



College-Wide Senate General Meeting
Savoy Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Senate Minutes

Present:

- **Allied Health:** Professors Edward King, Jarek Stelmark, Petal Leu Wai See
- **Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Professors Héctor Soto, Ernest Ialongo, Kate Wolfe
- **Business:** Professors Hector López (Chairperson), Claude Fernandez, Sandy Figueroa
- **CTL:** Marino Corniel
- **Education:** Professors Sherese Mitchell, Michael Gosset, Iris Mercado
- **English:** Professors Matthew Moses, Heidi Bollinger[†], Tram Nguyen
- **Humanities:** Professors Phillip Wander, Natasha Yannacañedo, Ana Ozuna, Inmaculada Lara Bonilla
- **Language & Cognition:** Professor Thomas Mencher
- **Library:** Professor William Casari
- **Mathematics:** Professors Loreto Porte, Alexander Vaninsky
- **Natural Sciences:** Professor John Gillen, Roy Debasish
- **HEOs:** Terrence Brown, Carlos Guevara, Jason Libfeld, Cynthia Morales-Delbrun, Mercedes Moscat, Safiya Faustin, Jerry Rosa, Lourdes Torres, Fabian Wander
- **Public Safety:** P.O. Johanna Powell
- **UFS:** Professors Felipe Pimentel, Zvi Ostrin, Julie Trachman
- **UFS Alternates:** Professors Gail August, Heidi Bollinger[†]
- **PSC:** Professor Lizette Colón

[†] Professor Heidi Bollinger, English Department is a Senator representing the English Department, as well as a duly elected (Alternate) Representative for the University Faculty Senate (UFS); however, as such, Professor Heidi Bollinger is restricted to casting only one (1) vote as a Hostos Community College College-Wide Senator while filling the seat of the two (2) academic constituencies.

- **At Large:** Professors Rees Shad, Charles Drago, Clara Nieto-Wire, Jacqueline DiSanto, Anders Stachelek, Lauren Wolf, Catherine Lewis Cannon, Vladimir Ovtcharenko, Karen Steinmayer, James Kennis
- **Adjunct Rep:** Professor Ruben Worrell
- **SGA:** Sosima Vazquez, Isela Herrera, Joel Avendaño, Juana Alejandro, Rokia Diabi, Thierno Diallo, Sofia Escobar, Adama Savadogo, Ramah Sharaf, Jennifer Vivar

Absent:

- **Education:** Professor Elys Vazquez-Isan
- **Gittleson:** Luz Fontanez
- **Language & Cognition:** Professor Isabel Feliz
- **Mathematics:** Professor Alice Cunningham
- **HEO:** Krishnawattie Dass
- **UFS:** Professor Felipe Pimentel
- **Student Government Association:** Willy Baez (SGA President), Sayonara Diaz, Stephanie Benitez

Vacant:

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

Visitors:

- Geovanni Castillo (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Emely Peguero (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Olga Steinberg (Professor, Natural Science), Sandra Lacay (Assistant HEO, Registrar Office/SDEM), Thomas Beachdel (Non-Teaching Adjunct), Lenny Romano (Assistant to HEO, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Graciano Matos (HEO Assistant, Student Success Coaching Unit/SDEM), Ines Alejandro (Student, Hostos), Aaron Jones (Adjunct Lecturer), Linda Miles (Assistant Professor-Librarian, Library), Shmuel Gerber (Parliamentarian)

Call to Order

Senate came to order at 3:32PM

Approval of the Agenda

- Senate Agenda Amendment:
 - Motion to move Item #8 [Non-Curricular Voting Items]: Charter Amendment: Scholarship and Awards Committee; Elections to the Hostos Association, Auxiliary Committee, and Faculty Student Discipline Committee up on the Agenda prior to Curricular [Voting] Items; the motion was seconded and subsequently carried by unanimous consent.
 - Motion to consider voting by plurality on all Non-Curricular Voting Items; the motion was seconded and subsequently carried by unanimous consent.
- The Agenda of the Thursday, May 18, 2017 College-Wide Senate meeting was approved as amended.

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

- Approval of the Thursday, April 20, 2017 College-Wide Senate Minutes was approved as presented.

Chair's Remarks

- Chairman Hector López “Thank[ed]” the Senators for their commitment in following through on their responsibilities as Senators; “there [were] many Senate Items this past academic-year, which through each member’s participation and effort, we achieved the mission of the Senate on behalf of the college community”.
- The Chairman took a moment to formally thank and recognize Professor Loreto Porté of the Mathematics Department, who announced that she [will] be retiring from Hostos Community College at the end of the SPRING 2017 term.
 - *Professor Porté joined Hostos Community College as a faculty member in 1978.*
 - *Moreover, Professor Porté has served as a Senator within the College-Wide Senate [also] since 1978.*

The entire Senate body gave Professor Porté a standing-ovation.

Professor Porté “Thank[ed] the College-Wide Senate and Senate Executive Committee for their kind words and recognition. Moreover, Professor Porté bestowed a heartfelt “thanks” to the many others who

have 'supported' in her journey at Eugenio María de Hostos Community College of the City University of New York.

- Chairman López 'thank[ed]' the Student Government Association (SGA) for their time in office and commitment to the Senate and the greater Hostos community.
- Chairman López yielded the floor to President David Gómez for the President's Remarks.

President's Remarks

- President David Gómez further recognized and thanked Professor Loreto Porté for her time and commitment to Hostos Community College.
- The President affirmed that the Strategic Plan 'framework' remains in draft status with a review and forwarding to the college community forthcoming in the coming week(s); expectations are that there will be a FALL 2017 release and subsequent implementation.
- President Gómez issued a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Senators and all in attendance, and to "enjoy the summer, whether [you] are doing research and/or rest & relaxation".
 - Senator Lizette Colon inquired as to whether the President has heard from Chancellor Milliken as to the continuation of the four (4) work-day summer schedule; President Gómez remarked that he had just spoken with the Chancellor and that the matter did not come up in the conversation. The President further stated that though there has been no formal information reported to him concerning the matter of the four (4) work-day summer schedule for 2017 or beyond, there are some concerns from the Governor's Office on the matter, which is currently under active review; again, no feedback thereof to date.

SGA President's Remarks

- SGA Vice-President for Student Affairs and Community Relations, Sosima Vazquez congratulated Professor Porté on her "well-deserved retirement".
- The SGA Vice-President further thank[ed] and recognized all the members of the Hostos Student Government Association, *by name*.
 1. She stated that the "SGA Senators are committed to the representation of the Hostos students".

- The SGA Vice-President stated that [this] CWS meeting will be her last as a Senator; whereas, she and many other SGA Senators are [happily] graduating at the end of the term.
- She identified the five (5) greatest SGA accomplishments of her tenure within the association, as:
 1. Finding resources for students that do not qualify for financial assistance.
 - She thank[ed] Professor Hector Soto, Professor Inmaculada Lara Bonilla, Mr. Fabian Wander, and Vice President of SDEM – Nathaniel Cruz.
 2. Meditation Room provided for mediation and spiritual observances.
 3. Lactation Room for mother’s and child’s needs.
 - She thank[ed] Mr. Fabian Wander for his direct leadership therein.
 4. Quality and pricing of nutritional food in the Hostos Café (cafeteria).
 5. Advocacy for transfer students, which continues to be a work-in-progress.
 - She is hopeful that the next SGA slate will complete the much need worked that has already started to insure said cohort receives accurate and timely advisement.
- Moreover, she ‘hope’ that the “relationships” between the students, faculty and staff will remain ‘strong’ and only grow ‘stronger’!

Curricular Items

- **Action 1:** Course Revision(s): Title Change(s), Description Change(s): Humanities Department
 - HUM 100
 - FROM:** Introduction to Humanities
 - TO:** Introduction to Global Humanities
 - VPA 111 – Bible as Literature
 - VPA 112 – Women in Literature
 - VPA 114 – Literature and Psychology
 - Professor Thomas Beachdel presented the rationale for the course revision(s) to the Senators. Senators debated the items.
 - Motion to Amend the Item: WHEREAS, the ‘Liberal Arts’ <box> needs to be <checked>; carried by unanimous consent.
 - Professor Ialongo made a motion to end debate; the motion was accepted by unanimous consent.
 - Results of **Action 1:**
 - Yes: 55, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Invalid: 1; the item passed.
- **Action 2:** Program Change: Associate in Science (AS) - Forensic Science

- Professor Olga Steinberg presented the rationale for the course revision(s) to the Senators. Senators debated the items.
 - Motion to Amend the Item: WHEREAS, the ‘Liberal Arts’ <box> needs to be <checked>; carried by unanimous consent.
- Professor Lizette Colon made a motion to end debate; the motion was accepted by the majority.
- Results of **Action 2**:
 - Yes: 56, No: 1, Abstain: 1, Invalid: 1; the item passed.
- **Action 3**: Course Revision: Change in Subject/Discipline, Change in Requisites
 - FROM:** MAT 215
 - TO:** CSC 215
 - Professor William Baker presented the rationale for the course revision(s) to the Senators. Senators debated the items.
 - Motion to Amend the Item:
 - WHEREAS, the Pre-Requisite of CSC 205 is motion for elimination; carried by unanimous consent.
 - WHEREAS, the Pre/Co-Requisite of ENG 92 is motioned for change to read: ENG 93; carried by unanimous consent.
 - WHEREAS, the Pre/Co-Requisite is motioned to include ‘or ESL 92’; carried by unanimous consent.
 - Senator Julie Trachman made a Motion to reconsider the previous motion of changing ENG 92 to read: ENG 93... ESL 92, the motion was seconded. The Senators debated the Motion to reconsider the previous motion of changing ENG 92 to read: ENG 93... ESL 92.
 - Senator Julie Trachman withdrew her Motion to reconsider the previous motion of changing ENG 92 to read: ENG 93... ESL 92.
 - Motion to refer back to the College-Wide Curriculum Committee (CWCC), the motion was seconded; the motion failed by the majority.
 - Motion to End Debate, the motion was seconded; the motion carried by the majority.
 - Motion to Move to Vote, the motion was seconded; the motion carried by the majority.
 - Motion to Extend Time to 5:15 PM, the motion was seconded; the motion carried by unanimous consent.
 - Results of **Action 3**:
 - Yes: 57, No: 3, Abstain: 2, Invalid: 0; the item passed.
- **Action 4**: New Course(s): Mathematics Department:

CSC 275 – Object Orientated Programming
CSC 375 – Computer Networking
CSC 395 – Web & Mobile App Development

- Professor William Baker presented the rationale for the course revision(s) to the Senators. Senators debated the items.
 - Motion to Amend the Item: WHEREAS, the English and ESL Pre/Co-Requisites need to be identical to the previous Item’s [CSC 215] requisites; carried by unanimous consent.
 - Motion to separate CSC 395 from Action 4; the failed by a lack of the majority.
- Professor Ialongo made a motion to end debate; the motion was accepted by unanimous consent.
Motion to extend time by ten (10) minutes; the motion was seconded and carried by unanimous consent.
- Results of **Action 4**:
 - Yes: 52, No: 3, Abstain: 1, Invalid: 0; the item passed.

- **New Program:** Associate in Science (AS) – Computer Science

Tabled

Non-Curricular Voting Items

- Proposed Charter Amendment: Scholarship and Awards Committee
 - Professor Sandy Figueroa presented the rationale for the Scholarship and Awards Committee’s proposed Charter Amendments. Senators debated the items.
 - Professor Ialongo made a motion to end debate; the motion was accepted by unanimous consent.
 - *No vote; whereas, the Item must be presented at two (2) consecutive College-Wide Senate meetings prior to voting.*
- **Action 5: Election:** Faculty / Student Disciplinary Committee:

Nominees:	<i>Voting Results:</i>
▪ Professor Sonia Maldonado	30
▪ Professor Lizette Colon	21
▪ Professor Edward King	25
▪ Professor Tram Nguyen	31
▪ Professor Ana Ozuna	32

- Professor Clarence Robertson 27
 - Professor Joann Rover 14
 - Professor Joyce Dias 19
 - Professor Nelson Torres 24
 - Professor Andrea Fabrizio 31
 - Results of **Action 5**: The following Senators have been elected to the Faculty / Student Disciplinary Committee.
 - Professor Sonia Maldonado
 - Professor Edward King
 - Professor Tram Nguyen
 - Professor Ana Ozuna
 - Professor Clarence Robertson
 - Professor Andrea Fabrizio
- **Action 6: Election: Hostos Association:**
 - **Nominees:**

	<i>Voting Results:</i>
▪ Professor Charles Drago	41
▪ Professor Sandy Figueroa	44
▪ Professor Sherese Mitchell	40
▪ Professor Natasha Yannaceñedo	38
 - Results of **Action 6**: The following Senators have been elected to the Hostos Association panel:
 - Professor Charles Drago
 - Professor Sandy Figueroa
 - Professor Sherese Mitchell
 - Professor Natasha Yannaceñedo

Motion to Extend Time by five (5) minutes; carried by unanimous consent.

- **Action 7: Election: Auxiliary Committee:**
 - **Nominees:**

	<i>Voting Results:</i>
▪ Professor Alisa Roost	18
▪ Professor Lizette Colon	18
▪ Professor Charles Drago	30
▪ Professor Iris Mercado	21
 - Results of **Action 7**: The following Senators have been elected to the Auxiliary Committee panel:
 - Professor Charles Drago
 - Professor Iris Mercado

Motion to Extend Time by five (5) minutes; carried by unanimous consent.

Senate Standing Committee Report

None

University Faculty Senate (UFS) Report

UFS Report for May 18, 2017 Plenary Session

[We] had two guests:

- I. SVC Matthew Sapienza (Budget and Finance):
 - a. SVC Sapienza went through some details of the NYC Executive Budget analysis (FY2018).
 - i. He considered the situation to be stable for community colleges – some money to continue the expansion of the ASAP program and other initiatives such as CUNY Math Start.
 - ii. The state operating support is increasing by \$11.2 million (an increase of \$50 / student).
 - iii. If our budget request is met, tuition at community colleges will remain flat next year; however, the senior colleges, who only get money from NYS, are not doing quite as well as community colleges at this time.
 - For ex., the senior colleges are expected to experience a tuition increase next year.
 - b. Additionally, he talked briefly about the Open Education Resources grant that was awarded to CUNY from NYS for us to develop online “textbook” resources and briefly mentioned the intention to increase the offerings of online course.
 - i. He felt both would help us increase enrollment at our campuses.
- II. James Murphy, Univ. Dean for Enrollment Management:
 - a. Dean Murphy mostly talked about the Excelsior Scholarship (ES) and some recent developments in ironing out details on how it would be implemented.
 - i. To meet the 30 credit /year requirement, students would not need for the credits to be distributed 15 and 15 (can be 18/12, as one example).
 - This could also include taking credits during winter and summer sessions (with summer, being used either at the “front end” or the “back end” of the year, but once chosen, the student would need to be consistent from year to year).
 - ii. Students would need to sign a promissory note.
 - iii. Students would need to live and work in NYS for amount of time receiving an ES immediately after graduation.

- However, there will be an allowance for some possible exceptions.
 - For example, if a student will be attending graduate school outside of NYS within the first two years after graduating from CUNY on an ES that student's clock will be allowed to start later.
- iv. An important consideration for community colleges is that remedial courses will not count towards the completion of the 30 credits per year.
- v. Another aspect that came up in his presentation (and Q and A that followed) was that Dean Murphy believed that if a student failed or withdrew from a class, the student would be allowed to make up that academic credit later in the academic year (such as in the following semester) in order to complete the 30 credits.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:08PM

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