

**SENATE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Zoom Online Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Minutes**

In attendance: Profs. Ernest Ialongo (Chair), Tram Nguyen, Linda Ridley, Slav Dushenkov, Ruili Ye; Ms. Yvette Luyando (HEO), Ms. Daliz Perez-Cabezas (HEO); Mr. Brian Carter (SGA), Ms. Lusleidy Perez (SGA)

1. Call to Order
	1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm
2. Acceptance of the agenda
	1. The agenda was accepted without amendments
3. Open Discussion:
	1. The committee discussed SVP Rodriguez-Chardavoyne’s letter to the college on the budget, and the existing and expected cuts
	2. The committee discussed the college’s decisions to meet the crisis, including:
		1. Placing a large number of classes into tentative status for the fall semester, in expectation of lower enrollment
			1. There was concern that this would force last-minute scrambling because of traditional late enrollment at Hostos
		2. The push for asynchronous teaching on the assumption that students prefer its flexible nature
			1. There was concern that asynchronous classes would not necessarily work for all students, or disciplines
			2. Moreover, there was the issue of connectivity, which many students have problems with
		3. The emphasis on pre-emptive budget cuts
			1. Some members felt there should be further discussion of alternatives beyond cost cutting
	3. Plans for going forward on budget consultations
		1. The committee would await the budget allocation memo being delivered to Hostos, and then will meet with SVP Rodriguez-Chardavoyne
		2. Timing for that meeting is unknown, because of the lockdown and the delayed state and city budgets
4. New Business
	1. There was no new business
5. Adjournment
	1. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm