

**College-Wide Senate General Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

**3:30 – 5:27 PM**

**Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

* **Allied Health**: Professors Ronette Shaw, Rayola Chelladurai and Diana Macri
* **Behavioral and Social Sciences**: Professors Ernest Ialongo (Chairperson)
* **Business**: Professor Claude Fernandez
* **CTL Representative**: Mr. Marino Corniel
* **Counseling**: Professor Lizette Colon
* **English**: Professors Alexandra Milsom and Tram Nguyen (Vice-Chairperson)
* **Education**: Professors Jacqueline DiSanto, Michael Gosset, and Iris Mercado
* **Gittleson** **Representative**: Mr. Clifton Pierce
* **Humanities**: Professors Humberto Ballesteros, Thomas Beachdel, Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure, Weldon Williams, Catherine Lewis
* **Language and Cognition**: Professors Mildred Rabry and Karin Lundberg
* **Library**:  Professor Jorge Matos
* **Mathematics**: Professors Alexander Vaninsky, Edme Soho, and Moise Koffi
* **Natural Sciences**: Professors John Gillen and Debasish Roy
* **Higher Education Officers** **(HEOs):** Mr. Carlos Rivera, Ms. Safiya Faustin, Ms. Silvia Reyes, Mr. Mejia Theudys, Ms. Alba Lynch, Ms. Cynthia Morales-Delbrun, Ms. Mercedes Moscat, Ms. Daliz Perez-Cabezas, Mr. Michael Martinez, Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, Mr. Iber Poma, Ms. Yvonne Rosario Quiroz
* **University Faculty Senate (UFS)**: Professors Eugena Griffin, Gail August, and Julie Trachman
* **PSC**: Professor Craig Bernardini
* **Public Safety/Maintenance**: PS Officer Clara Albino
* **Senate At-Large Faculty Representatives**: Professors Hector Soto, Clara Nieto-Wire, Natasha Yannacañedo, Juno Morrow, Carl Grindley, Matt Moses, Stacey Cooper, Damaris-Lois Lang
* **Adjunct Representative**: Professors Ruben Worrell
* **Student Government Association Representatives (SGA)**: Mr. Brian Carter, Mr. Ibrahim Mohammed, Mr. Charles Dour, Mr. Hatem Anaam, Ms. Amdiya Kyemtore, Mr. Mohamed Nashir, Ms. Susan Cortes, Mr. Abdul Abubakar, Ms. Isabel Neira Sanchez, Mr. Junior Carela, Mr. Malik Pellington, Mr. Raymond Flowers. Ms. Salimatou Bah, Mr. Abdul Saadu,

**Absent:**

**Behavioral and Social Sciences**: Felipe Pimentel

**Higher Education Officers** **(HEOs):** Ms. Marsha Milan-Bethel

**Senate At-Large Faculty Representatives**: Professor Andrew Connolly

**Student Government Association Representatives (SGA)**: Ms. Monsita Colon

**Excused Absence:**

**English**: Professor Krystyna Michael

**Behavioral and Social Sciences**: Professor Nancy Genova

**Education**: Professor Eunice Flemister

**Non-Voting Members:**

President Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Provost Charles Drago, SVP Esther Rodriguez Chardavoyne, Parliamentarian Shmuel Gerber, Mr. Eugene Sohn (Labor Designee), Ms. Emily Tenzer Santoro (HEO Organization Chair)

**Guests**:

Kate Wolfe, Jason Buchanan, Jason Libfeld, Ms. Carmen Sosa, Nieves Angulo, Bouampoundi Brigitte Thiombiano, Jose Santana, Wendy Small-Taylor, Vyacheslav Dushenkov, Jaime Woody, JungHang Lee, AJ Stachelek, Nelson Nuñez-Rodriguez, Minfeng Lin, Marcelo Viana Neto, Ann Mester, Eric Radezky, Jewel Jones, Inmaculada Lara Bonilla, Sherese Mitchell, Lauren Wolf, Jerry Rosa, Terrence Brown, Jessica Powell, Ana Ozuna, Cynthia Morales-Delbrun, Johanna Arroyo Peralta, Elyse Robin Zucker, Johanna Gomez, Fabian Wander, Maria Subert, Sean Gerrity, Carlos Guevara

**1. Call to Order**

Quorum established at 3:33 PM

Senate called to order at 3:34 PM

**2. Acceptance of Agenda**

Approval of agenda: Unanimous

**3. Approval of March 18, 2021 Senate Minutes**

The minutes of March 18, 2021 was accepted with correction of misspelling in one instance of Prof. Bernardini’s name.

**4. Chair’s Report**

* The Senate COVID Response Task Force
  + - The Task Force met with the President and her cabinet recently and followed up on the recommendations of its report
    - Minutes will be available of the meeting
    - Follow up recommendations, those still requiring attention, will be sent to the President shortly
* Curriculum
  + - Please get all curricular items to the CWCC by April 26 for them to be considered for the May 20th Senate meeting
* The Academic Integrity Committee
  + - AIC has been fully staffed, as per the Senate resolution passed to this effect
    - Members include:
      * Professors Matt Moses, Joyce Dais, Madeline Ford, Damaris-Lois Lang, Vyacheslav Dushenkov, Amy Ramson, HEO Ms. Maria Cano, and the student Ms. Bouampoundi Thiombiano.
      * They all have staggered initial terms, the student has a one year term
      * All are eligible to be re-nominated
    - As previously mentioned, Prof. Jacki DiSanto is the Academic Integrity Officer
* OAA Proposal to house administration of Liberal Arts AA Degree in OAA
  + - This proposal was reviewed by SEC, revised by OAA, and sent out to Department Chairs for their review
    - It will go to CWCC on April 20, and the May 20 Senate as informational
    - SEC reviewed the document to ensure faculty prerogatives over curriculum are preserved in this administrative proposal

**5. President’s Comments**

Interim President Daisy Cocco De Filippis made the following comments:

-Emphasizes progress as a product of mutual respect. Mentions Co-Chairs (Prof. Kate Wolfe and Prof. Nelson Nuñez-Rodriguez) of Middle States Self Study. Remarkable that we are doing—we are working in pandemic; accreditation is the lifeblood of the institution.

-Thanks Prof. Madeline Ford; will be opening library and computer labs (beginning May 10).

-Cares Act dollars $441,000 allocated to students who owe money—i.e. have balances—and have 30 credits in good standing). $250,000 as reported in *El Semanario*; goal of 1 million this year—exceeded.

-CR/NC (asked by Prof. Ialongo to address); follows policies in place; no impending change of that as happened last semester.

-3 new members of Hostos Foundation. New opportunities for mentorships and internships; we have more friends.

-Thanks everyone for the powerful year we have had, despite pandemic, will look to integrate what we have learned in the next Strategic Plan.

-Mille. Gracias

**6. SGA President’s Comments**

President Brian Carter made the following comments:

-Greets all; happy about Cuomo CUNY tuition freeze; the CR/NC option has passed so that as long as in pandemic it is available as option; advertise Hostos (esp. word of mouth); Let’s Talk About It workshops still happening; will start additional events on racism; President makes inspiring statement about racism and fighting it through individual and community strength and pride. Thank you.

**7. Curricular Items**

* 1. BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
     1. CJ 250 – Course Revision

Prof. Hector Soto presented:

Stated changes in prerequisites

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 58 (56 poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

* 1. HUMANITIES
     1. LAC 202, 216, 244, 252, 262, 290, 350, 360 – Course Revisions

Prof. Inmaculada Lara Bonilla presented (as a package):

Stated pre-requisite changes.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Discussion ensued: clarification

Vote

Y: 61 (59 poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

* + 1. BLS 123, 202 – Pathways Submissions

Prof. Ana Ozuna presented:

Pathways Learning Outcomes explained

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

BLS 123

Vote

Y: 60 (58 poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 1

A: 1

Passed

BLS 202

Discussion ensued: word choice clarification; gendered language

(pronoun he/she; make “the student” as more inclusive)

Any objections for this change in document? (Chair)

None

Prof. Nguyen: moved the question

Prof. Ialongo seconded

Clear 2/3rds affirmative (so moved to vote)

Vote

Y: 59 (57 poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

* + 1. LAC 160 – New Course

Prof. Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure presented:

Described new course

Any questions/comments? (Chair)

Discussion ensued: about pre-requisites; about content more generally and

importance of course

Prof. Ernest Ialongo: motion to move question and go directly to vote

Prof. Hector Soto: seconded

Vote

Y: 57 (55 poll + 2 votes in affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 3

Passed

* 1. MATHEMATICS
     1. MAT 150, 150SI – Pathways Submission

Prof. JungHang Lee presented:

Described Pathways Learning Outcomes

Any questions/comments? (Chair)

MAT 150

Discussion ensued: what are billable hours?

Vote

Y: 55 (53 poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 1

A: 1

Passed

MAT 150SI

Discussion: none

Vote

Y: 56 (54poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

* 1. ALLIED HEALTH
     1. A.A.S Degree in Nursing – Program Revision

Prof. King (not present); Prof. Ronette Shaw presented:

Stated pre-requisite changes; overall credits won’t change; match what Natural Sciences has done

Any questions/comments? (Chair)

None

Vote

Y: 57 (55poll + 2 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

e. Motion to reconsider LAC package

Prof. Ernest Ialongo: motion to reconsider the LAC package to change gendered

language

Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo: seconded

Objections to be done by poll? (Chair)

None

Amendment to change gendered language will be done by Prof. Ernest Ialongo and Prof. Inmaculada Lara Bonilla

**8. Non-Curricular Voting Items**

1. First Charter Amendment Presentation – Revision of Affirmative Action Committee name and mandate

Prof. Ernest Ialongo presented

Any questions/comments? (Chair)

None

1. Student Evaluation Survey - Mr. Carlos Guevara

-Done to reflect current working environment

Any questions/comments? (Chair)

Discussion ensued; various suggestions for improvement.

Prof. Matt Moses: motion to extend time?

Prof. Ernest Ialongo motion to extend to 5:30?

Vote (Yes/No checkmarks):

Yes: 39 affirmative (38 sufficient)

No: 2 negative

Prof. Matt Moses: motion to send back to committee

Prof. Ernest Ialongo: seconded

Questions or comments: None

Vote (Yes/No checkmarks)

Yes: 32

No: 2

The Chair encouraged all Senators to send comments to Mr. Guevara

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

1. Senate Grants Committee - Prof. Thomas Beachdel

-See Appendix

Discussion: None

1. Senate Institutional Research Committee - Prof. Jason Buchanan

-See Appendix

Discussion: None

1. Senate Committee on Disability Issues (Prof. Elyse Zucker and Ms. Jessica Powell)

-See Appendix

Discussion: None

Question:

Prof. Lizette Colon: CR/NC issue not addressed {comment/question in chat};

Senate Chair Prof. Ernest Ialongo: addressed

Pres. Daisy Cocco De Filippis: addressed

Senate Chair Prof. Ernest Ialongo moved agenda

**10. Reports of the Senate Representatives on College-Wide Committees**

1. Committee on Sponsored Programs and Grants Development - Prof. Thomas Beachdel

-See Appendix

Discussion: None

1. Community Advisory Council - Prof. Tram Nguyen

-See Appendix

Questions: None

**11. UFS Update**

1. Professor Julie Trachman

UFS Plenary report for Hostos Senate April. 15, Prof. Julie Trachman

-See Appendix

Discussion: None

**12. Middle States Update**

1. Prof. Kate Wolfe and Prof. Nelson Nuñez-Rodriguez

-Process of forms and consistency

-Writing Process very important; first draft by June; Prof. Kate Lyons critical

-Nov. 18 preliminary Visit; April (2022) final meeting.

-See Appendix

Discussion: None

**13. New Business**

None

**14. Adjournment**

Prof. Ernest Ialongo: motion to adjourn

Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo: seconded

40 affirmative to adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 5:27 pm

Submitted by

Prof. Thomas Beachdel

**Appendix:**

I.

Report on Senate Grants Committee - Prof. Thomas Beachdel

-Senate Grants is moving forward in collaboration with Hostos Grants Office to host online Research Day 2021, as covid-19 derailed the SP2020 event. Moreover, we hope to build this platform as a means of establishing and supporting a culture of research and grantspersonship. We intend to further this work with the creation of grants working groups and a CUNY Academic Commons site that will function as a virtual space for this work and network.

II.

Report-Senate Institutional Research Committee - Prof. Jason Buchanan

The Institutional Research Committee is working on a project about student retention. With the help of the Office for Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Assessment, the committee will create a succinct report on student retention that will cover administrative, faculty, and staff approaches to student retention. The report—which is informative over critical—will use data on enrollment and Blackboard engagement to examine the multifaceted approaches to retention at the college. We are beginning the researching and writing process with an aim to present at Senate as an informational item in the Fall.

III.

Report-Senate Committee on Disability Issues - Prof. Elyse Zucker and Ms. Jessica Powell

* We are having ongoing discussions on how to address the 4th FL, C-building chair lift issue.
  + Pending collaboration with Facilities Committee.
* Succeed@hostos (Starfish) platform utilization and privacy issues
* Combating disability stigma and emphasizing/promoting additional privacy provided by an on-line environment
* COVID Catharsis Project: How has the Pandemic Disabled You?
  + <https://www.canva.com/design/DAEbY1SQoM8/2HAmHCvvTIxBzdgjIIKO_A/view?utm_content=DAEbY1SQoM8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton>

IV.

Report-Committee on Sponsored Programs and Grants Development - Prof. Thomas Beachdel

-Committee constituted to more effectively and systematically identify and pursue grants and funding opportunities to support students, faculty, and Hostos as an institution more generally

-We will begin by identifying critical needs and then identifying grants and funding opportunities that could support that need

-We will look for workshops that can help refine our process and/or provide guidance

-We will make distinction between public and private (philanthropic) pools

-The following are guiding questions from which to begin thinking:

a. What programs are strong and already have regular funding to keep going?

b. What community needs aren’t being addressed by our organization or other

organizations providing similar services?

c. What new programs need funding?

d. What opportunities exist to find new funding partners?

e. What existing grants expire soon?

V.

Report- Community Advisory Council - Prof. Tram Nguyen

The Community Advisory Council, under the helm of our indefatigable Interim President, has had two energetic and dynamic meetings, with attendance between 65-80, and numerous electronic communications. The Senate representatives, Mr. Rivera, Ms. Moscat, Profs. Flemister, Soto, and Nguyen applaud these opportunities to:

* establish strong collaborative and networking opportunities with community leaders, consultants, and college representatives;
* showcase our innovative programs, i.e. Construction Management and Computer Engineering;
* draw a path forward and delineate our strengths.

Recently architect Tony Alfieri provided an "environmental scan" of Hostos's strengths and made these recommendations: 1.) prioritize existing resources rather than seeking expansion, 2.) support high-demand sectors such as healthcare fields, 3.) recruit Bronx immigration communities to build "brand loyalty", and 4.) build more pipelines to B.A. and graduate programs. The Council is following up on these recommendations with targeted roundtable and focus group discussions.

VI.

Report- UFS Plenary report for Hostos Senate April. 15 - Prof. Julie Trachman

UFS Plenary report March. 23, 2021  
I) Presentation of Mr. Matt Sapienza, Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer of CUNY: 1) provided details on where we were last year with respect to the pandemic and the CARES and CRSSA money. (N.B. CRSSA passed in Dec. 2020).2) provided us with some details with respect to Governor Cuomo’s proposed budget in Jan. 2021, prior to passage of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), which passed in March 2021.   He also told us where things stood in regard to the NYC Council’s proposed budget at that time.  Many details still needed to be ironed out given the recent passage of ARPA but noted that even before the passage of ARPA, there was some planned restoration of funds at the NYS level including planned increases to ASAP, CUNY LEADS program, SEEK program, CUNY’s capital plan and a voiced intention to strengthen CUNY’s Maintenance of Effort (MOE).  3)Some of the Q&A questions: i) How was the federal money spent at the different campuses? The money was eventually allocated to the campuses and used appropriately. ii)What was CUNY’s (his) thoughts about the proposed New Deal for CUNY?  They are appreciative of the support.  iii)Can any of the federal moneys help defray the deficits seen at the community colleges?  He hoped that the moneys would be of help now to get through the current situation and then help to stabilize the situation.  He noted that the decreases in enrollment seen at the community colleges is trend being observed across the nation.  
II) Charter Amendment to Article II regarding the increased representation of adjuncts in the UFS did not pass.  
III) Some time was devoted to nominations for the UFS Executive Committee.  
IV) Chair’s Report (Prof. M. Burke): a) Reopening plans: Stated the reopening plan is still “aspirational” at this point in time and the plans vary considerably from campus to campus. b) Vaccination report: Vaccination can’t be required at this time because the vaccines are being administered under Emergency Use Authorization and we are a public university.  This might change when the vaccines finalize the approval process. c) A waiver from NYS DOE was given for fall 2021 for teaching classes online outside of the programs that had been approved for online status.

VII.

Update- Middle States - Prof. Kate Wolfe and Prof. Nelson Nuñez-Rodriguez

**Self-Study Co-Chair presentation at Senate on April 15, 2021**

**Kate Wolfe and Nelson Nunez Rodriguez**

**-Thank you to**Ernest Ialongo (Senate Chair, MS Self-Study Steering Committee member), Senate Executive committee and senators working as members of Self-Study Working Groups (WGs)

-**Evidence Organization** effort by Working Groups and EdTech support – Members of WGs have been trained and are now uploading ADA compliant PDFs for all needed evidence pieces. Thanks to Provost and Educational Technology Dept.

-**Writing Process**: First Draft Expected by late May. Revision Process by Steering Committee, Working Groups, CUNY and whole Hostos community. The draft has to be submitted by Mid-October.

**-Important Deadlines:**Team Chair Preliminary Visit by Dr. Clayton Railey is scheduled on Thursday Nov.18, 2021 and Final Team Visit is scheduled on April 3-6, 2022. All evidence pieces and final report are due 6 weeks before April 3rd.​