**2018/2019 COMMITTEE REPORT**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE**

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| Committee on Disability Issues |

**CHAIR OF COMMITTEE**

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| Prof. Jorge Matos |

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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| Raymond Perez (ARC), Secretary; Prof Andrew London, Prof Elyse Zucker, Prof Julie Trachman, Prof Elys Vasquez-Iscan, Prof Jiao Biang, Prof Julie Bencosme, Fabian Wander (Wellness Ctr.), Destini Mitchell-Murray (SGA), Reynaldo Martinez (SGA), Oumar Diaby (SGA Rep until fall 2018), Stephanie Caban, CUNY Coalition of Students with Disabilities (Guest) |

**DATES COMMITTEE MET**

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| 2018- 9/25, 10/30, 11/27, 12/18  2019- 2/25 (No Quorum), 3/20, 5/13 (scheduled) |

**ACTIONS TAKEN (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC)**

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| Co-Sponsored Wheelchair Basketball Clinic – 8/11/18; Co-Sponsored Autism Workshop – 12/3/18; Collaborated with Public Safety on Emergency Evacuation Plan information on Hostos website, Members presented on panel titled *Partners for Disability Rights: A Committee Redefines Inclusion at a Community College* at CUNY Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Conference – 3/29/19, Co-sponsored Hostos Disability Awareness Month event – 4/11/19; Met with Chief Diversity Officer Lauren Gretina, Esq. and Frank Virone, Superintendent of Facilities on 2/27/19 about physical barriers on campus for individuals with mobility challenges. Specifically, issue of 4th floor lift between the B and C buildings. |

**Let us know if you are planning on stepping down as chair. If so, who will be replacing you?**

*If this Senate Committee is holding its election in the fall, please let the chairs of the Committee on Committees know as soon as possible the election results.*

HAVE STUDENTS BEEN PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE? Yes

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DO YOU HAVE VACANCIES IN YOUR COMMITTEE?

*Please advise us to any members of the committee who are having attendance issues. According to the Hostos Charter of Governance, any member who has been absent 3 meetings without written notification shall be asked to resign and will be replaced by the Committee on Committees.*

We currently have one vacancy. Prof Julie Bencosme has resigned from the committee. In addition, Prof Sonia Maldonado has recently been appointed by the Committee on Committees.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS recommending to continue on in AY 2019 - 2020**

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| All members with exception of Prof Julie Bencosme. |

Do you have any concerns that need to be addressed?

On 4/3/19 Professors Anders Stachelek and James Kennis sent a letter (see attachment) to the committee regarding the 4th floor lift in the B building. The letter addressed concerns regarding the viability of building a ramp to replace the lift. It was forwarded to Chief Diversity Officer Lauren Gretina, Dean Johanna Gomez and Superintendent of Facilities Frank Virone. There has been no response to the letter as of yet and we were informed that Executive Counsel Eugene Sohn is reviewing the matter. The committee would like to have the letter addressed in a timely manner so as to decide the next course of action to pursue if any. Thank you.

*Attach any additional information to this form and send it by* ***May 9, 2019*** *to:*

**Professor Julie Trachman and Professor Michael Gosset, Co-Chairs,**

**Committee on Committees as well as Prof. Ernest Ialongo, Chair, Hostos College Senate**

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