

**COLLEGE-WIDE SENATE**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Online Senate Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, May 20, 2021

3:30 – 5:45 PM

**Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

* **Allied Health**: Professors Ronette Shaw, Rayola Chelladurai and Diana Macri
* **Behavioral and Social Sciences**: Professors Ernest Ialongo (Chairperson), Nancy Genova
* **Business**: Professor Claude Fernandez
* **Counseling**: Professor Lizette Colón
* **English**: Professors Alexandra Milsom and Tram Nguyen (Vice-Chairperson), Krystyna Michael
* **Education**: Professors Jacqueline DiSanto, Michael Gosset, and Iris Mercado, Eunice Flemister
* **Humanities**: Professors Humberto Ballesteros, Thomas Beachdel, Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure, Catherine Lewis
* **Language and Cognition**: Professor 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, 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, Ms. Marsha Milan-Bethel
* **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, Andrew Connolly, Elys Vasquez-Iscan
* **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, Ms. Susan Cortes, Mr. Abdul Abubakar, Ms. Isabel Neira Sanchez, Mr. Junior Carela, Mr. Raymond Flowers, Mr. Abdul Saadu,

**Absent:**

* **Behavioral and Social Sciences**: Felipe Pimentel
* **CLT Representative**: Mr. Marino Corniel
* **Humanities**: Professor Weldon Williams
* **Language and Cognition**: Professor Mildred Rabry
* **Higher Education Officers** **(HEOs):** Mr. Mejia Theudys
* **Student Government Association Representatives (SGA)**: Ms. Monsita Colon, Mr. Mohamed Nashir, Mr. Malik Pellington, Ms. Salimatou Bah
* **Non-Voting Members:** Mr. Eugene Sohn (Labor Designee)

**Excused Absence:**

* **Gittleson Representative**: Clifton Pierce

**Non-Voting Members:**

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

**Guests**:

Manuel Livingston, Kathy Doyle, Diana Kreymer, Minfeng Lin, Terrence Brown, Rafael Torres, Olga Steinberg, Alisa Roost, Michel Portela, Jaime Woody, Nicole Wallenbrock, Jason Buchanan, Ann Mester, Linda Nieves, Marta Rivera, Sarah Hoiland, Wendy Small-Taylor, Jerry Rosa, Sherese Mitchell, Bouampoundi Brigitte Thiombiano, Jewel Jones, Jason Libfeld, Linda Anderson, JungHang Lee, Antonios Varelas, Linda Hirsch, Johanna Arroyo Peralta, Eric Radezky, Karina Guardiola-Lopez, Anne Rounds, Clarence Robertson, Marcella Bencivenni, Soldanela Rivera, Johanna Gomez, Sean Gerrity, Madeline Ford, Jerilyn Fisher, Aixa McLean, Soheli Chowdhury, Joyce Dais

1. Call to Order

Quorum established at 3:34 PM

Senate called to order at 3:34 PM

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of agenda: Accepted as pre-circulated

1. Approval of April 15, 2021 Senate Minutes

The minutes of April 15, 2021: Accepted as pre-circulated

1. Chair’s Report

* The Senate COVID Response Task Force
  + Follow up recommendations after meeting with President were posted online
* Curriculum done in fall
  + Revision of the Procedures Manual
  + Number of course revisions that passed: 43
  + Number of new courses that passed: 22
  + Number of program revisions that passed: 6
  + Number of Pathways courses that passed: 2
* OAA Proposal to house administration of Liberal Arts AA Degree in OAA after the proposal was vetted by SEC, Academic Chairs, and informational at CWCC and today at Senate.

1. President’s Comments

Interim President Daisy Cocco De Filippis made the following comments:

-Thank you.

-Sincere appreciation for Senate and curricular work

-*Semanario*, no. 33, this week, is last for this academic year, please read it

-Good wishes for summer and success given circumstances

-Commencement has a good number: 1189 students

1. SGA President’s Comments

President Brian Carter made the following comments:

-Thanked the community for their support

-Sense of community, he thanked the community for the inclusive ways we have been able to move through this pandemic

-Workshops have been critical in creating supportive environment

1. Charter Amendment – Second Presentation and Vote – See Appendix

Prof. Ialongo presented:

Committee on Affirmative Action, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 60 (57 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

Need 2/3

1. Elections for Hostos Association, Auxiliary Corporation, & Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee

Prof. Ialongo presented:

Are there any objections to running as plurality?

No objections

We run as plurality

Hostos Association

Nominated before Senate meeting (via email):

Prof. Louis Bury

Prof. Nicole Wallenbrock

Prof. Emmauel Velayos Larrabure

Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo

Prof. Matt Moses

Nominations from the floor: none

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Prof. Louis Bury-39

Prof. Nicole Wallenbrock-40

Prof. Emmauel Velayos Larrabure -43

Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo-45

Prof. Matt Moses-46

All elected, names will be sent to President, who will select 3.

Auxiliary Corporation

Nominated before Senate meeting (via email):

Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo

Prof. Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure

Prof. Nicole Wallenbrock

Prof. Iris Mercado

Nominations from the floor: none

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo-38

Prof. Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure-21

Prof. Nicole Wallenbrock-16

Prof. Iris Mercado-29

Prof. Yannacañedo and Ms. Mercadoelected to panel, names will be sent to President for

Selection or one

Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee

Nominated before Senate meeting (via email):

Prof. Nicole Wallenbrock

Prof. Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure

Prof. Matt Moses

Nominations from the floor:

Prof. Alisa Roost

Prof. Hector Soto

Prof. Andrew Connolly

Prof. Diana Macri

Prof. Clara Nieto Wire

Prof. Eugena Griffin

Prof. Julie Trachman

Prof. Nancy Genova

Discussion preceding above nominations from the floor:

Ms. Safiya Faustin nominates Prof. Roost (not present; chair can accept; if elected can decline if wishes)

Prof. Moses comments on importance of committee

Mr. Gerber comments—one can nominate yourself

Prof. Ialongo self-nominates

Prof. Ialongo nominates Prof. Soto

Prof. Soto accepts

Prof. Moses nominates Prof. Connolly

Prof. Connolly accepts

Further nominations? (Chair)

Ms. Faustin nominates Prof. Macri (not present; chair can accept; if elected can decline if wish)

Prof. Yannacañedo nominates Prof. Nieto Wire

Prof. Nieto Wire accepts

Prof. Vasquez-Iscan nominates Prof. Griffin

Prof. Nguyen nominates Prof. Trachman

Ms. Lynch nominates Prof. Flemister

Prof. Flemister declines

Mr. Poma nominates Prof. Genova

Prof. Genova accepts

Prof. Lang nominates Prof. Madeline Ford

Prof Ford already chair (withdrawn)

Prof. Ialongo removes his name

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Prof. Wallenbrock-13

Prof. Velayos Larrabure-19

Prof. Moses-38

Prof. Roost-18

Prof. Soto-39

Prof. Connolly-26

Prof. Macri-31

Prof. Viana Neto-18

Prof. Griffin-22

Prof. Trachman-28

Prof. Nancy Genova-48

Top 6: Professors Genova, Soto, Moses, Macri, Trachman, Connolly are elected

1. Curricular Items - To Be Voted On

Mathematics

Course Change

-MAT100 SI

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. JungHang Lee presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 59 (55 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

Course Withdrawals

-MAT 19

-MAT 119

Prof. Ialongo introduced. Voted on as package.

Prof. JungHang Lee presented: Combining into 120 SI

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 59 (55 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

New Course

-MAT 120 SI

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. JungHang Lee presented: Withdrew MAT 19/MAT 119; Combined into MAT 120 SI; follows same trend as MAT 150SI

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 62 (58 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

Natural Sciences

Course Changes

-BIO 140

-BIO 141

Prof. Ialongo introduced as package.

Prof. Olga Steinberg presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 57 (54 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

Program Revision

-Food Studies Program

Prof. Ialongo introduced as package.

Prof. Olga Steinberg presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 61 (57 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

Humanities

Course Revision

-COM 110

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Yannacañedo presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 60 (56 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

New Courses

-ASL 101

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Wallenbrock presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Comment ensued.

Vote

Yes: 57 (53 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

-SPA 110

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Ballesteros presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Comments and questions ensued.

Vote

Yes: 58 (54 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

Behavioral & Social Sciences

Course Revisions

-ECO 101

-ECO 102

Prof. Ialongo introduced as package.

Prof. Michel Portela presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Questions ensued.

Vote

Yes: 61 (57 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

-PPA 111

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Genova presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 59 (55poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

New Course

-HIS 212

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Marcella Bencivenni presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Comments ensued.

Prof. Nguyen motion to extend time to 5:30

Prof. Ialongo seconded

Objections?

Prof. Colon objects

Extended

Vote

Yes: 50 (47 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 4

Passed

Pathways Submissions

-SOC 140

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Sarah Hoiland presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 55 (52 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 2

Passed

-PSY 142

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Eugena Griffin presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 56 (53 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

Liberal Arts Options

-Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Behavior and Social Institutions

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Marta Rivera presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 57 (54 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 2

Passed

-Psychology

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Linda Anderson presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 56 (52 poll + 4 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

-Psychology-Research

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Antonios Varelas presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Comments ensued.

Vote

Yes: 55 (52 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

-Social Work

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Rivera presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 57 (54 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

1. Curricular Items - Informational
   1. Hostos/NYCCT Articulation in Electrical Engineering

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Lee presented.

* 1. OAA Liberal Arts & Science AA Degree Administration Proposal

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Dean Mester presented.

1. Non-Curricular Voting Items
   1. New Unit - Global Humanities Unit, Humanities Department

Prof. Ialongo introduced.  
Prof. Thomas Beachdel presented.

Prof. Ialongo motioned to extend to 5:45   
Y 36

N 3

We go until 5:45

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Comments in support ensued.

Vote

Yes: 51 (48 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 2

Passed

* 1. Senate Academic Standards - New Grade Complaint Form

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Clarence Robertson presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

Comment ensued.

Vote

Yes: 47 (44 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 2

Passed

* 1. Senate Academic Standards - Protocols and Procedures - Student Appearance

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Robertson presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 52 (49 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 0

Passed

* 1. Senate Academic Standards - Protocols and Procedures - Grade Complaint

Prof. Ialongo introduced.

Prof. Robertson presented.

Any comments/questions? (Chair)

None

Vote

Yes: 46 (43 poll + 3 affirmative oral votes)

N: 0

A: 1

Passed

1. Reports of the Senate Standing Committees – See Appendix
   1. Senate Academic Standards Committee-Prof. Clarence Robertson
   2. Senate Facilities Committee-Prof. Marcella Bencivenni
2. UFS Update – See Appendix
   1. Prof. Julie Trachman
3. New Business
   1. Prof. Lang

Announcement Awards Committee event Tuesday May 25th on website.

FYI committee creating a Provost’s List next semester

1. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm

Submitted by

Prof. Thomas Beachdel

**Appendix:**

I.

Report-Senate Academic Standards Committee-Prof. Clarence Robertson

The Senate Academic Standards Committee met throughout the year to revise and vet the student grade complaint form, the procedures and protocols for the handling of student complaints, and the procedures and protocols for a student appearing before the ASC to protect the anonymity of the student and the faculty. The knowledge that the committee has gleaned over many years of working together was codified so that these practices can provide guidance for current and future members of the committee, and the students and faculty in general of Hostos.

II.

Report- Senate Facilities Committee-Prof. Marcella Bencivenni

The Facilities committee met remotely three times over the course of the 2020-2021

academic year.

On the first meeting, held on October 30, 2020, the Committee elected Prof. Marcella

Bencivenni as its new chair and set up its main priorities. It was agreed that the Committee

would operate mainly as an advisory board with the primary goal of making information

about campus facilities and planned work more accessible to the college community.

Members felt it was important to gain a better sense of the college’s operational flow

regarding space allocation, facilities and campus planning. Therefore, on the second meeting,

upon invitation of the chair, Frank Virone, Hostos Chief Administrative Superintendent, and

Elizabeth Friedman, Director of Campus Planning & Development, gave presentations on the

College’s operations and planning, explaining to the committee their distinctive roles and

how College decisions are made about space, equipment, special accommodations, and

health safety protocols.

The third meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Facilities town hall meeting, held by the

College in the Spring, and the Fall reopening. Members expresses various concerns and

raised important questions that will be brought by the chair to the attention of Frank Virone

and Elizabeth Friedman. The committee will forward the following recommendations to the College:

1. Develop a better online presence for Campus Operations and Facilities. Update the Reopening plan and Hostos “Ready” page regularly. Hunter College Facilities Management and Planning webpage offers a good model for how to consolidate and share all information related to campus operations and facilities on the web:<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/facilities>
2. Hold regular campus-wide town hall meetings (at least once a semester) with updates on reopening plans, new planned construction or renovations, and space allocations.
3. Invest in dedicated mental health resources for students, faculty, and staff.
4. Develop a sensible plan to ensure that people with mobility issues have priority for elevator use upon return to campus.
5. Mandate vaccination for all members using campus facilities

III.

Report-UFS Plenary report for Hostos Senate May 20 - Prof. Julie Trachman

UFS Plenary report May 13, 2021

I) Chair’s Report (Prof. M. Burke):

1)Reopening plans: Some of this you already know.  First, Gov. Cuomo is mandating vaccination for CUNY and SUNY students.  There is still a question about faculty and staff. From the Chancellor:  i)There are plans in the works for onsite testing; ii)This is considered to be an “aspirational goal” to increase the in person/hybrid offerings to 60% and have online offering decrease to 40%.  It is recognized that each campus has to factor in ventilation and other safety issues.   iii)It was also mentioned that there could be changes in the social distancing guidelines ex. decrease of 6 ft to 3 ft that could have an impact on these decisions.

2)Budget: The proposed budget will be voted on by the CUNY Board of Trustees in June.    The budget is flat but it is expected that there will be some decreases from the City Council which will impact our community colleges particularly hard.   And it is expected we will continue seeing a decrease in enrollment, especially at the community colleges.  This is a trend being observed across the nation.   CARES, CRSSA and ARPA moneys will provide money to help balance the books this fiscal year. The concern now is for beyond this year.  There is a hope to increase the enrollment in the future.  CUNY hopes to engage the adult learner population as one example but CUNY is aware we are in competition with SUNY and private colleges for that student population.  3)Search for replacement of EVC Cruz:  Dr. Dan Lemons (Lehman College President) will be acting as interim EVC.  UFS will invite him to speak to the UFS in the fall or if necessary, we will invite him for an “extra” summer plenary.   4)UFS Information Portals:   These portals will go live in the near future.  They will serve as “newsletters.”  The intention is for these portals to provide an effective way to distribute information about shared governance and other matters.  They could reach as many as approximately 8000 individuals and could allow for better synchronization of deliberations across the many CUNY campuses.  5)SUNY plenary: Prof. Burke and Dr. M. Cotter recently attended the SUNY Plenary.  Prof. Burke noted that SUNY is sharing many of the same issues as CUNY.  SUNY is aggressively increasing the number of their online programs.  They are trying to diversify in order to increase their competitiveness for students including the adult learner population mentioned above.  One of our colleagues (Prof. G. August) noted at the plenary that CUNY provides better student support than SUNY and that CUNY should capitalize on that when reaching out to prospective students.

IV.

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| **From** | **To** | **Rationale** |
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| ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 Committee on Affirmative Action, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion | ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 Committee on Affirmative Action, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion |  |
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| A.      Membership: | A.      Membership: |  |
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| 1.     Membership shall be determined by the Committee on Committees. | 1.     Membership shall be determined by the Committee on Committees. |  |
| 2.     The Chief Diversity Officer shall serve as an ex-officio member. | 2.     The Chief Diversity Officer shall serve as an ex-officio member. |  |
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| B.  Function: | B.  Function: |  |
| 1.       To monitor and make recommendations to the Senate, and as directed by the Senate to the college’s Chief Diversity Officer and/or the college President, regarding the college’s affirmative action and equity policies and regulations including, but not limited to their implementation as concerns hiring, tenure and termination of employment, as well as any reporting regarding those matters. | 1.     To monitor and make recommendations to the Senate, and as directed by the Senate to the college’s Chief Diversity Officer and/or the college President, regarding the ~~college’s affirmative action and equity policies and regulations including~~ implementation of university affirmative action and equity policies, including, but not limited to, their implementation as concerns hiring, tenure and termination of employment, as well as any reporting regarding those matters. | The College doesn't issue regulations. Also, the College does not have affirmative action and equity policies -- they are CUNY policies.  It's the College's job to implement those policies, so the recommendations would be on implementation of CUNY policies. |
| 2.       To provide information and updates to the Senate on developments regarding affirmative action, equity, diversity and inclusion especially as concerns their relevance and application to the college or the university. | 2.       To provide information and updates to the Senate on developments regarding affirmative action, equity, diversity and inclusion especially as concerns their relevance and application to the college or the university. |  |
| 3.       To provide information and conduct activities concerning affirmative action, equity, diversity, inclusion and related matters for the college community. | 3.       To provide information and conduct activities concerning affirmative action, equity, diversity, inclusion and related matters for the college community. |  |