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FOREWORD

PRESIDENT STUART RABINOWITZ



STUART RABINOWITZ, PRESIDENT

June 2007

Professor Ellen Frisina
Chair, University Senate Executive Committee
Hofstra University
Hempstead, New York 11549

Dear Professor Frisina:

It is my pleasure to congratulate the University Senate on the success of the 2006-07 academic year. I appreciate and commend you for your dedication and leadership.

I have enjoyed working with you and your colleagues this year and look forward to another successful term for the Senate.

Sincerely,



Stuart Rabinowitz

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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

Ellen T. Frisina, Chairperson

Senate Executive Committee

I am thrilled to introduce this Annual Report to you as I complete my two-year term as Chair of the Senate Executive Committee. These two years have been filled with hard work, deep thought and much commitment to making Hofstra University the best environment possible for all University constituencies. I have marveled at the tenacity and vigor in which the University Senators have fulfilled their mission to create this environment. At each and every monthly Senate meeting, we discussed proposals and concerns that oftentimes translated into policy as they were proposed to the full faculty and ultimately to President Stuart Rabinowitz for his signature.

As SEC Chair, I have strived to achieve a balance where all constituencies -- faculty, administration, staff and students -- have a voice that is amply heard. We worked hard to ensure that each Senate Committee and sub-committee had a full complement of Senators and Senators-at-Large that represented all constituencies. The elected Senators and Senators-at-Large are, to a person, to be commended for spending much time, patience, effort and thought in meetings and discussions. Through their dedication, and with the support of our faculty colleagues and Hofstra administration, we developed policies and procedures that continue to strengthen and improve all functions and services at the University.

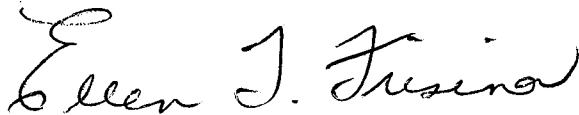
Again this year, it is especially important to thank the members of the Senate Executive Committee, who meet monthly (and tirelessly) to develop the agenda for the University Senate. David Diamond (Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee), Irene Fizer (Chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee), Gregory Maney (Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee), Will Nirode (Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee), and Cristal Kayel (Chair of the Student Affairs Committee) have my sincere gratitude for helping to ensure that important ideas are raised and discussed. I would be remiss if I did not thank them, as well, for their collective sense of humor and wit that made often-long meetings not only tolerable, but enjoyable. There was never any doubt that this fine group had only the best interests of Hofstra at the center of every discussion.

Without a doubt, the work of the Senate Executive Committee is made more pleasant and important by the extraordinary input and full participation of Herman Berliner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Liora Schmelkin, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Their insights and strength, as well as unwavering generosity of time and patience, are a major reason the SEC -- and therefore, the University Senate -- operate smoothly, almost effortlessly. Special thanks, too, to my friend Carole Ferrand, Speaker of the Faculty, who helped me ease into this weighty position -- her intellect, poise and pleasant manner are admirable and enviable. In addition, as SEC Chair, I attend University Board of Trustees meetings to report on the decisions of the Senate; the Board has unfailingly supported both the concept and the procedures of shared governance.

Ideas that germinate in Senate committees become discussions at the SEC, then proposals brought to the University Senate for dialogue. After a vote, the proposals move to the full Faculty for more discussion and dialogue. I have been continually inspired by the strong and intense exchanges at faculty meetings where debate ensues, sentences are parsed and language is strengthened to ensure that each new policy and procedure is clear, cogent, and fair. It has been my strongest platform to increase faculty participation at these meetings so that we are assured that the work of the Senate more than adequately represents the wishes of the faculty. I thank my faculty colleagues who attend these meetings and offer substance and clarity.

As you read through this Annual Report, I am certain that you will be inspired by and proud of the work of our colleagues as we continue to build on the foundation of an exceptional University.

It has been my prideful pleasure to serve as SEC Chair, and I am content to “pass the gavel” to my friend and colleague Will Nirode whose fairness, sensibility and easy-going manner make him a natural for this position.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen T. Frisina". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ellen T. Frisina

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COMPONENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

2006 – 2007

and

the 2007 – 2008 Senate

THE SENATE 2006 – 2007

Officers: President of the Senate, Provost Herman Berliner; Chair, SEC: Ellen Frisina

Ex-officio: President Rabinowitz; VP for Student Affairs, Sandra Johnson; Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Jessica Eads; Dean/HCLAS, Bernard Firestone; President SGA, Peter DiSilvio; President GSO, Vincent Perniciaro

<i>Humanities:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Fizer Janer Zhou	Angel-Zapata Klinkowstein	Roskin	<u>At-Large:</u> Valerius	Zapata
<i>Social Science:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Gurevich Maney O'Byrne	Armenia Cobb	Eliot Furey	McEvoy Motta	Shih
<i>Natural Science:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Nirode Pumo Silberger	Akbik Bhargava Doboli	Greenwell Heath Ismailescu	Krause Liang Morrissey	Pillaipakkamnat
<i>Business:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Karagozoglu Petra Yoo	Cosares Kim, W	Kulviwat Lee, K Lenaghan	Sengupta Slavin Spieler	Thelan Venuti
<i>SOEAHS:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Duarte Lightfoot Lodato-Wilson	Frierman	Fusco	Hines	Torff
<i>Communication:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Frisina	Caliendo Finucane	Ingles Pounds	Smith, G	Thakur
<i>University Studies:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Levy	Flaton	Pulis	Rosenthal	
<i>Library:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Martorella	Grafstein Harpel-Burke	Kreisel	Lopatin	Simon
<i>Law:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Diamond				
<i>New College:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Filippi			<u>Elected:</u> Kamberova	
<i>Staff:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Grande				<i>Senior Support Specialist:</i> Porr, Caroline
<i>Adjunct:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Pioreck				
<i>Students:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Kayel Hunker LaFemina Legnetti	Beckerman-Ross	Bisanz	Galgano	Milito Shono

THE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE 2006 – 2007
THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ELECTED			AT-LARGE	ADVISORY RESOURCE PERSONNEL
<u>Faculty:</u>	<u>Students:</u>	<u>Other:</u>	<u>Faculty:</u>	<u>Permanent Guest/ Adviers:</u>
<u>EXECUTIVE:</u>				
Chair: Frisina Berliner Diamond Fizer Maney Nirode	Kayel			Permanent Guest: Schmelkin
<u>UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:</u>				
Chair: Maney Levy Lodato-Wilson Pumo Yoo	DiSilvio Hunker	Eads	Caliendo Eliot Ismailescu Thelen	Brownell Cucciniello Hickling Schmelkin
<u>GRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:</u>				
Chair: Fizer Duarte Gurevich Lightfoot	Beauregard		Bhargava Grafstein Kim	Brownell Drummer Jean-Louis Johnson, L. Seely Schmelkin
<u>PLANNING AND BUDGET:</u>				
Chair: Nirode Janer Martorella O'Byrne Petra	LaFemina Legnetti	Staff: Grande Chairperson: Kamberova	Frierman Simon Slavin	Lukesh Rubey
<u>FACULTY AFFAIRS:</u>				
Chair: Diamond Karagozoglu Pioreck Silberger Zhou			Dolan Finucane Flaton Furey Kulviwat Pulis	Firestone Schmelkin President AAUP: Gellman
<u>STUDENT AFFAIRS:</u>				
Filippi	Chair: Kayel Hunker LaFemina Legnetti		Smith, G.	<u>Student Senators At Large:</u> Beckerman-Rodau Bisanz Galgano
		SGA President: DiSilvio GSO President: Perniciaro		Milito Shono

THE SUB-COMMITTEES, 2006 - 2007

OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

On Academic Records

Chair: Cucciniello

Bohannon, Cobb, Giminiani-Caputo, Greaney, Hickling, Levy, Martinez, McAlesse, McCarey, Mimy, Morrissey, Oppenheim, Spencer, Unruh

OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

On the Library

Chair: Rosenthal

Fusco, Kreisel, Lopatin, Rubey, Sengupta, Simon, Wu, Zapata

On Academic Computing

Chair: Cosares

Armenia, Bailin, Doboli, Heath, Hines, Juckiewicz, Lukesh, Rubey, Spieler, Tabron, Thakur, Valerius

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES, 2006-2007

On Recruitment, Elections and Nominations

Chair: Harpel-Burke

Frisina, Pillaipakkamatt, Porr, Schmelkin, Shih, Venuti

On Athletic Policy

Chair: Ingles

Barnes, Eads, Frey, Hayes, Johnson, S.; Klinkowstein, Lee, K; Lenaghan, Liang, Lewis, McCabe, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Malley, Pounds, Schmelkin, Sewell, Torff

On Academic Calendar

Chair: Greenwell

Cucciniello, Grande, Henwood, Johnson, S; Kayel, McEvoy, Nirode, Restivo, Schmelkin

On Environmental Priorities

Chair: Hunter

Akiyama, Bailin, Barkwill, Burke, Doherty, Donahue, Farmer, Frierman, Geyer, Johnson, S; LaFemina, Legnetti, O'Byrne

On Environmental Safety

Chair: Krause

Akbik, Burke, D.; Greis, Halliday, Kakoulidis, Roskin, Ryan, D.

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<i>Natural Science:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Nirode Pumo Silberger	Akbik Bhargava Burke Doboli	Eswarathasan Finzel Greenwell Ismailescu	Krause Liang Mammo Pillaipakkamnat	Wachter-Jurcsak Vallier
<i>Business:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Petra Viswanathan Yoo	Gao Hardiman	Kulviwat Lee, K Lenaghan	Sengupta Slavin Spieler	Thelan Venuti
<i>SOEAHS:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Fusco Lightfoot Lodato-Wilson	Frierman	Hines	Torff	
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<i>Law:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Diamond	Walker			
<i>New College:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Filippi	<i>Chairperson:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Kamberova		
<i>Staff:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Brown, M				
<i>Adjunct:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Pioreck			<i>Senior Support Specialist:</i> Porr, Caroline	
<i>Students:</i>	<u>Elected:</u> Cruz Kim, T Pleiman Schwartz	Harwani	Lee, Y	Kayel	

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<u>EXECUTIVE:</u>				
Chair: Nirode				Permanent Guest: Schmelkin
Berliner				
Diamond				
Gurevich				
Maney				
Martorella				
<u>UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:</u>				
Chair: Maney	Weitzberg	Eads	Caliendo	Brownell
Levy			Eliot	Cucciniello
Lodato-Wilson			Ismailescu	Hickling
Pumo				Schmelkin
Yoo				
<u>GRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:</u>				
Chair: Gurevich			Grafstein	Brownell
Fusco			Lledo-Guillem	Schmelkin
Krapp			Thelen	Drummer
Lightfoot				Jean-Louis
				Johnson, L.
				Seely
<u>PLANNING AND BUDGET:</u>				
Chair: Martorella			Frierman	Lukesh
Janer			Simon	Rubey
Petra		Staff: Brown, M	Slavin	
Roberts		Chairperson: Kamberova		
<u>FACULTY AFFAIRS:</u>				
Chair: Diamond			Dolan	Firestone
Licata			Finucane	Schmelkin
Pioreck			Flaton	
Silberger			Kulviwat	President AAUP: Gellman
Zhou			Pulis	
<u>STUDENT AFFAIRS:</u>				
Filippi	Cruz		DaSilva	<u>Student Senators At Large:</u>
	Kim, T		Smith, G.	Harwani
	Pleiman			Kayel
	Schwartz	SGA President: Weitzberg		Lee, Y
		GSO President: Perniciaro		

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OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

On the Library

Chair:

Berman, Eswarathasan, Kreisel, Rubey, Sengupta, Simon, Spar, Zapata

On Academic Computing

Chair: Doboli

Armenia, Bailin, Hardiman, Hines, Juckiewicz, Lukesh, Rubey, Spieler, Tabron, Thakur, Valerius, Vallier

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES, 2007-2008

On Recruitment, Elections and Nominations

Chair:

Bhargava, Lopatin, Nirode, Pillaipakkamnatt, Porr, Schmelkin, Venuti

On Athletic Policy

Chair: Ingles

Barnes, Eads, Frey, Hayes, Johnson, S.; Klinkowstein, Lenaghan, Liang, Lewis, McCabe, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Malley, Pounds, Schmelkin, Sewell, Torff

On Academic Calendar

Chair: Greenwell

Brown, Cucciniello, Henwood, Johnson, S; Lee, K; McEvoy, Nirode, Restivo, Schmelkin

On Environmental Priorities

Chair: Hunter

Akiyama, Bailin, Barkwill, Burke, Doherty, Donahue, Farmer, Frierman, Geyer, Johnson, S; LaFemina, Legnetti, O'Byrne

On Environmental Safety

Chair: Krause

Akbik, Burke, D.; Burke, R; Finzel, Greis, Hart, Kakoulidis, Roskin, Ryan, D.; Walker

III

RESPONSIBILITY, STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS OF THE SENATE

RESPONSIBILITY AND OPERATION OF THE SENATE

Authority to administer the academic operations of the University is vested by the State of New York in the Board of Trustees and derives from it through the President and the Provost to the deans and departmental chairpersons. Responsibility for shaping academic policies concerning the University as a whole, and for supervising all matters referred by the Board of Trustees, the President, or the Provost, rests in the University Senate, which consists of ex-officio members, elected members, and appointed members who represent all the internal constituencies of the University. Specifically, faculty, students, staff, and chairpersons are represented by elected senators: 20 faculty, five students, one staff member, one chairperson. The ex-officio members are the President, the Provost, the Vice President for Enrollment Services, the Vice President for Student Affairs, one academic dean, the President of the Student Government Association, and the President of the Graduate Student Organization. Thus, representation in the policymaking institution of the University is both broad and deep.

The decisions of the University Senate, on all matters save those involving changes in Faculty Statutes or the Faculty Policy Series, are conclusive, subject to the endorsement of the Provost, the President, and, when necessary, the Board of Trustees. In practice, motions passed by the Senate are transmitted to the Provost and, by the Provost, to the President. The responsibility for the implementation of endorsed Senate actions rests with the Office of the President. Changes in Faculty Statutes or in Faculty Policy Series are usually initiated in the Senate or one of its committees, and must be approved at a Full Faculty Meeting before being transmitted to the Provost, the President and the Board of Trustees for approval. Once changes are approved, these shall be incorporated in the Faculty Statutes or Faculty Policy Series by the Senate Office.

The Chairperson of the University Senate Executive Committee is obliged to report at the quarterly faculty meetings. At such time, he or she may present proposed changes in Faculty Statutes or in Faculty Policy Series to the Faculty for its action. Action items will be identified as, changes, deletions, or additions to the Faculty Statutes, Faculty Policy Series, or other. Other Senate business is reported to the Faculty meeting as information. If faculty members wish to contest University Senate actions, Faculty Statutes provide for the petitioning of the President to call a special meeting. The President may call such a meeting, at his/her discretion on the petitioning of any ten members of the faculty. He or she must call such a meeting on the petition of ten members of the faculty in the instances where the contested Senate action has been passed without the affirmative votes of a majority of the faculty constituency of the Senate.

Faculties of the schools, colleges, and other autonomous units of the University develop academic policy for their own units. When policy development involves more than one school, college or unit, or is University-wide, or when external review mandates University governance review, the Senate has the responsibility of review and the authority to veto, subject to the approval of the Provost, the President, and the Board of Trustees. To provide adequate communications, the Chairperson of the Senate Executive

