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Minutes for the Senate Executive Committee

Date and Time: October 11, 2023, 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 | Professor Ialongo called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm  The Chair welcomed new members of the SEC and outlined the work of the committee |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Election of Officers | Prof. Soto nominated as Vice Chair of the Senate  Prof. Soto accepted  Chair: Further nominations? None.  Prof. Nguyen nominated as Recording Secretary for Senate  Prof. Nguyen accepted  Chair: Further nominations? None.  Prof. Hutchins nominated as Recording Secretary for Senate Executive Committee (SEC)  Prof. Hutchins accepted  Chair: Further nominations? None.  Prof. Milsom volunteered to serve as Web Master for Senate | Vice Chair of Senate  Hector Soto  Yes – 9  No – 0  Abstain - 0  Recording Secretary for Senate  Tram Nguyen  Yes – 9  No – 0  Abstain - 0  Recording Secretary for SEC  Christine Hutchins  Yes – 9  No – 0  Abstain - 0  Accepted with thanks |
| **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  September 13, 2023, meeting  Senate Minutes  September 21, 2023, meeting |  | Accepted as pre-circulated  Accepted with minor correction. |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Chair’s Report | Senate has tried over the years to foster open, democratic, and collegial discussion, especially because this is the one forum all of us at Hostos share-- students, staff, faculty, and administrators. As ways to foster this, in addition to the standing items on the Senate agenda, we have also invited other voices to share in the Senate agenda, for example having addresses by current presidents of the college and Student Government Association. We can ensure robust continuation of these principles by reviewing our protocols for open discussion at Senate.  The Chair queried if the SEC felt it should offer a statement with regards to the Israel-Hamas conflict. | After discussion, the SEC decided it would craft a statement to be read into the record at the next Senate meeting. |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Curricular Items | There are no curricular items for this upcoming Senate meeting |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Approval of October 19, 2023, Senate agenda |  | Unanimous approval |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| New Business & Announcements | There are no announcements for this SEC meeting |  |
| Adjournment. | 5:02 pm |  |