

University Senate – March 4, 2019



University Senate Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Stroud 113 Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Abbruzzese, Lonnie Albaugh, Jessica Agbi, Terry Barry, Joanne Bruno (Jeff Weber), Kevin Casebolt, Stanley Chiang, Robert Cohen, Darian Cruz, Robert D'Aversa, Anthony Drago, Kathleen Duguay, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Diane Holben, Shelby Jimcosky, Heon Kim, Maria Kitchens-Kintz, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Andi McClanahan, Margaret Mullan, Pats Neelakantan, Richard Otto, William Poole, Mary Frances Postupack, Mariah Ranton, Melinda Rosen, Gerard Rozea, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Naimah Stevens, Tom Tauer, Doreen Tobin, Loreylinette Trinidad, Nancy Van Arsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Marcia Welsh, Sylvester Williams, Jingfeng Xia, Welchu Xu, Xuemao Zhang.

ABSENT:

Judaha Amoroso, Lorraine Arocho, Nurum Begum, Rob Berkowitz, David Bousquet, Elijah Brown, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Christopher Domanski, Johan Eliasson, Christine Fisher, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Eliana Green, Jaedock Lee, Clare Lenhart, Al Moranville, Marcus Narcisse, Kyle Nelson, Erin O'Donnell, Allison Rutter, Wendell Smallwood, Abigail Soto, TeQuan Stewart, Jack Truschel, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins.

Roll Call

- 1) Approval of February 2019 Minutes
 - Approved
- 2) University President's Report – no report.
- 3) Fix the Agenda for the meeting
- 4) Committee reports
 - a) Executive Committee
 - b) Election and Nominations committee – seeking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Senator at large. Email Brenda before the next meeting (April 1) if you would like to self-nominate or nominate another person.
 - c) Rules and Bylaws
 - i) Deliberation of the deletion of section 4.2.6 (see below) from the University Senate Constitution.

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VOTE: Are you in favor of deleting section 4.2.6 from the University Senate constitution?

Results: 21 in favor and 15 against. Required two-thirds majority not obtained. Senate constitution stays as written.

- ii) Report back from Rules and Bylaws regarding a temporary faculty representative in Senate, the committee has decided to not move forward with a proposal.
- d) Student Affairs – no report
- e) Academic Affairs- no report
- f) Budget, Finance and Planning- next meeting March 18th.
- g) Research – no report
- h) Diversity and Inclusion-no report
- 5) Old Business – None
- 6) New Business-
 - a) Given the vote on the deletion of Section 4.2.6, the following two petitions are being proposed by senator Bruno, each designed to avoid the inadvertent loss of one manager based on the language in section 4.2.6. Each are available for Senate members to sign. With twenty signatures, a proposal will appear on the next agenda.

Option 1: (Delete language crossed out below)

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Option 2: (change from three to four senators)

Section 4.2.3 State System Managers: There will be ~~three~~ four senators elected from among State System Managers. State System Managers will be responsible for forming an election committee to determine candidate eligibility, to promote and to conduct the election of State System Manager senators.

- b) An additional petition was introduced by senator Cohen regarding a proposal to modify section 4.1.1 with the addition of the underlined language as follows.

Proposed Language: Section 4.1.1 The minimum qualifications for eligibility to serve on the University Senate are as follows:

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- Faculty – Faculty senators must either be tenured or on the tenure track except when a seat becomes vacant in which case it can be filled by an adjunct for the remainder of the term.
- 7) Open Discussion-
 - a) Senator Van Arsdale reported, on behalf of the ESU Calendar Committee, in regard to the idea of having a “reading day” between regular classes and the final exam week. Many issues are considered when planning the calendar, including the fact that most PASSHE schools use the same calendar plan as ESU. At this point in time, the recommendation is to keep the academic calendar as is, without reading days.
 - 8) Remaining meeting dates for 2018-2019: April 1, April 29 (if necessary). Spring Senate meetings will be located in Stroud 113.
 - 9) Announcements:
 - a) Meeting dates for 2019-2020: Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Feb 3, March 2, April 6, April 27/May 4 (if needed). Location TBD.
 11. Adjournment @ 1542