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**College-Wide Senate General Meeting**

**Savoy Multi-Purpose Room**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

**Senate Minutes**

**Present:**

* **Allied Health:** Professors Edward King, Manny Livingston, Sandra Castellanos
* **Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Professors Ernest Ialongo (Chairperson), Héctor Soto
* **Business:** Professors Claude Fernandez, Sandy Figueroa
* **CTL**: James Lujan
* **Education:** Professors Jacqueline DiSanto, Elys Vazquez-Iscan, Iris Mercado
* **English:** Professors Heidi Bollinger, Tram Nguyen
* **Gittleson:** Tanya Navarro
* **Humanities:** Professors Isaac Goldemberg**,** Natasha Yannacañedo, Ana Ozuna, Inmaculada Lara Bonilla
* **Language & Cognition:** Professors Marielena Hurvich, Paula Korsko
* **Library:** Professor Jorge Matos
* **Mathematics:** Professors Lauren Wolf, Alexander Vaninsky, Anders Stachelek
* **Natural Sciences:** Professor John Gillen
* **HEOs:** Terrence Brown, Safiya Faustin, Carlos Guevara, Yvette Luyando, Cynthia Morales-Delbrun, Daliz Perez-Cabezas, Elizabeth Wilson
* **UFS:** Professors Felipe Pimentel, Zvi Ostrin, Julie Trachman
* **UFS Alternates:** Professors Gail August, Catherine Lewis
* **PSC:** Professor Lizette Colón
* **At Large:** Professors William Casari, James Kennis, Kate Wolfe, Sherese Mitchell, Diana Macri, Nancy Genova
* **Adjunct Rep:** Professor Ruben Worrell
* **SGA:** Thierno Diallo (President), Sakiyna Switzer, Mauricette Gbenenoui**,** Doritha Antwi, Inzamamdeen Kassim, Oumar Diaby, Fatoumata Diallo, Stephane Duviella, Anyely Garcia, Denise Herrera, Ines P. Alejandro Soriano, Krysti Stern-Rodriguez

**Absent** *(excused)***:**

* **Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Professor Karen Steinmayer
* **Education:** Professor Michael Gosset
* **English:** Professor Louis Bury
* **HEOs:** Mercedes Moscat , Barbara Rivera-Berger, Fabian Wander
* **Public Safety:** P.O. Johanna Powell
* **At Large:** Professors Andrew Connolly, Clara Nieto-Wire, Thomas Beachdel
* **SGA:** Justin Arzola, Adelaida Rosario

**Absent:**

* **Natural Sciences:** Professor Debasish Roy
* **HEOs:** Alba Lynch
* **SGA:** Tierra Stephenson

**Vacant:**

* **Counseling (1)**
* **HEO (1)**
* **At Large Representatives (1)**
* **Adjunct Representative (1)**

**Visitors:**

Shmuel Gerber (Parliamentarian), Joseph Carabalho (Assistant Professor, Humanities), Grace Onovo (Assistant Professor, Allied Health), Iber Poma (Coordinator of Student Support, Educational Technology/OAA), Geovanni Castillo (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Mathew Moses (Lecturer, English), Clarence Robertson (Lecturer, English), Linda Alexander (HEO, Counseling/SDEM), Angel Morales (Lecturer, Humanities)

***Call to Order***

* Senate came to order at 3:35 PM.

***Approval of the Agenda***

* **CORRECTION:** *Under Non-Curriculum Voting Items*:
  + - * 1. Vote to create the Media Design Unit
        2. Charter Amendments
* Approved as amended.

***Approval of the Thursday, October 19, 2017 College-Wide Senate Minutes***

* Approved as presented.

***Chair’s Remarks***

* Chairman Ialongo announced that he met with the Committee on Committees
  + Chairman Ialongo stated that all recommendations have been vetted.
  + Outreach is underway to fill the remaining vacancies within the various Committees.
* Chairman Ialongo announced that all At-Large positions have been filled.
  + Clarence Robertson withdrew their nomination.
  + Mathew Moses remain[ed] on the ballot.
    - The following six (6) faculty members were elected to fill the vacant At-Large Representative positions:
      * Thomas Beachdel
      * Nancy Genova
      * Diana Marci
      * Sherese Mitchell
      * Mathew Moses
      * Clara Nieto-Wire
* Chairman Ialongo announced that Mr. Jaime Lujan has been elected to represent the College Laboratory Technicians (CLT) within the College-Wide Senate.
* Chairman Ialongo announced that Ms. Tanya Navarro has been elected to represent the CUNY Office Assistants (COA)/Gittlesons within the College-Wide Senate.
* Chairman Ialongo announced that Ms. Yvette Luyando is the interim HEO Organization Chairperson and elected Senator.
  + The election to fill the one (1) remaining HEO Senator vacancy resulted in a tie.
    - A run-off election is underway.
* Chairman Ialongo announced that all approved Charter Amendments are under review at CUNY Central, pending any necessary revision(s), the amendments should soon move to the CUNY Board of Trustees for approval.
  + Chairman Ialongo announced that the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) will await a full reconstitution of the College-Wide Senate prior to submitting any proposed amendments to the Election Committee.
  + Chairman Ialongo announced that under the Charter of Governance, the current proportion of student representation within the College-Wide Senate need to increase from twelve (12) Senators to fifteen (15) Senators.
    - Consequently, the following student representatives are now Senators of the College-Wide Senate:
      * Anyely Garcia
      * Fatoumata Diallo
      * Tierra Stephenson
  + Chairman Ialongo reiterated the need for timely attendance of the College-Wide Senate by all serving Senators, whereupon the Chair read the CWS Attendance Policy, as per the current Charter of Governance:
    - ARTICLE I, SECTION 2A – Attendance

*“Every member of the Senate undertakes the responsibility of attending Senate sessions. Members, who are absent more than three times per academic year without a reasonable explanation sent in writing to the Chairperson of the College Senate, will be removed from office and another representative shall be elected in their place.”*

* Lastly, Chairman Ialongo informed the Senate that the College-Wide Senate website will be administrated by Professor Catherine Lewis.
  + <http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Administrative-Offices/College-Wide-Senate>
  + All SEC and Senate related materials, advertisements, and Minutes will be assessable therein.

***President’s Remarks***

* President David Gómez informed the Senate that Hostos Community College has set up this site to offer our community and friends an updated list of international, national, and local government and non-governmental organizations and coalitions working towards the recovery of Mexico and the Caribbean.
  + We [the College] have worked to include coalitions and organizations led by respected colleagues in different agencies and fields.
  + Moreover, the College has collaborated on sponsoring a concert to raise money to provide equipment to first responders.
  + CUNY is looking for ways to assist with tuition for students visiting the United States from Puerto Rico to finish their education.
* President Gómez announced that Governor Cuomo has awarded $10 million in funding and investment into the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, which Hostos Community College is a partner thereof.
  + President Gómez further stated he will be a member of the Council, which will provide the opportunity for Hostos to be ‘part of the discussion’ about capital improvements to the immediate community.
* Lastly, the President reasserted that the new Allied Health Building remains the number one (#1) priority of the Governor.

“Thank you, and Happy Holidays!”

***SGA President’s Remarks***

* SGA President Thierno Diallo announced that the SGA met with Associate Dean Ann Mester of Academic Affairs concerning matters relating to transfer students’ needs, international students’ needs, and student complaints involving faculty members.
* SGA President Diallo encourage the Senate to recommend students to participate in SGA-sponsored activities and events, as well as consider joining the Hostos Leadership Academy and/or Phi Theta Kappa.
* SGA President Diallo announced that the SGA is sponsoring a raffle, with proceeds going to provide holiday meals.

“Thank you and have a wonderful holiday!”

***Curricular Items***

* **Action 1**: Course Withdrawal: MAT 30 – Intermediate Algebra
  + Professor Anders Stachelek presented the rationale for the course withdrawal to the Senators. Senators debated the items.
  + Chairman Ialongo made a motion to end debate; the motion was accepted by unanimous consent.
  + Results of **Action 1**:
    - Yes: 54, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 0; the item passed.

***Non-Curricular Voting Items***

* **Action 2**: New Humanities Department Unit: Media Design Unit
  + Professor Catherine Lewis presented the rationale for the new Media Design Unit to the Senators. Senators debated the items.
  + Chairman Ialongo made a motion to end debate; the motion was accepted by unanimous consent.
  + Results of **Action 2**:
    - Yes: 53, No: 0, Abstain: 3, Invalid: 0; the item passed.
* **Informational Item:** Charter Amendment: Media Design Unit

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| **Hostos College Charter Amendment - Fall 2017** | | |
| **Current** | **Proposed** | **Rationale** |
| **ARTICLE VI:** ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE | **ARTICLE VI:** ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE | To formalize the creation of a new unit in the Humanities Dept. |
| **SECTION 1:** DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS | **SECTION 1:** DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS |
| **F.** Humanities Department | **F.** Humanities Department |  |
| 1. Black Studies Unit | 1. Black Studies Unit |  |
| 2. Latin American and Caribbean Studies Unit | 2. Latin American and Caribbean Studies Unit |  |
| 3. Modern Languages Unit | 3. Modern Languages Unit |  |
| 4. Visual and Performing Arts Unit | 4. Visual and Performing Arts Unit |  |
|  | **5. Media Design Unit** |  |

***Senate Standing Committee Report***

*None*

***University Faculty Senate (UFS) Report***

**UFS Report** for Oct. 24, 2017 Plenary Session

There were two (2) invited guests.

1. Ms. Loretta Martinez, new General Counsel and Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs:
   1. Provided us with an account of her educational and legal background that led her to taking the position at CUNY.
   2. Then she gave us a report which included:
      1. The NYS Inspector General’s report is still pending and Ms. Martinez hopes that this would be wrapped up by Thanksgiving.
      2. She anticipates there will be some policy changes, which would then be implemented by CUNY.
   3. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution to restructure student fees and wants fees to be used “maximally” to enhance student experiences.
   4. With respect to Title IX and the NYS law, “Enough is ENOUGH!”
      1. CUNY will be working on compliance.
   5. With respect to procurement and purchasing, she wants to make sure we are taking care of basics such as information technology, other types of technology, etc.
2. Mr. Matthew Sapienza, Sr. Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer:
   1. Talked about the CUNY New Economic Model, which has 4 main tracks; *they are*:
      1. Administrative Excellence Initiative with the goal of increasing spending efficiency or find new revenue resources and would like to save the university over $75 million over the next 4 years
      2. To work on gaining more access to revenue via philanthropy and private monies
      3. To maximize use of campus facilities, even air rights
      4. With respect to tuition,
         1. Looking at charging the same tuition rates for the same degrees regardless of cost differences at the different campuses, and
         2. Looking at the fee structure.

***Old Business***

*None*

***New Business***

*None*

***Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM***

***Prepared by Mr. Terrence Brown, Deputy Registrar/Senate Recording Secretary***