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4 **PRESENT:** Andreopoulos, Antoniou, Bliss, Bhat, Cho, Davis, Diaz, Ekeocha, Finnegan, Godar, Grodner, Kashyap, Kaufman, Kim, Korgen,
5 Lawrence, Levitan, Liu, Lorenz, Mbogoni, Martinez, Martus, Matthew (for Duffy), Mulrine, Natrajan, Pagano, Pavese, Peterson, Potacco, Rivela,
6 Singh, Steinhart, Stropfel, Tardi, Van Boerum, Verdicchio, Wagner, Wahrman, Weisberg, Xu

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8 **ABSENT:** Becker, Boroznoff, Ferris, Thiuri

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10 **GUESTS:** Anderson, Deller, Daniel-Robinson, Ellis, Feola, Goldstein, Griswold, Hahn, Jemmott, Makarec, Martone, Tirado, Weil

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12 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Godar called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. The proposed agenda was moved and
13 seconded by Martus and Kim and approved unanimously. The minutes of the May 3, 2007 meeting were moved and
14 seconded by Steinhart and Pavese and were accepted unanimously.

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16 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Godar reviewed some Senate-related activities over the summer. She said that she met with the
17 Registrar to discuss hybrid courses, which she said are defined as having between 25% and 75% online content. She
18 said that the hybrid course fee schedule is still being determined. Bliss asked if there was a limit to the number of
19 students who could enroll in a hybrid section and Godar said that there was no answer to that question yet. Levitan
20 asked if the symbol or designator of the hybrid course in the catalog had been determined. Godar said that there
21 will be an obvious designator. In reply to Bliss's suggestion that the Union might have input into the question of
22 course caps, Diaz said that this is not part of the Union's work. Godar discussed the Honors GE Program, saying that
23 it currently contains options in areas such as History but does not contain drastic changes in anticipation of general
24 GE reform to come. Godar said that the Board of Trustees has discussed the subject of non-regular admit students.
25 She said that in 2006 28% of admitted students did not meet University regular admit standards. She said that the
26 Board is considering action and will solicit recommendations from two Senate councils. Godar said that there will be
27 an Assessment Forum on September 28 in the Valley Road Auditorium at 8:30 AM (breakfast will be served).

28 Provost Weil said that there has been activity regarding the State Ethics Commissions guidelines for state
29 employees. He said that after a series of hearings it appears that the restrictions regarding honoraria, travel and
30 other activities that occur in an employee's scholarly capacity will likely be adjusted. He said the work is subject to
31 committee confirmation and that he will keep us informed.

32 Godar reported that the Academic Standards Council will hold a seminar this fall on academic integrity. She
33 announced that Aaron Tesfaye has agreed to continue as Parliamentarian.

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35 **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Finnegan reported that filling open slots in the Councils and Committees is coming along
36 well, with a few openings remaining. He said adjunct faculty are needed in many positions and that the Elections
37 Council needs volunteers. Pavese said that he sent in an application some time ago and did not receive
38 acknowledgement or assignment. He said that he was chair of the Research Council. Pavese pointed out that the
39 Research Council general charges left out inclusion of Adjunct Faculty in its text. Finnegan said that this will be
40 corrected in updated versions of the document. Bliss nominated herself to the Admissions and Enrollment
41 Management Council. Wahrman said that having a paper copy of the Council/Committee grid in advance would have
42 been preferable to being asked to approve it from the display on-screen. She added that Jean Fuller Stanley's name
43 was misspelled. Martus moved and Kim seconded approval of the Senate Councils as currently formulated and this
44 passed unanimously.

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46 **APPROVAL OF REVISED SENATE CALENDAR:** Godar said that there was a mistake made as the Senate meeting
47 calendar was built last semester and that meetings were scheduled every other Tuesday rather than on the second
48 and fourth Tuesday of the month. Kim moved and Bliss seconded approval of the revised calendar and this was
49 approved unanimously.

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51 **PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Godar said that due to the amount of additional work that the
52 Provost has charged the Senate and GE Committee with accomplishing, the Executive Committee asks approval to
53 expand the GE Committee for 2007-2009 by one extra representative per college, the library, professional staff and
54 adjunct faculty. Rivela asked how the new members would be added. Godar said via the current volunteer method,

55 subject to full Senate approval. Rivela pointed out that in the past the GE Committee was elected. Wahrman said
56 that that was indeed practiced in the past, but as it became more difficult to fill the vacant positions the election
57 was discontinued. Godar said the proposal is to double the membership and to include two additional at-large
58 members along with the other additions. Martinez said that that it appears some of the additional slots have been
59 taken and it would have been fairer to hold them all opened until after this announcement. Godar replied that those
60 are people who volunteered in the first round and could not be accommodated then. Davis said that there was an
61 announcement that volunteers were wanted and everyone was welcome to submit an application then. Wahrman
62 said that this proposed committee has not yet been approved and that she would like to see a well defined process
63 and deadline for this. Tardi said that she agreed with Martinez, that the new slots should all be open and that the
64 process must be very clean and explicit. Martinez moved an amendment: that the proposal to expand the GE
65 Committee be approved with the addition that the added slots remain available and that the call for members go
66 out to the University along with a timetable. Tardi seconded this. Levitan said that this should be two motions, one
67 to expand and another to provide the timetable and process. Jemmott asked if there would be additional
68 administrative liaisons. Godar said that there would not. Pavese asked if there was a limit to the number of
69 administrative liaisons. Godar said that there is supposed to be one per council or committee. Kaufman said that
70 some departments and colleges have more invested and at stake in general education and that the expansion
71 should be limited to an additional representative from each college only. Steinhart agreed with this. Wahrman said
72 that the expanded committee will still have the regular GE Committee charges and that such a large group would
73 find it cumbersome to meet. She suggested a working subcommittee for routine matters. Steinhart commented that
74 this invites a confusing situation asking which part of the committee does what and invites other questions such as
75 who approves what? Who determines who does what? And who speaks for the entire group? Godar said that
76 councils and committees are free to organize their work as needed. Steinhart asked who makes the decisions about
77 who gets chosen from those who volunteer. Godar said that the councils and committees are formulated by the
78 Executive Committee in accordance with the Senate By-laws. Martus recommended forming an *ad hoc*
79 subcommittee of the GE Committee for this additional review. Levitan called the question and the amended motion
80 to expand the committee by one additional representative per college passed 15 to 14. Martus offered an
81 amendment that the additional members would comprise an *ad hoc* subcommittee for the purpose of the
82 comprehensive review. Steinhart asked questions concerning the rights and authority of this group. Matthew said
83 that it is not possible to claim that one constituency has more stake in general education and that exclusion of the
84 librarian, professional staff and adjunct faculty from the expansion is wrong. Potacco voiced concern that the GE
85 Committee itself will lose control of the process. Pavese said that this will weaken the GE Committee. Bliss said that
86 she is against the *ad hoc* subcommittee. Martus said that the intent is not to make the process more difficult, but to
87 let the added members focus solely on the review. Wahrman said that more people are needed to do the additional
88 work and that the committee as a whole will have to agree on their actions. Steinhart said that he was confused
89 over which part of the committee will do what and how things will be decided. Tardi said that we already approved
90 adding just one additional representative per college. Godar said that the intent was to keep things under the
91 current, existing GE Committee structure. Weisberg added that the intent was to bring additional voices and
92 perspectives into the discussion and review. Godar added that we did not anticipate that the committee would do
93 much more than the review during this period. The motion to amend failed. Steinhart called the question and
94 Martus objected, encouraging more discussion. Martinez said that GE reform is very important to all of the colleges
95 and that new members should be appointed with thought given to the candidate's field and how that might affect
96 the GE program. She said that even though everyone has a stake in GE, some colleges have a more complex GE
97 profile. Godar clarified that the committee will not be deciding the GE curriculum. Godar passed the Chair to
98 Finnegan and spoke as a Senator. She said that GE accounts for about half the courses a student takes at the
99 University and that the overarching interest is in producing educated citizens. She said that the Colleges of Business
100 and Education have a huge stake in this but that all the colleges do. Kaufman said that she feels her department is
101 discriminated against in several respects, especially by the honors program. She said that her department feels that
102 the GE Committee doesn't want a representative from the Department of Computer Science and that they are
103 suspicious of the underlying process. Steinhart said that the discussion has strayed from the question on the floor
104 and called the question, which passed. The motion to expand the GE Committee passed. Martus said that he fears
105 the process of reforming GE will not be transparent. Rivela moved that the University be made aware that there are
106 open seats on the committee and submit applications to Finnegan. Bliss asked that candidates provide rationale for
107 their application. Steinhart seconded the motion to notify the campus of five vacancies. Wahrman asked that there

108 be two weeks for the process to accommodate upcoming religious holidays. Korgen noted that there is a
109 comments/rationale section on the online application form. Godar requested a friendly amendment making the due
110 date September 24. Davis asked that the entire committee be reelected. Grodner pointed out that the committee
111 has staggered terms and that not everyone's term is over, and that she opposes making all seats available. Davis
112 acknowledged that those serving out the last half of their term would remain on the committee. Diaz called the
113 question on the amendment to open all available seats on the committee. The amendment passed.

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115 **ADJOURNMENT:** Before a vote was taken on the last motion there was a move to adjourn. The Faculty Senate
116 adjourned at 1:44 PM. The next meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in University
117 Commons 171A/B.

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119 Respectfully submitted: K. Wagner, Secretary

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