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Minutes for the Senate Executive Committee

Date and Time: February 7, 2024, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Presiding: Ernest Ialongo, Chair of Senate

Present: Vice-Chair of Senate, Hector Soto; SEC Senators Christine Hutchins; Ansumana Jammeh; Jewel Jones; Diana Macri; Dainma Martinez; Alexandra Milsom; Tram Nguyen.

Excused Absence: 0

Unexcused Absence: 0

Minutes Prepared by: Christine Hutchins

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Call to Order | – Chair Professor Ialongo called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Acceptance of Agenda | – Motion to accept SEC Agenda | – Accepted as pre-circulated |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Approval of Minutes  SEC Minutes  December 13, 2023 meeting  Senate Minutes  December 21, 2023 meeting |  | – Accepted as pre-circulated  – Accepted with minor corrections |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Chair’s Report | Chair Professor Ialongo shared updates and information on:  – Budget presentation from today’s All College Meeting, which focused on [Program to Eliminate the Gap](https://comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/Cuts-to-CUNY.pdf);  – Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Wendy Hensel’s [Memo “Strategies for the Optimal Use of Academic Resources”](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vqLrXJ0AKONDO8fz_BbDJGNmJm2Qz4Uc/view?usp=sharing) of January 25, 2024;  – Responses to the above memo in [SEC Response to CUNY Cost-Saving Memo](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ijAuFNPEumfxir1Yt7RWe4K3oq8-VdEARS9-KIjC8KU/edit?usp=sharing) of February 2, 2024 and [PSC-CUNY Response to Hensel’s Memo](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vy95-8f0wYvPdJTRmGAQFGh6DvbH1NNVnmEiD1-uGS4/edit?usp=sharing) of February 7, 2024;  – Chair Ialongo has been consulting with colleagues and [University Faculty Senate](https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/) and its [Budget Advisory Committee](https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/committees/senate/advisory/budget/) so that there might be wider discussion of the issues at the upcoming UFS plenary on February 20, 2024;  – In order to collect information, Chair Ialongo and SEC members plan to gather from Department Chairs and Unit Coordinators, the Writing Center, Counseling, and academic support services information on staff positions lost or unfilled, plus surveying student experiences |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Curricular Items | – None |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Approval of February 15, 2024 Senate agenda |  | – Accepted as pre-circulated |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| New Business & Announcements | – SGA President Dainma Martinez noted that she and others in SGA are working on addressing [suicide prevention initiatives](https://www.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-services/counseling/) on campus |  |
| Adjournment | – 5:05 pm |  |