

**College-Wide Senate General Meeting**

**Savoy Multi-Purpose Room**

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

**Senate Minutes**

**Present:**

* **Allied Health:** Professors Edward King, Manny Livingston, Sandra Castellanos
* **Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Professors Hector Soto, Ernest Ialongo (Senate Chairman), Karen Steinmayer
* **Business:** Professors Claude Fernandez, Sandy Figueroa
* **CTL**: James Luhan
* **Education:** Professors Jacqueline DiSanto, Elys Vasquez-Iscan, Michael Gosset
* **English:** Professors Louis Bury, Alexandra Milsom, Tram Nguyen
* **Humanities:** Professors Natasha Yannacañedo, Ana Ozuna, Victor Torres-Velez, Catherine Lewis
* **Language & Cognition:** Professor Paula Korsko
* **Library:** Professor Jorge Matos
* **Mathematics:** Professors Lauren Wolf, Alexander Vaninsky, A.J. 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, Carmen Sosa, Fabian Wander, Elizabeth Wilson, Iber Poma
* **UFS:** Professors Felipe Pimentel, Gail August, Julie Trachman
* **At Large:** Professors William Casari, Andrew Connolly, James Kennis, Clara Nieto-Wire, Sherese Mitchell, Diana Macri, Nancy Genova, Thomas Beachdel, Mathew Moses
* **Adjunct Rep:** Professor Camilo Almonacid
* **SGA:** Denise Herrera (SGA President), Raziel Ben Reuben, Ines P. Alejandro Soriano, Kelvin Pineda, Destini Mitchell Murray, Oumar Diaby, Foulemata Camara, Khalifa Diao, Farhana Hussen, Sarata Hydara, Stephan Kena, Ronaldo Williams, Lynnard Williams, Jacqueline Lloyd

**Absent (Excused):**

* **Gittleson:** Tanya Navarro
* **Language & Cognition:** Professor Thomas Mencher

**Absent:**

* **Education:** Professor Iris Mercado
* **Humanities:** Professor Isaac Goldemberg
* **Public Safety:** P.O. Johanna Powell
* **PSC:** Professor Lizette Colón
* **Student Government Association:** Kaniah Aljamal

**Vacant:**

* **Counseling**
* **At-Large Rep**
* **Adjunct Rep**

**Visitors:**

* Shmuel Gerber (Parliamentarian, College-Wide Senate), Maria Cano (Director, College Discovery/SDEM), William Suarez (Assistant Professor, Education), Carlos Rivers (Director, Admissions Office/SDEM), Inmaculada Lara Bonilla (Assistant Professor, Humanities), Raymond Rivera (Director, Academic Resource Center/SDEM)

***Senate came to order at 3:35PM***

***Approval of the Agenda***

* The Agenda of the September 20, 2018 Senate meeting was accepted as presented.

***Approval of the May 2018 College-Wide Senate Minutes***

* **Correction**:
  + ***Page 10, Item III:***
    - ***FROM:*** *III. The Student Affairs Committee put in front of the UFS a rough draft of a resolution* ***with respect to*** *the Student Activity Fees issue at the April Plenary.*
    - ***TO:*** *III. The Student Affairs Committee put in front of the UFS a rough draft of a resolution* ***that deal with*** *the Student Activity Fee issue at the April Plenary.*
* The May 2018 College-Wide Senate Minutes were accepted as amended.

***Chair’s Remarks***

* Senate Chairman, Professor Ernest Ialongo welcomed new the new faculty Senators:
  + Professor Alexandra Milsom, English Department
  + Professor Victor Torres-Velez, Humanities Department
  + Professor Camilo Almonacid, Hostos CC Adjunct Representative
* Senate Chairman, Professor Ernest Ialongo welcomed the new slate of SGA Senators:
  + Denise Herrera, SGA President
  + Raziel Ben Reuben, VP – Student Affairs
  + Ines P. Alejandro Soriano, VP – Academic Affairs
  + Kelvin Pineda, Executive Secretary
  + Destini Mitchell Murray, Campus Affairs Committee
  + Oumar Diaby, Budget and Finance Committee
  + Kaniah Aljamal, Senator
  + Foulemata Camara, Senator
  + Khalifa Diao, Senator
  + Farhana Hussen, Senator
  + Sarata Hydara, Senator
  + Stephan Kena, Senator
  + Ronaldo Williams, Senator
  + Lynnard Williams, Senator
  + Jacqueline Lloyd, Senator
* The Senate Chairman announced that all Charter of Governance amendments were approved by the Board of Trustees (BOT) and uploaded to the Senate website.
  + Chairman Ialongo bestowed a special recognition to Mr. Eugene Sohn and Mr. Rafael Torres from the Office of Labor Relations for their collaboration in getting the Charter of Governance amendments submitted to Central for BOT approval.
* The Chairman informed the Senate of the pending elections to fill the vacancies of one (1) At-Large Representative and one (1) Adjunct Representative.
  + Chairman Ialongo announced that the Election Committee is awaiting the opening of the electronic ballot by the Information Technology (IT) Office.
    - AVP Varun Sehgal assured the committee that the opening of the electronic ballot is a top-priority.
  + The Chair acknowledged all the stakeholders and resources involved in the numerous elections during the last academic year.
  + He encouraged everyone eligible to “**PLEASE VOTE!**”.
  + Chairman Ialongo announced that the Manuals for both the Auxiliary Services Corporation and the Hostos Association had been forwarded as part of the call for nominations email for these committees.
  + The Chair further urged that the meetings be held when faculty are on campus, i.e. not during the intersessions.
* The Chairman informed the Senate that he held a meeting of all the Senate committee chairpersons on September 17; the goal of the meeting was to encourage cooperation and to reiterate the responsibility to make recommendations in their spheres of responsibility and not to only receive information from their various administrative partners.
* In closing, the Chairman asked for a moment of remembrance on the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

***President’s Remarks***

* President David Gómez welcomed back the attendees of the Senate.
* President Gómez stated that “it has been a busy summer”.
  + The President has met with the Student Government Association and issued a “thanks to the SGA Leadership”.
  + Moreover, he thanked the faculty and staff of the Division of Academic Affairs (OAA) and Student Development & Enrollment Management (SDEM).
    - Whereas, the President said that the enrollment is “stable”, and that there is a need for continued “stability in fiscal and academic growth and development”.
  + He further thanked the Academic Chairs and Unit Coordinators, as well as conveyed a “welcome to Hostos Community College” to all the new faculty members.
* The President announced that it was a *‘Day of Sorrow’*; whereas, the day constituted one (1) year since Hurricane Maria wreaked havoc upon the island of Puerto Rico and other areas of the Caribbean.
  + He announced that approximately three-thousand (~3000) lives were lost on the island of Puerto Rico because of Hurricane Maria.
    - During summer 2018, President Gómez visited Puerto Rico with a group of students.
  + President David Gómez also announced that at 5PM there is an event honoring students, faculty, and staff for their efforts in the Puerto Rico rebuilding initiative.

***SGA President’s Remarks***

*“We presented in front of administration and we both agreed that the graduation rate is a big problem.*

*So, we split our goals into three categories. We call them SMART goals because we want them to be attainable for both SGA and administration.*

*The first category is student life.*

*Well we all know that many students outside of Hostos are facing real life problems that can potentially interfere with their academics. So, we want to ensure that students are receiving the right resources that Hostos has because we have so many. But the problem is: are our students aware? One of the things I notice in society is that we have a lot of programs to help once the damage has been done but not enough preventive services. And this should apply here too, we need to work on our communication with students... how can they confide in us?  We need intervention before our students go from being an A student to a C. As a community college we need to connect that gap.*

*The Second category is campus life.*

*We want to improve the quality of the cafeteria. As a school in the South Bronx that is multicultural... we are proposing more diversity in the menu. Not only that but more healthy options, it is evident that what surrounds the campus is all but junk food. So, one of our initiatives is to have a juice bar. But before that we need to know if students will reciprocate. So, we created a survey during welcome back day and we surveyed 333 people. 91% would like to see a juice bar. 53.3 % would pay between $3.50-$4.50 for a 16 oz juice, and 31.7% would purchase 3 times a week. So far, we see a desire for this and we will continue to address this matter. This is relevant because healthy eats mean healthy brain.*

*The last category is Academic life.*

*When our students transfer to a senior college, are they really prepared? We noticed that many students feel they are behind compared to their classmates because they have been seasoned. I cannot stress this enough, but internships are very vital. But there are issues with them as well, the fact that they are not paid internships makes us say NOPE and even going to the place means more money for transportation. Which is why we propose working with administration to provide internal internships here at Hostos. This is the time to network, this is the time to shadow a professor who is a lawyer, a doctor, etc.*

*We want our students to gain experience. And so, we had an epiphany that if all three areas are heavenly enforced we can increase the graduation rate.”*

***Curricular Items***

*None*

***Non-Curricular Voting Items***

* **Action 1**: Election of Student Representative to Senate Executive Committee (SEC):
  + Chairman Ialongo opened the floor for nominations, results:
    1. Denise Herrera
    2. Ines P. Alejandro Soriano
    3. Farhana Hussen
    4. Ronaldo William

**Results:** **Total Votes: 65**

* + - * Denise Herrera 53 votes\*
      * Ines P. Alejandro Soriano 37 votes\*\*
      * Farhana Hussen 17 votes
      * Ronaldo William 14 votes

*\*Denise Herrera elected to the Senate Executive Committee.*

*\*\* Ines P. Alejandro elected to the Senate Executive Committee.*

* **Action 2**: Election of the Student Representative to the Committee on Committees:
  + Chairman Ialongo opened the floor for nominations, results:
    1. Oumar Diaby
    2. Kelvin Pineda
    3. Foulemata Camara
    4. Ronaldo Williams

**Results†:** **Total Votes: 62 +1 Abs.**

* + - * Oumar Diaby 44 votes\*
      * Kelvin Pineda 31 votes
      * Foulemata Camara 22 votes
      * Ronaldo William 21 votes

*\*Oumar Diaby elected to the Committee on Committees; 1st Ballot.*

*†2nd Ballot for the second student elected to the Committee on the Committees detailed as Action 5, herein.*

* **Action 3**: Election of a Faculty Representative to the Hostos Association:

*College-Wide Senate will elect up to six (6) full time faculty of which the Hostos President will select three (3) for the Hostos Association.*

* + Chairman Ialongo opened the floor for nominations, results:
    1. Professor Natasha Yannacañedo
    2. Professor Sherese Mitchell
    3. Professor Manny Livingston
    4. Professor Hector Soto

**Results†:**

* + - * Professor Natasha Yannacañedo
      * Professor Sherese Mitchell
      * Professor Manny Livingston
      * Professor Hector Soto

*†All names will be submitted to the Hostos President David Gómez for consideration.*

* **Action 4**: Election of Faculty Representatives to the Auxiliary Services Corporation:

*College-Wide Senate will elect up to two (2) full-time faculty of which the Hostos President will select one (1) for the Auxiliary Services Corporation.*

*Motion to Suspend the Rules and allow a Vote by Plurality; the motion was seconded and carried by unanimous consent.*

* + Chairman Ialongo opened the floor for nominations, results:
    1. Professor Hamide Laucer
    2. Professor Charles Drago
    3. Professor Sherese Mitchell
    4. Professor Manny Livingston
    5. Professor Victor Torres-Velez
    6. Professor Mathew Moses

**Results:** **Total Votes: 63**

* + - * Professor Hamide Laucer 16 votes
      * Professor Charles Drago 34 votes\*
      * Professor Sherese Mitchell 21 votes
      * Professor Manny Livingston 11 votes
      * Professor Victor Torres-Velez 19 votes
      * Professor Mathew Moses 22 votes\*

*\*Professors Charles Drago and Mathew Moses candidacy will be submitted to the Hostos President David Gómez for consideration.*

* **Action 5**: Election of the Student Representative to the Committee on Committees *(2nd Ballot 1st Run-Off)*:

1. Kelvin Pineda
2. Foulemata Camara

**Results†:** **Total Votes: 60; 1 Inv.**

* + - * Kelvin Pineda 30 votes
      * Foulemata Camara 29 votes

*†2nd Ballot 1st Run-Off resulted in no candidate receiving the majority of all votes cast; requiring a 2nd Run-Off detailed under Action 6, herein.*

* **Action 6**: Election of the Student Representative to the Committee on Committees *(2nd Ballot 2nd Run-Off)*:

1. Kelvin Pineda
2. Foulemata Camara

**Results:** **Total Votes: 57**

* + - * Kelvin Pineda 32 votes
      * Foulemata Camara 25 votes

*\*Kelvin Pineda elected to the Committee on Committees; 2nd*

*Ballot.*

***Senate Standing Committee Report***

* **Budget and Finance Committee**
  + *Professor Ernest Ialongo presented the report.*
* **Academic Standards Committee**
  + *Professor Clarence Robertson presented the report.*

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

**UFS Report to Hostos Senate Session of Sept. 20, 2018**

***Presented by Professor Julie Trachman***

*“Our first plenary is Oct. 2, 2018, so for this report, I am including additional salient points of information from the April 24th & May 15, 2018 plenaries that were not included in my May 2018 statement as well as some information. from an August 2018 EdTech News report by Prof. P. Pecorino (QCC) regarding an August 2018 CUNY Committee on Academic Technology [CAT] meeting.*

1. *Academic Affairs Committee announced that the Department of Education is rescinding its policy on joint degree programs.  This change will not affect current programs but the programs being planned.*
2. *Status of Faculty Committee put together a resolution regarding changes in CUNY By-laws that deal with faculty promotions.  The resolution was passed by the UFS and will be sent to Board of Trustees.*

*Addendum to 9/20/18 report (detail from UFS minutes):*

*This has to do with changes in policy regarding presidential promotion of administrators without faculty consultation.*

1. *Word of “warning”: Keep ears to ground with respect to use of word prioritization- I believe it has to do with the way money is allocated and used at campuses.  It apparently came up at one of the campuses (I believe it was Lehman) and it was suggested that this should be a concern at all campuses.*

*Addendum to 9/20/18 report (detail from UFS minutes):*

*This was mentioned as part of the Academic Affairs Committee’s report at May plenary.  From the minutes, “Prioritization would serve as a benchmark for the future of academic success and administrative facility throughout the university.”*

1. *Some information from the “EdTech News: CAT meeting of August 24, 2018”:*
   1. *The CUNY Cloud Policy is evolving.  Instead of it being restrictive, they are now working towards it being more supportive such as helping faculty gain access to Microsoft OneDrive via the expanded Microsoft office365 Suite.*
   2. *With respect to Blackboard, there will be changes in the ability of faculty to add on Blackboard plug-ins available through publishing companies such as McGraw-Hill as well as LTIs.* 
      1. *CUNY is working towards Blackboard becoming more accessible to instructors during the summer, with the main concern here being faculty who teach in the spring and the fall but not during summer (thus losing their access to build their fall course content, etc. until fall classes begin).*
   3. *CUNY OER success: From the report, “(L)ast year 2,800 OER sections served 76,000 students, saving them $9.5 million. That’s a very impressive return on investment…”*
   4. *With respect to library services:*
      1. *The work on integrating the CUNY LibGuides with Blackboard has been completed at Hostos, Lehman and York.*
      2. *The online repository Academic Works now has 19,000 items and 1.5 million downloads.*
   5. *The CUNY Academic Commons recently released its latest version. Among the goals is to facilitate cross-campus collaborative research and teaching efforts.* 
      1. *Ideally, this should include the Academic Commons serving as a repository for OER work.*
      2. *It appears that in some cases, faculty are even directing students to course content on the Academic Commons rather to Blackboard.*
      3. *The Academic Commons platform is posited to be more adaptable and more accessible thereby it should make it easier to share course content (even of entire courses) across all of the CUNY campuses, which would be in keeping with the mission of the Commons.”*

***Old Business***

*None*

***New Business***

*None*

***Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM***

***Prepared by Mr. Terrence Brown, Deputy Registrar on behalf of Professor Hector Soto, Recording Secretary***