



**College-Wide Senate General Meeting
Savoy Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Senate Minutes**

Present:

- **Allied Health:** Professors Edward King, Manny Livingston, Sandra Castellanos
- **Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Professors Ernest Ialongo (Chairperson, *newly-elected*), Héctor Soto, Karen Steinmayer
- **Business:** Professors Hector López (Chairperson, *out-going*), Claude Fernandez, Sandy Figueroa
- **CTL:** Jaime Lujan
- **Education:** Professors Jacqueline DiSanto, Elys Vazquez-Isan, Michael Gosset, Iris Mercado
- **English:** Professors Louis Bury, Heidi Bollinger, Tram Nguyen
- **Gittleson:** Luz Fontanez
- **Humanities:** Professors 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:** Professors John Gillen, Roy Debasish
- **HEOs:** Terrence Brown, Safiya Faustin, Carlos Guevara, Yvette Luyando, Alba Lynch, Cynthia Morales-Delbrun, Mercedes Moscat, Daliz Perez-Cabezas, Elizabeth Wilson
- **Public Safety:** P.O. Johanna Powell
- **UFS:** Professors Zvi Ostrin, Julie Trachman
- **UFS Alternates:** Professors Gail August, Catherine Lewis Cannon
- **PSC:** Professor Lizette Colón
- **At Large:** Professors William Casari, Andrew Connolly, James Kennis, Kate Wolfe
- **Adjunct Rep:** Professor Ruben Worrell
- **SGA:** Thierno Diallo (President), Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi, Inzamamdeen Kassim, Denise Herrera, Ines P. Alejandro Soriano, Krysti Stern-Rodriguez, Oumar Diaby

Absent:

- **Humanities:** Professor Isaac Goldemberg

- **HEOs:** Barbara Rivera-Berger, Fabian Wander
- **UFS:** Professor Felipe Pimentel
- **Student Government Association:** Justin Arzola, Adelaida Rosario, Juvincio Compaore

Vacant:

- **Counseling (1)**
- **HEO (1)**
- **At Large Representatives (6)**
- **Adjunct Representative (1)**

Visitors:

Aixa McLean (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Linda Ridley (Lecturer, Business), Katherine Boehm (Assistant Professor, Humanities), Carlos Rivera (Director, Admissions Office), Charles Drago (Professor, Allied Health), Mathew Moses (Director, Writing Center), Ann Mester (Associate Dean, Academic Affairs), Kathleen Ronca (Assistant Professor, Allied Health), Iber Poma (HEO Assistant, Educational Technology), Geovanni Castillo (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Lenny Romano (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Emely Peguero (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Clarence Robertson (Lecturer, English), Allison Franzese (Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences), Eugena Griffin (Assistant Professor, Behavioral and Social Sciences), Clara Nieto-Wire (Assistant Professor, Mathematics), Nancy Genova (Adjunct Lecturer, Behavioral and Social Sciences), Aaron Jones (Adjunct Lecturer, Mathematics)

Call to Order

Senate came to order at 3:43 PM.

Approval of the Agenda

- Approved as presented.

Approval of the Thursday, April 20, 2017 College-Wide Senate Minutes

- Approved as presented.

Chair's Remarks

- [Outgoing] Chairman Hector López read Article II Section 8 – ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TERMS OF OFFICE, and Article II Section 11 – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the *current* Hostos Charter of Governance.
 - The [outgoing] Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the Senate Officer position of College-Wide Senate Chairperson.
 - Senator Sandy Figueroa nominated Senator Ernest Ialongo; *there were no further nominations for College-Wide Senate Chairperson.*
 - [Outgoing] Chairman López closed the floor to nominations for the Senate Officer position of College-Wide Senate Chairperson.
 - **Action #1:** Election of College-Wide Senate Chairperson.
 - **Nominee(s):**
 - Ernest Ialongo
 - **Results of Action #1:**
 - Yes: 44 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Invalid: 4

Senator Ernest Ialongo is newly elected as Chairman of the Hostos Community College-Wide Senate.
- [Outgoing] Chairman Hector López yielded the floor to duly elected Chairman Ernest Ialongo.
- Newly elected Chairman Ernest Ialongo took a moment to formally thank and recognize Professor Hector López of the Business Department, for his years of service as Chairman of the Hostos College-Wide Senate.
 - *The entire Senate body gave Professor López a standing-ovation.*
- Chairman Ialongo further recognized and thanked the Parliamentarian Mr. Shmuel Gerber for both his counsel concerning Robert’s Rules of Order and for always “holding [us] accountable” to complying with Robert’s Rules of Order.
- **Action #2:** Election of the Senate Executive Committee:

- Chairman Ialongo read the Committee on Committees charge, as per the *current* Hostos Charter of Governance.
- The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the electing of five (5) faculty members to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).

- **Nominees:**

- Natasha Yannacañedo; *accepted the nomination*
- Tram Nguyen; *accepted the nomination*
- James Kennis; *accepted the nomination*
- Catherine Lewis Cannon; *accepted the nomination*
- Héctor Soto; *accepted the nomination*
- Michael Gosset; *declined the nomination*
- Julie Trachman; *declined the nomination*
- Elys Vazquez-Iscañ; *declined the nomination*
- Jacqueline DiSanto; *declined the nomination*
- Alexander Vaninsky; *declined the nomination*
- Kate Wolfe; *declined the nomination*
- Heidi Bollinger; *declined the nomination*
- Claude Fernandez; *accepted the nomination*
- Sandy Figueroa; *declined the nomination*

- The Chairman closed the floor to nominations for the electing of five (5) faculty representatives to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).

- **Results:**

- Natasha Yannacañedo: *54 votes* *Elected to the SEC*
- Tram Nguyen: *50 votes* *Elected to the SEC*
- James Kennis: *53 votes* *Elected to the SEC*
- Catherine Lewis Cannon: *45 votes* *Elected to the SEC*
- Héctor Soto: *50 votes* *Elected to the SEC*
- Claude Fernandez: *29 votes* *-----*

- The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the electing of two (2) student representatives to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).

- **Nominees:**

- Thierno Diallo; *accepted the nomination*
- Sakiyna Switzer; *accepted the nomination*
- Ines Alexander; *declined the nomination*

- The Chairman closed the floor to nominations for the electing of two (2) student representatives to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).
 - **Results:**
 - Thierno Diallo; *56 votes Elected to the SEC*
 - Sakiyna Switzer; *55 votes Elected to the SEC*
- The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the electing of one (1) HEO/CLT representative to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).
 - **Nominee(s):**
 - Terrence Brown; *accepted the nomination*
- The Chairman closed the floor to nominations for the electing of one (1) HEO/CLT representative to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).
 - **Result(s):**
 - Terrence Brown; *56 votes Elected to the SEC*
- **Action #3: Election of the Committee on Committees:**
 - Chairman Ialongo read the Committee on Committees charge, as per the current Hostos Charter of Governance.
 - *For this election, there were 55 votes cast, 28 needed to be elected, representing a majority of the votes cast.*
 - The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the electing of six (6) faculty members to the Committee on Committees.
 - **Nominees:**
 - Julie Trachman; *accepted the nomination*
 - Michael Gosset; *accepted the nomination*
 - Lizette Colon; *accepted the nomination*
 - Edward King; *accepted the nomination*
 - Debasish Roy; *accepted the nomination*
 - Ana Ozuna; *accepted the nomination*
 - Lauren Wolf; *accepted the nomination*
 - The Chairman closed the floor to nominations for the electing of six (6) faculty representatives to the Committee on Committees.

▪ **Results:**

- Julie Trachman: 46 votes
- Michael Gosset: 46 votes
- Lizette Colon: 41 votes
- Edward King: 44 votes
- Debasish Roy: 45 votes
- Ana Ozuna: 48 votes
- Lauren Wolf: 38 votes

As there are six (6) positions for faculty on the Committee on Committees, Professors Julie Trachman, Michael Gosset, Lizette Colon, Edward King, Debasish Roy, and Ana Ozuna are elected to the Committee on Committees.

- The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the electing of two (2) student representatives to the Committee on Committees.

▪ **Nominees:**

- Oumar Diaby; *accepted the nomination*
- Krysti Stern-Rodriguez; *accepted the nomination*

- The Chairman closed the floor to nominations for the electing of two (2) student representatives to the Committee on Committees.

▪ **Results:**

- Oumar Diaby; 54 votes
- Krysti Stern-Rodriguez; 55 votes

As there are two (2) positions for students on the Committee on Committees, Oumar Diaby and Krysti Stern-Rodriguez are elected to the Committee on Committees.

- The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the electing of one (1) HEO/CLT representative to the Committee on Committees.

▪ **Nominee(s):**

- Mercedes Moscat; *accepted the nomination*
- Daliz Perez-Cabezas; *accepted the nomination*
- Cynthia Morales-Delbrun; *accepted the nomination*

- The Chairman closed the floor to nominations for the electing of one (1) HEO/CLT representative to the Committee on Committees.

▪ **Results:**

- Mercedes Moscat; 24 votes
- Daliz Perez-Cabezas; 18 votes
- Cynthia Morales-Delbrun; 13 votes

As none of the candidates received the minimum vote of 28, we do not have an elected HEO/CLT representative in this round. We will conduct the HEO/CLT election to the Committee on Committees at the next Senate meeting.

President's Remarks

- President David Gómez announced that there was [gun] shots fired on the Grand Concourse.
 - Apparently, “[A] young person fired a shot or shot(s) in the air.”
 - No one was injured.
 - B-Building faculty heard the shot(s).
 - The assailant is presumed to be a student of one (1) of the four (4) nearby High Schools.
 - The New York Police Department (NYPD) has responded.
 - NYPD [is] reviewing the video to assess what occurred.
 - It is important as to what the facts are and to be cautious and act accordingly.
 - HCC Public Safety [Officers] will be working double-shifts throughout the afternoon and evening.
- Concerning the many hurricanes that have recently devastated the Caribbean, President Gómez stated that the “last few weeks have been very painful”, and that community groups, community leadership, and the College are ‘mobilizing’.
 - The College is assisting [3rd-party] organizations
 - “As a cohesive way to contribute, there are approximately 30 agencies listed upon the HCC website.
 - There are concerns about ‘scammers’ attempting to solicit funds from donors; so be aware and beware of such activities.
 - The College will continue to support, when we can.
 - “Please be mindful about one’s giving”.
 - “Take a moment about what we will do.”
 - Example: [At present] on the island of Puerto Rico, there are limits to people’s ability to transport care-packages.
 - “I defer to you, as to what you are willing to do to assist. However, I [encourage] you to give something”.
 - The Administration will work with you in collaboration with the many various agencies.
 - “Thank you.”

SGA President's Remarks

- SGA President Thierno Diallo introduced the members of the SGA Team:
 - Sakiyna Switzer, Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Senate Chair
 - Mauricette Gbenenoui, Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Doritha Antwi, Budget & Finance Committee
 - Inzamamdeen Kassim, Campus Affairs Committee
 - Ines P. Alejandro Soriano, Senator
 - Justin Arzola, Senator
 - Juvincio Compaore, Senator
 - Oumar Diaby, Senator
 - Denise Herrera, Senator
 - Adelaida Rosario, Senator
 - Krysti Stern-Rodriguez, Senator

- SGA President Diallo asserted that “The SGA members’ hearts go out to the hurricane victims and their families”.
- SGA President Diallo thanked the faculty and staff for their continued commitment to the students and greater college community.
 - The SGA President offered a special thanks to Mr. Jerry Rosa – Director of Student Activities, and Mr. Jason Libfeld – Director of Student Leadership for their continued guidance, support, and leadership in working with the SGA.
- The SGA President states that the SGA will be focusing on seven (7) areas of concern over the 2017-2018 Academic Year:
 1. Communication: Connect with the student body and give them the maximum information about the opportunities that the college offer by using social media platforms, i.e. SGA Facebook live show, and putting in place all the marketing tools; implementation of digital posters.
 2. Student Life: Improve the students’ life by following up with the update of computers across the campus and temporary barcode for students that misplace their student ID card.
 3. International/Undocumented Students: Provide them with more resources and information.
 4. Food/Cafeteria: Advocate for more combo-meals through a [food] survey.
 5. Facilities: Keep following up with the mediation room request, and request additional group-study rooms.
 6. Academic: Improve the retention and graduation rates by promoting all the support programs, and organizing more academic events, i.e. GPA Boost, SGA Scholarships, and academic workshops as the semester progresses.
 7. Students with Disabilities/Facing Homelessness: Work with the Academic Resource Center (ARC) to support the students with disabilities and provide accommodations for students that are living in shelters, as well as additional funding of the Food Pantry.

Curricular Items

None

Non-Curricular Voting Items

None

Senate Standing Committee Report

None

University Faculty Senate (UFS) Report

UFS Report for Sept. 24, 2017 Plenary Session

[We] had 5 guests that evening.

- I. EVC and Provost, Vita Rabinowitz along with 2 colleagues from her office, Ms. Amy McIntosh (Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Academic Strategy) and Ms. Rachel Stephenson, (Asst. Vice Chancellor of Strategic Partnerships) provided us with an overview of the Strategic Framework that CUNY will be operating under for the next few years. In brief, some of the emphases are:
 - a. Improve upon student success which includes:
 - i. Improving student graduation rates
 - ii. Working more closely with the Dept. of Education to improve student preparation so students will be more ready to take college classes upon entry
 - iii. Expanding ASAP programs at community colleges, testing a pilot ASAP-like program at John Jay College (and mentioned several other initiatives)
 - b. Improve upon career success post-graduation by connecting students more effectively to potential employers in the New York City area, ex. by internships and do a better job of preparing students for entry into graduate programs
 - c. Knowledge creation by:
 - i. Doing a better job of supporting faculty research including providing better support for grant writing and recognizing that we need to expand our full-time faculty numbers
 1. Her office will be intensifying its efforts to diversify the faculty et al.
 2. Her office is working on a new diversification plan, *which helps to segue to the 4th guest.*
- II. Dean Arlene Torres gave us an update on faculty diversity.
 - a. Her office is in charge of generating and tabulating data as to faculty and staff composition with respect to gender, ethnicity, etc.

- i. Reports are on her office's website.
 - b. The office is running a faculty dialog series, which started last May and there are 3 this semester.
 - i. The workshop in May was directed at improving upon search / recruitment practices.
 - ii. The session on 9/26/17 was focused on some of the challenges seen at CUNY campuses with respect to retention and recourses available to address some of these challenges.
- III. Ronald Roel, Senior Manager, Communications & Marketing, worked with the UFS staff to launch its new UFS website.
 - a. Several pages of the new UFS website were introduced to us.
- IV. Announcement: UFS will holding a workshop on Fri. Nov. 3 entitled "Innovations and Disruptions in American Higher Education: Views from the Professoriate."
 - a. If interested in attending, please register

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM

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