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Meeting of the Hunter College Senate 24 March 2021

1 The 651st meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:37 PM via Zoom. 2 3 **Presiding:** Laura S. Keating, Chair 4 5 Attendance: The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I. 6 7 Alternate Senators were formally seated consistent with the procedures approved by the Senate for in-8 person meetings, and they were enabled to vote using iClicker. 9 10 Chair Keating informed the body that the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee's report Agenda had been added after the Committee on the Budget to the agenda. There were no objections. The agenda 11 12 was adopted as revised. 13 14 **Minutes** The minutes of 27 May, 9 September and 23 September circulated via email on 12 March were approved 15 as distributed. 16 17 Report by the 18 Administrative 19 **Committee:** Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats 20 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter 21 College, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees 22 received to date: 23 24 **Student Senators:** Pema Yuelden (Clinical Psychology) 25 Tanja Tane (Human Biology) 26 Katherine Unite (Psychology) 27 Avi Mikhaylov (Anthropology) Mahnoor Memon (Biochemistry) 28 29 Christopher Orzech (Chemistry) 30 Lauritta Gazaryan (Biology) 31 Rabia Akram (Human Biology) 32 Sara Khasib (Biology) 33 Vasuki Gaba (Biological Sciences) 34 Rida F. Akhlaq (Undeclared) 35 Noa Hacker (Biochemistry) 36 37 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. 38 The motion carried by unanimous consent. 39 40 b) Approved Curriculum Change The following curriculum changes as listed in the attached Report dated 24 March 2021 have 41 42 been approved as per Senate resolution and are submitted for the Senate's information: Items: 43 GS-1358 Speech Language Pathology & Audiology (Change in degree program), GS-1365 44 Classical & Oriental Studies (Change in courses), GS-1366 Classical & Oriental Studies (New 45 courses), GR-1369 Curriculum & Teaching (Routine Change in course), UR-2396 Film & Media (Routine change in courses), US-2393 Theatre (New course), US-2394 AFPRL (Change in 46 47 degree program), US-2395 Classical & Oriental Studies (New course), US-2397 Film & Media 48 (New courses), US-2398 Film & Media (Change in course), US-2399 Film & Media (Change in

Special Education (Change in courses).

degree program), US-2400 Film & Media (Change in courses), US-2362 Film & Media (Change

in degree program), US-2401 History (New courses), US-2402 Women & Gender Studies

(Change in course), US-2403 Geography & Environmental Studies (Change in course), GS-1368

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c) Faculty Nominees for Student Tech Fee Committee

Chair Keating called on Provost Valeda Dent to provide a description of the Student Tech Fee Committee.

Provost Dent said the following:

"Thank you, Laura. As you all are aware, the issues around the digital divide have become much more pronounced during the pandemic. This is all across the New York City and across this nation, so the idea of being mindful of the ways that we can leverage technology to support student success and student progression becomes even more critical. The Student Technology Fee Committee is a committee that is mandated by CUNY. It is essentially a way for us to provide conversation and discussion around how the student technology fees that we collect are spent. There are two faculty members from the Senate that are going to be presented as being members of the Student Technology Fee Committee. Essentially, the student technology fee itself provides funds that are specifically geared towards students, so the monies that we collect in this regard have to be used for students' improvements, students' success, students' progression, and so on. This year, just as an FYI, the committee membership was reworked so that the group is a little bit smaller and nimble, and assurances around graduate, undergraduate and representation by the professional schools has also been paid attention to. So, faculty with relevant experience and expertise in this area have been chosen to participate along with folks from student members and members of the administration. So, that is just a very brief overview."

Faculty Nominees for Student Tech Fee Committee:

Michaela Soyer (Sociology) Lauren Schnell (Special Education)

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

d) Announcement

Chair Keating announced that the election of Nominees for the CUNY Common Core Committees would take place at the next Senate meeting on April 21. Elected faculty serve for a two-year term, from Fall 2021 through Spring 2023. She directed any questions to senate@hunter.cuny.edu.

Committee Report

Committee on the Budget

Chair Keating called on Professor Randall Filer, Chair of the Committee on the Budget, to present the **Resolution for a Program Supplement Fee for PhD in Nursing Program**.

Professor Filer said the following:

"First of all, some of you may be very confused because we have never had something called a program supplement fee come before the Budget Committee or the Senate in my time of service. We are used to approving excellence fees, but excellence fees are supposed to be for addons for over and above the core program. That is what originally we were discussing, but then CUNY Central said no. Because the fee that we are asking the Senate to approve today is necessary in order to operate the program itself, it needs to be called a program supplement fee. It is consistent with CUNY bylaws, CUNY charters, CUNY rules. We have been instructed by CUNY Central to call it that if we approve it.

 "This resolution is ready for the vote but we will discuss it first. The program has done its budget very carefully. The Budget Committee has reviewed this budget very carefully. The program works only if it charges \$1020 a credit. This is a Research PhD in Nursing. It will be the first standalone PhD at Hunter. There has been a Nursing PhD at the Graduate Center. It is my understanding, and maybe Dean McCain will speak about it, it has not been doing well, and CUNY has decided to phase that out and move the

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entire Nursing Research PhD to Hunter which is clearly the logical place to put it. It is a 66.5 credit program. So, with this extra fee - the total per credit \$1,020 - students will end up paying \$67,830 for the PhD. I know that sounds like a large number, and the Budget Committee pushed and talked very carefully. I have done some research that I want to share with you. According to the Health Resource Services Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services, there is a shortage of over 1500 PhD nurses for teaching in universities alone with starting salaries going up from \$100,000 a year well up into the \$250,000 a year. So, it is a shortage desperately needed to train the health care workers that we have realized that we need over the last year. I have also discovered that for people who do do a PhD in Nursing, there is a Nurse Faculty Loan Program run by the Department of Health and Human Services that will forgive 85% of the cost of the program up to \$35,000 a year. So effectively, we are asking for a program fee of \$67,000 and the net cost to people who actually complete the program will be more like \$6,000 or \$7,000 for a job that is an incredible need, where Hunter can do an incredible job of serving the community. The Budget Committee has looked at it. It looks like the program will not detract from other areas of the college. It will not require resources that reduce anything else in the college. We see no reason why not, and we were unanimously endorsing it.

HUNTER COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF NURSING RESOLUTION FOR A PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT FEE FOR PHD IN NURSING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2020 the CUNY Graduate Center no longer accepts applicants into the Ph.D. in Nursing program that allows graduates to apply for faculty positions in college and university nursing programs;

WHEREAS, the degree granting authority of an existing program, the Ph.D. in Nursing, currently offered by a consortium (Hunter College, Lehman College and the College of Staten Island) with the CUNY Graduate Center as the granting institution (NYSED # 31082) will be transferred to Hunter College to administer all aspects of the program and bear all the costs of the program.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York adopt a schedule of Program Supplement Fees for Ph.D. students in Nursing at Hunter College, effective with the Summer 2022 semester and as detailed below:

Ph.D. in Nursing

Resident Full-time students: \$460 per credit Resident Part-time students: \$460 per credit Non-Resident students: \$460 per credit

The iClicker voting produced the following results: 57 in favor, zero against and 14 abstentions. The Resolution passed.

Undergraduate Academic Requirement Committee

Chair Keating called on Professor Kevin Sachs, Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee to present a revision to the Hunter College Policy on Pass/No Credit passed on 10 March meeting (see Appendix II for the full document). Questions and debate followed.

From:

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The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Undergraduate Course of Study Committee

Chair Keating called on Professor Jeanne Weiler, co-chair of the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee to give an update on the Committee's work. Professor Weiler said the following:

"Thank you, Laura. Hi everyone. I'd like to acknowledge my co-chair Stefan Schlussman who also is involved in this work. Kevin's task was to create the policy. Our task is now to implement the policy. So, I wanted to update everybody very briefly on where we are at in terms of that process. To refresh everyone's memory, the P/NC now includes the P that now includes the D. That is different from the Credit which was A through C. We were informed that the Hunter Registrar's Office was mandated to change Credit/No Credit prohibitions of courses to Pass/No Credit. Since this transition only pertains to courses, we have the task of identifying which majors, minors or programs would like to add the P/NC prohibition since the P now includes the letter grade of D. We also want to allow departments to opt out of this policy for individual courses. We have designed a process whereby we will survey departments on whether they would like to exclude specific courses applied to their majors, minors or programs from the P/NC designation, in other words prohibiting the use of P/NC in their majors, minors or programs. We plan to gather a list of these courses from a form that we designed and approved. The UCSC will collect the courses with the P/NC prohibition. We will review and approve them, and then we will pass it on to the Senate for the regular Senate curriculum vote on April 21. So, we will be seeking help from the Provost Office to meet this April 21 deadline. We will be meeting with Provost Dent the week after Spring break. Based on our conversations with CUNY Central, it seems like we will have to wait until Fall 21 to implement this policy in order for this to appear in the University Academic Report and to give the time to inform students of the policy. So that is where we are at. The process has not been fully completed yet but we are getting close to it. We will be working with the Provost Office to message out to departments what exactly we are looking for in terms of list of courses that we can approve very quickly."

Professor Nicolai (German Department and Co-Coordinator of the Senate Faculty Caucus) read the **Resolution on Procedure for the Suspension or Deregistration Academic Programs** into the minutes. Debate was postponed until the next Senate meeting due to possible issues with the legality of the Resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jeninsky

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APPENDIX I

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The following attendance was noted from the meeting (A) =Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excused

Faculty							
AFPRL	Anthony Browne		X	Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams		X
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A)		Made Made S & Satisfies		0	
	Lázaro Lima	(A)			Robert Thompson	(A)	X
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	()	X		Barry Cherkas	(A)	
· man opology	David Hodges	(A)		Medical Laboratory Sciences	Abigail Morales	(11)	A
	Milena Shattuck	(A)		medical Education y Sciences	Chad Euler	(A)	
Art & Art History	Harper Montgomery	()	X		Muktar Mahajan	(A)	
,	Reiner Leist		X	Music	Jewel Thompson	` /	Α
	Emily Braun	(A)			Michele Cabrini	(A)	
	A. K. Burns	(A)				(A)	
Biological Sciences	Ben Ortiz	` ′	A	School of Nursing		0	
-	Shirley Raps		A	-	Carolyn Sun		A
	Paul Feinstein	(A)	X		Ellen McCabe		Α
	Carmen Melendez	(A)	X		Ah-Yun (Emily) Yeh	(A)	X
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu		A	Philosophy	Laura Keating		A
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A)	X		Frank Kirkland	(A)	X
	Manashi Chatterjee	(A)	X		Omar Dahbour	(A)	A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Graham Claytor		A	Physics & Astronomy	Kelle Cruz		Α
	Lawrence Kowerski	(A)	A		Yuhang Ren	(A)	X
	Joanne Spurza		X		Leon Cohen		X
	Doron Friedman	(A)	A			(A)	
Computer Science	Anita Raja		X	Political Science	Robert Thompson		X
	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	(A)	X		Erin Mayo-Adam	(A)	X
		(A)			Michael Lee	(A)	A
Curriculum & Teaching	Lacey Peters		X	Psychology	Roseanne Flores		A
	Karen Koellner		X		Jonathon Rendina		A
	Debbie Sonu	(A)	A		Darlene Defour	(A)	A
	Jason Wirtz		X		Michael Lewis	(A)	X
Dance	David Capps		X	Physical Therapy	Nicki Silberman		X
	Ana Nery Fragoso	(A)	A		Thomas Holland	(A)	X
	Lori Brungard	(A)	X		Milo Lipovac	(A)	X
Economics	Randall Filer		A	Romance Languages	Paolo Fasoli		A
	John Quiang Li		X		Magdalena Perkowska	(A)	X
	Tim Goodspeed	(A)	A		Julie Van Peteghem	(A)	A
	Avi Liveson	(A)	X	School of Social Work	Samuel Aymer		A
Educational Foundations & Cou	ın: Goeum Na		A		Anna Ortega-Willam		X
	Jeanne Weiler	(A)	A		Jonathan Prince	(A)	X
	Amanda Crowell	(A)	X		Rong Zhao	(A)	A
English	Sarah Chinn		A	Sociology	Mark Halling		A
	Amy Robbins		A		Mike Benediktsson	(A)	
	Nijah Cunningham		X		Michaela Soyer	(A)	
	Janet Neary	(A)		Special Education	Virginia Gryta		X
Film & Media Studies	Tami Gold		X		Kristen Hodnett	(A)	
					William Longsworth	(A)	
	Andrew Demirjian	(A)		SLPA	Donald Vogel		A
	Larry Shore	(A)			Nancy Eng		X
Geography	Ines Miyares		A		JungMoon Hyun	(A)	
	Shipeng Sun	(A)		Theatre	Louisa Thompson		A
	Allan Frei	(A)				0	
German	Elke Nicolai		A		Claudia Orenstein	(A)	
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A)		Urban Policy and Planning	Lily Baum Pollans		A
TT' -	Lisa Marie Anderson	(A)			Victoria Johnson	(A)	
History	Eduardo Contreras		A	0.1 1 0.11 1 2 1 2 2 2	Matthew Lasner	(A)	
	Manu Bhagavan	(A)		School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabes		A
T 11	Jill Rosenthal		A		Susan Cardenas	(A)	
Library	Sarah Ward		A	W 0.G 1.G 1	Victoria Fischer	(A)	
	Jennifer Newman	(4 5	A	Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury		X
	Mee' Len Hom	(A)	A		Catherine Raissiguier	(A)	
		(A)			Rupal Oza	(A)	X

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Students		At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time	Faculty	
Nibras Ahmed	A	Student Services	Kevin Nesbitt	A
Aysheh Barqawi	A		Luis Roldan	(A) X
Alexa Michel	X	Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	Α
Leon Sarpong	X	Library	Tony Doyle	A
Aamna Arshad	A	Psychology	Stefan Schlussman	A
Nafeeza Ali	A	Economics	Kevin Sachs	A
Ariana Ahmed	A	Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Ariel Glazman	X	Religion	Barbara Sproul	A
Antonio Flores	X	THHP	Jerry Press	X
Saima Afrin	X	Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson	A
Fariha Uddin	A	Special Education	Gina Riley	A
Ketia Newell	A	Sociol Work	James Mandiberg	E
Chewon Lee	X	THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Ayesha Qayyum	X	Art and Art History	P. Dudek	A
Seham Mubarez	X	7 III and 7 III History	1. Duck	21
Feda Hammood	X			
Jackeline Palmer	X	Ex-Officio		
Omina Farukhzoda	X	President, USG	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
Alia Isabekova	A	Vice President, GSA	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
Patricia Ladyzhensky	X	President Alumni Association	Barbara Poseluzny	X
	X		•	
Junia Sharmin		President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
Hardik Bhaskar	A	President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A
Jennifer Calderon	X			
Tahsin Hossain	X			
Afrin Ansary	E	A DA CANAGOD A GRANA		
Ariela Radoncic	A	ADMINISTRATION		
Luisais Taveras	X	Senators:		
Hunter Moran	A	HEO/CLA Representative	Lori Janowski	A
Joanne Andre	X	Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Afia Abida	A	Provost	Valeda Dent	A
Manahil Jafri	A			A
Vinh Phan	X	Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Anum Jabeen	X	Alternate Senators (3):		
Pearl Gross	A	Dean of Social Work	Mary Cavanaugh	X
Tasneem Sultana	X	General Counsel & Dean of Faculty	Suzanne Piper	X
Jasmine Shaikh	X	School of Nursing	Gail McCain	A
Betty Wu	X			
Nicole Kuznetsov	A			
Pema Yuelden	X			
Tanja Tane	X			
Jeslyn Mei	A			
Alia Codelia-Anjum	Α			
Erica Aguayza	X			
Katherine Unite	A			
Michelle Ma	A			
Christopher Lee	X			
Eleanor Sardarian	X			
Avi Mikhaylov	A			
Tabia Ahmed	A			
Mahnoor Memon	A			
Fayozjon Jamshidov	X			
Haya Alkiswani	X			
Christopher Orzech	A			
Lauritta Gazaryan	A			
Rabia Akram	A			
Sara Khasib	X			
Nicole Palmetto	X			
Secura Morgan	X			
Noa Hacker	A			

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APPENDIX II

Resolution on Hunter College Policy on Pass/No Credit

Resolved, Hunter College shall have the following policy regarding selection of the option of Pass/No Credit in lieu of letter grades. The policy shall be included in the section on Pass/No Credit Policy for Undergraduate Courses in all future Hunter College catalogs and on the Hunter College website.

From:

Pass/No Credit Policy for Undergraduate Courses

In some courses, it may be possible to elect to receive credit for the course without receiving a letter grade. If students decide to receive a grade based on this system, they will receive "Pass (P)" instead of A, B, C, or D and will receive "No Credit (NC)" instead of F. Students requesting grading according to this system must satisfy all requirements regarding attendance, assignments, and examinations set by the instructor. Course requirements and standards are the same as in the letter grading system, but P/NC grades are not counted when a student's GPA is calculated by Hunter College. Students can choose whether they want to take a course for a letter grade or P/NC, but certain restrictions apply.

Restrictions for Pass/No Credit Grades:

- 1. Departments or programs may restrict a student's choice in opting for Pass/No Credit. Some programs of study prohibit the use of Pass/No Credit grades in major courses. This applies especially to programs of study leading to outside certification or post-graduate study. Students should check with their departmental advisers for specific policies. Departments or majors that restrict student choice of the P/NC option must have this policy approved by the Senate.
- 2. Pass/No Credit grades are not allowed for students on academic probation.
- 3. A maximum of four courses (including repeated courses) taken at Hunter College may be assigned a Pass/No Credit grade (and/or the previous designation of Credit/No Credit) on the Hunter College transcript, excluding any courses with mandatory CR/NC grading.
- 4. The grade of P shall be used to replace the academic grades of A, B, C and D. The grade of NC shall be used to replace the academic grade of F. It shall not be used to replace the grade of WU.
- 5. If (as a result of a student's request) a P/NC grade (and/or the previous designation of Credit/No Credit) is given where it is not an allowed grade according to existing college, departmental, or major regulations, it will be converted by the Registrar's office to the underlying grade entered by the instructor.
- 6. If, after requesting P/NC grading (and/or the previous designation of Credit/No Credit), a student receives an INC, the P/NC grade is applied when and only when the instructor changes the INC (or FIN) to a letter grade. A student's request for P/NC grading (and/or the previous designation of Credit/No Credit) will remain in place until a letter grade is earned.

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Please note, once a student chooses a P/NC grade for a course, that choice is final and irrevocable. The form is not valid if the student's election of the P/NC grading option violates college-wide, departmental, or program-specific restrictions.

For information on whether a specific program or major restricts the use of the P/NC option, please read the program description of the program or major of interest in the <u>Hunter College catalog</u> or check with departmental or program advisers.

NOTE: In the Spring and Fall semesters of 2020, some of the above policies were temporarily suspended by CUNY due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Selection of the CR/NC grading option for courses in the Spring and/or Fall 2020 semester do not count against college-wide or program-specific restrictions regarding (1) the number of P/NC (previously CR/NC) uses allowed per semester, (2) the maximum number of uses allowed of the P/NC (previously CR/NC) grading option in total, (3) the selection of the

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Rationale: This resolution revises Hunter's P/NC policy which was approved by the Hunter College Senate on March 10, 2021. We subsequently learned that CUNY policy requires that P/NC requests must be received by the Registrar prior to, rather than on the same day as, the deadline for students to withdraw from classes with a grade of W.