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**College-Wide Senate General Meeting**

**Savoy Multi-Purpose Room**

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

**Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

* **Allied Health:** Professors Edward King, Sandra Castellanos
* **Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Professors Ernest Ialongo (Chairperson), Héctor Soto, Karen Steinmayer
* **Business:** Professors Claude Fernandez, Sandy Figueroa
* **CTL**: James Lujan
* **English:** Professors Heidi Bollinger, Tram Nguyen, Louis Bury
* **Education:** Professors Jacqueline DiSanto, Elys Vazquez-Iscan, Iris Mercado, Michael Gosset
* **Gittleson:** Ms. Tanya Navarro
* **Humanities:** Professors Ana Ozuna, Inmaculada Lara Bonilla, Natasha Yannacañedo
* **Language & Cognition:** Professors Thomas Mencher, Paula Korsko
* **Library:** Professor Jorge Matos
* **Mathematics:** Professors Lauren Wolf, Daniel Maysonet, A.J. Stachelek
* **Natural Sciences:** Professor John Gillen, Roy Debasish
* **Higher Education Officers (HEO):** Mr. Terrence Brown, Mr. Carlos Guevara, Ms. Yvette Luyando, Ms. Alba Lynch, Ms. Cynthia Morales-Delbrun, Ms. Daliz Perez-Cabezas, Mr. Fabian Wander, Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, Ms. Iber Poma
* **Public Safety/Maintenance:** P.O. Johanna Powell
* **University Faculty Senate (UFS):** Professors Felipe Pimentel, Zvi Ostrin, Julie Trachman
* **UFS Alternates:** Professors Gail August, Catherine Lewis
* **Professional Staff Congress:** Professor Lizette Colon
* **Senate At-Large Representatives:** Professors William Casari, Andrew Connolly, James Kennis, Kate Wolfe, Clara Nieto Wire, Sherese Mitchell, Diana Macri, Nancy Genova, Thomas Beachdel, Mathew Moses
* **Senate Adjunct Representative:** Professor Ruben Worrell
* **Student Government Association Representatives (SGO):** President Thierno Diallo, Vice President Mauricette Gbenenoui**,** Treasurer Ines P. Alejandro Soriano, Executive Secretary Celestina Cayetano, Campus Affairs Adama Savadogo, Evening & P.T. Affairs Oumar Diaby and Senators Olawunmi Ajibola, Justin Arzola, Fatoumata Diallo, Denise Herrera, Destini Mitchell-Murray, Stephane Duviella, Mushira Nasser, Krysti Stern-Rodriguez, Raziel BenReuben

**Absent** (excused)

* **Allied Health:** Professor Manny Livingston
* **HEOs:** Ms. Safiya Faustin

**Absent:**

* **Gittleson:** Ms. Tanya Navarro
* **Humanities:** Professor Isaac Goldemberg
* **SGO:** Balde Abdoul

**Vacant:**

* **Counseling (1)**
* **HEO (1)**
* **HCC Adjunct Representative (1)**

**Visitors:**

Mr. Shmuel Gerber (Parliamentarian), Associate Dean Ann Mester (OAA), Professor Sarah Church (Chair Education Department), Professor Damaris Lois Lang (Natural Sciences), Professors Tanvir Prince, Edmund Soho, Reginald Dorcely, Nieves Angulo, Moise Koffi, Armando Amador (Mathematics Department), HEO Geovanni Castillo, Jennifer Aponte-Paez (SSCU-SDEM), Coordinator Sam Byrd (CEWD), Intern Ryan Mora.

***1. Call to Order***

* Senate called to order at 3:30 PM.

***2. Approval of the Agenda***

* April Meeting Agenda approved by acclimation.

***3. Approval of Thursday, March 15th College-Wide Senate Minutes***

* **Corrections:** Chairs Remarks from March Senate Meeting, see final text below:
* “As concerns Smart Room Conversions:
  + Followed-up with IT and Director of Campus Planning and was informed of the following:
    - Five (5) conversions scheduled for the third floor of the “B” Building are expected to be completed by Spring 2020.
    - Three (3) upgrades in the “A” should be ready for use by June 2019. If funding becomes available, then these rooms would be considered for full Smart Room conversion.
* As concerns Clickers:
  + Consulted with AVP Varun Sehgal, who informed the Chair that EdTech can provide training on how to incorporate the existing clickers software into Senate proceedings. The Classroom Technology Support Center can deliver the clickers for Senate meetings.
* Upon motion duly made, the Minutes of the March 15, 2018 College-Wide Senate Meeting were approved as amended.

***4. Chair’s Report:***

* As concerns Senators in attendance:
  + Acknowledged and welcomed Professor Daniel Maysonnet of the Mathematics Department who was elected to replace Professor Vaninsky. Professor A.J. Stachelek of the same department was also acknowledged and welcomed back as he had been absent as a result of an injury.
  + Professor Natasha Yannacañedo, Humanities Department, who had been out on maternity leave, was also acknowledged and welcomed back.
* As concerns the College-Wide Senate’s Website:
  + Announced that the website is up and operational
  + Professor Catherine Lewis, a member of the Senate Executive Committee,

was acknowledged and thanked for her work regarding the creation and maintenance of the Senate website

* As concerns Senate Committees:
  + All Senate Committees have now been certified by the Committee on Committees and most have conducted at least one meeting:
    - The Senate Chair has met and conducted an orientation with each Committee
    - Each Committee has been provided with guidelines based on Robert’s Rules of Order regarding how meetings are to be conducted as well as a template for the recording of meeting minutes
    - The minutes of the Committee meetings will be available on the Senate website upon their review and approval by the respective Committee.
  + Committee Chairs and Secretaries present at the meeting were asked to stand for acknowledgement by the Senate.
* As concerns the Charter Amendments:
  + Have been advised that the Hostos pending Charter amendments (some dating back to 2015) were approved by the standing Trustees committee conducting their review
  + It is expected that the amendments will be on the agenda of the May 7th meeting of the CUNY Board of Trustees, and approval is expected.
  + If and when confirmation is received regarding their approval an email blast will be sent to everybody

***5. College President’s Report:***

The College President, David Gomez, did not attend the meeting.

***6. SGA President’s Report:***

* + As concerns current SGA activities and achievements to date:
    - President reported on the accomplishments of his administration vis-à-vis student concerns as its term of office draws to a close:
      * Food pantry established and maintained
      * Improvements regarding communication with the student body
      * Provided a petition to the College President regarding concerns related to the Winter Graduation as well as meeting often with the President concerning student concerns
      * Covered the costs for 25 caps and gowns for students for the Winter graduation
      * Provided students facing hardship with 50 book vouchers and 30 emergency MetroCards
      * Since fall 2017, have provided $10,000 in merit and need based scholarships
      * Addressed athletic staffing issue with Dean of Student Life
      * Conducted more than 20 events as per its Action Plan
      * Addressed issue of student homelessness and made accommodation regarding students living in shelters
      * Passed three USS Bills: MOE, Tuition Freeze and Student Activity Fee
      * Attended the SOMOS UNO CAUCUS and the Higher Education Action Day in Albany, NY to support greater NYS investment in higher education
      * Regarding student technology related issues:
        + Achieved replacement of 15 computers on 3rd floor
        + Achieved extension of computer Lab Hours during midterms and finals
        + Achieved charging station availability in A-building lobby
  + As concerns matters still pending or in progress:
    - Opening of requested meditation/prayer room targeted for fall 2018 semester
    - Working on increasing Hostos email inbox capacity
    - Working on opening of satellite office in B or C buildings (possibly the former book store) for services currently located only in the A building, which makes access difficult for some special needs students.
    - Working on achieving digitalized barcode student ID for android phone users
    - Four activities are pending:
      * SGA Cultural Day
      * GPA Watch
      * STEM Olympiad
      * SGA Appreciation Day
        + To honor Hostos student leaders, faculty and staff who have supported the SGA during the current administration
        + May 9th 3:30pm in the A-Atrium

***7. Curricular Items:***

***Professor Sandy Figueroa, Chair of the College-Wide Curriculum***

***Committee, coordinated the Curricular Items presentations.***

* + **Action 1.**

Mathematics Department, proposed new Courses: CSC205 Discrete Math and CSC300 Data Structures.

* + - Professor Bill Baker of the Mathematics Department presented the explanation and rationale for the proposed courses, which would become part of the computer science sequence of the below proposed (Action 4) Computer Science A.S.Degree program of study.
    - The proposed courses had been presented previously, but their consideration tabled pending further clarifications.
    - The proposed courses to be considered and voted on jointly.
  + Debate and discussion ensued among the Senators and others present.
  + Upon motion duly made by Chairman Ialongo to end debate and call the question.
  + Motion accepted by acclimation and item was brought to a vote.
  + Results of **Action 1**: **Item passed**.
    - **Yes: 65, No: 2, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 1.**
* **Action 2**.

Behavioral and Social Sciences Department proposed change of course title from CJ250 Criminal Justice Workshop to CJ250 Criminal Justice Policy and Management with a corresponding change in the Course Description.

* + - Professor Hector W. Soto of the B&SS Department’s Public Policy and Law Unit presented the explanation and rationale for the proposed course changes. Professors N.Genova and K.Steinmayer, also of the B&SS Department stood in support with Professor Soto during the presentation.
  + There were no questions or debate regarding the proposed course changes.
  + As such, Chairman Ialongo made a motion to call the question.
  + Motion was accepted by acclimation and item was brought to a vote.
  + Results of **Action 2**: **Item passed**.
    - **Yes: 67, No: 1, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 1.**
* **Action 3**.

Education Department, Health Education Unit, proposed new course:

HLT225 Nutrition Education.

* + - Professor Iris Mercado of the Education Department’s Health Education Unit presented the explanation and rationale for the proposed course.
  + There were no questions or debate regarding the proposed new course.
  + As such, Chairman Ialongo made a motion to call the question.
  + Motion was accepted by acclimation and item was brought to a vote.
  + Results of **Action 3**: **Item passed**.
    - **Yes: 68, No: 1, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 0.**
* **Action 4**.

Mathematics Department, proposed new Associate in Science Degree program of study: Computer Science

* + - Professor Bill Baker of the Mathematics Department presented the explanation and rationale for the proposed new program of study.
    - The proposed program of study required 15 years of development. Professor Baker acknowledged and thanked various members of the faculty and the administration who had supported and/or contributed to the development of the program.
  + Debate and discussion ensued among the Senators and others present.
  + Motion duly made by Chairman Ialongo to end debate and call the question.
  + Motion accepted by acclimation and item was brought to a vote.
  + Results of **Action 4**: **Item passed**.
    - **Yes: 69, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 0.**
* **Action 5**.

Natural Sciences Department, Biology Unit, proposed new Courses: BIO 140/141 Human Biology I & BIO 150/151 Human Biology II together with the Pathway course submissions.

* + - Professor Damaris-Lois Lang of the Natural Sciences Department, Biology Unit, presented the explanation and rationale for the proposed new courses.
    - The proposed courses to be considered and voted on jointly (Action 5) while the Pathways submissions will be considered and voted separately (Action 6).
  + Debate and discussion ensued among the Senators and others present.
  + Motion duly made by Chairman Ialongo to end debate and call the question.
  + Motion accepted by acclimation and item was brought to a vote.
  + Results of **Action 5**: **Item passed**.
    - **Yes: 69, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 0.**
* **Action 6**.

Natural Sciences Department, Biology Unit, Pathway Course Submissions for proposed new Courses: BIO 140/141 Human Biology I & BIO 150/151.

* + - Professor Damaris-Lois Lang of the Natural Sciences Department, Biology Unit, presented the explanation for the Pathways course

submissions.

* + There were no questions or debate regarding the proposed Pathways course submissions.
  + As such, Chairman Ialongo made a motion to call the question.
  + Motion was accepted by acclimation and item was brought to a vote.
  + Results of **Action 6**: **Item passed**.

**Yes: 69, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 0**

***Upon conclusion of the Curricular Items presentations*, *Professor Sandy Figueroa, Chair of the College-Wide Curriculum Committee, acknowledged and thanked the members of the Curriculum and the Senate Executive Committees for their work regarding the processing of the items presented.***

***8. Non-Curricular Voting Items:***

There were no Non-Curricular Voting Items for consideration.

***9. Reports of Senate Standing Committees:***

There were no Standing Committee Reports for presentation.

***10. Report on Assessment:***

Presentation by Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Christine Mangino.

* Presentation by the Provost touched on the history of assessment at the college, the supporting rationale for the assessment as well as the process of conducting an assessment. The presentation also touched on assessment objectives as related to student performance, and specifically to the objective of trying to obtain data-driven determinations regarding whether or not students are learning what we are trying to teach them.
* The presentation was followed by a Q&A session during which Senators raised questions or made statements concerning, but not limited to the points raised by the Provost, the use and dissemination of assessment data and findings, training and preparation to do an assessment, software and technology related to assessments, assessment related confidentiality and teacher tracking issues, and inclusion and appropriate compensation for adjuncts engaged in assessment related work.
* Upon conclusion of the Q&A, Chairman Ialongo thanked the Provost for her attendance and participation at the meeting. In closing, the Chair also made it clear that the Senate’s institutional mandate would seem to authorize some of the Senate’s standing committees to play a role in the development and implementation of future assessments.

***11. UFS Report:***

* Prior to the UFS Report being presented, Chair Ialongo reminded the Senators that the election for the Hostos College-wide Senate representatives to the UFS (and alternates) will soon be held. He asked for any candidates present to stand and be acknowledged. He urged all to vote in the upcoming election.
* Report of UFS Representative Julie Trachman:
  + From the UFS blogs re; Student Activity Fee issue: With our UFS parliamentarian continuing to review case law, she suggested that the campus NYPIRG branches should not be eligible to receive SAF support.  I am fairly sure that the students involved in the campus NYPIRG branches will argue that they are separate entities from NYPIRG “proper.”
  + The UFS Budget Workshop was held last Friday (April 13, 2018) and Prof. Ialongo and I attended.  In her presentation, Ms. Catherine Abata, University Budget Director, provided us with a detailed account of how CUNY receives money from NYS, NYC, etc. and how this money is allocated.  There was also some discussion regarding the consultation process at the different campus with respect to campus budgets, etc.
  + Last month, a draft of a proposal for the CUNY Cloud policy dealing with the use of various Cloud applications was circulated with the intent to get input from faculty, administrators, staff, etc.  At least 160 feedback responses were collected by UFS Executive Committee member, Prof. P. Pecorino, and sent to CUNY CIS and Legal Affairs to work on revising the language of the proposal.  This could have an impact of CUNY’s use of: Dropbox, SurveyMonkey, Google Docs, iCloud, etc.
  + At the next two upcoming spring plenaries:
    - University Dean for Undergraduate Studies, L. Zoe, and University Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, D. Crook, will providing us with an update on Pathways Assessment at the April 24, 2018 plenary.
    - Changes to the language in CUNY’s Sexual Misconduct policy have been proposed. A document was sent to us and we will be discussing this at the May plenary.

***12. New Business:***

There were no new business items for consideration.

***11. Adjournment:***

Upon motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

***Prepared by Professor Hector W. Soto, Public Policy and Law Unit, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department / Senate Recording Secretary.***