somewhat likely	Extremely likely	Total
1	Register for Weekend Classes?	70.3%	12.6%	6.3%	6.9%	3.9%	795
2	Register for Morning Classes?	16.6%	14.5%	12.4%	30.5%	26.0%	793
3	Register for 7:30AM class?	71.1%	11.9%	5.9%	7.6%	3.5%	792
4	Register for Evening Classes?	16.3%	18.7%	13.9%	29.1%	22.0%	797

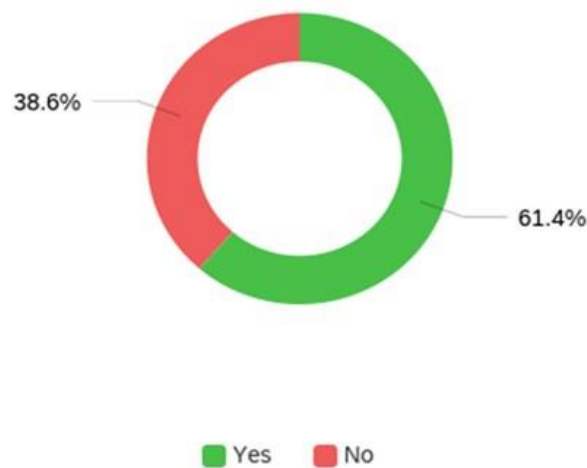
At Hunter, most day classes are scheduled to meet two days per week (i.e. pairings), and some are offered on Wednesdays only. On a scale of 1 to 5, how likely are you to register for classes in each of the following groups:

#	Question	Extremely unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Somewhat likely	Extremely likely	Total
1	Monday and Thursday	5.7%	7.7%	10.6%	34.8%	41.2%	913
2	Tuesday and Friday	15.4%	18.2%	14.0%	33.1%	19.2%	878
3	Wednesday Only	15.2%	15.3%	14.2%	30.3%	24.9%	880

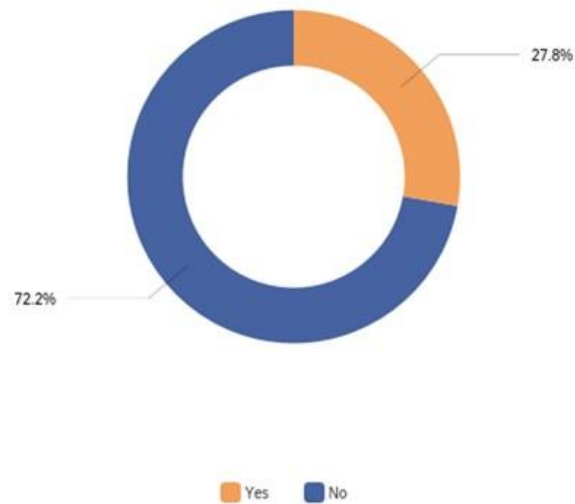
What days would you prefer to take classes?



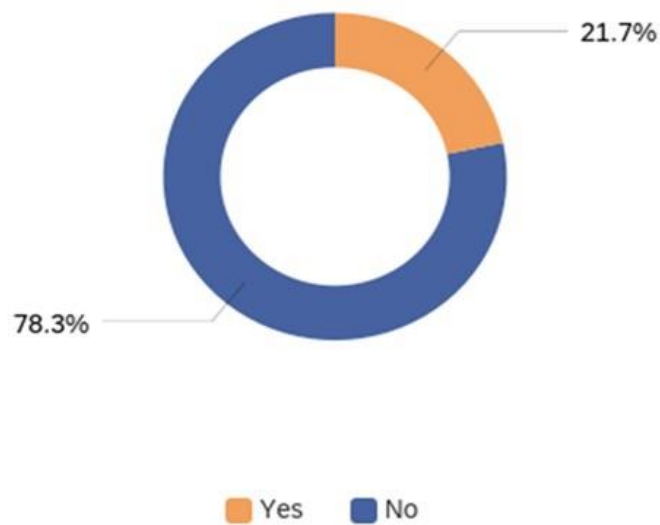
Would you take Evening classes if it were the same as the pairings as day classes? (Mon/Thurs and Tues/Wed)



Are you participating in any extracurricular activities (e.g., clubs, sports, etc.)?



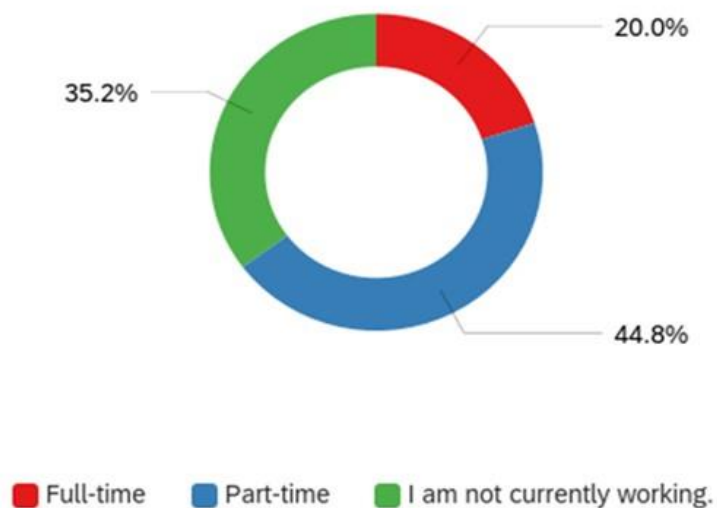
Do you know what Community Hours are?



Do you meet with any faculty members/Clubs/Games/Extracurricular Activities during Community Hours?

#	Do you meet with any faculty members/Clubs/Games/Extra curricular Activities during Community Hours?	Percentage
1	Yes	11.7%
2	No	88.3%
	Total	971

Are you working full or part-time?



On average, how much of your time is spent commuting to AND from Hunter College?

