

University Senate – November 1, 2021



University Senate Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beers Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Arocho, Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Andra Basu, Nurun Begum, Jill Boyle, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, John Chang, Robert Cohen, Darla Darno, Esther Deganzo-Cantens, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Caroline Dipipi-Hoy, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, William Green, Brooke Langan, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Karen Lucas, Erin O'Donnell, Mary Frances Postupack, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Samantha Williams, Sylvester Williams, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Bill Bajor, Rob Berkowitz, Bill Broun, Annalise Cole, Kevin Davis, Christopher Domanski, Jan Hoffman, Diane Holben, Andrea Monet Jackson, Marie Kitchens, Minkyoo Lee, Clare Lenhart, Andi McClanahan, Jevon Mitchell, Frank Moore, Margaret Mullan, Richard Otto, Mariah Ranton, Arshad Rivers Melinda Rosen, Jessica Santiago, Loreylinnette Trinidad, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins, Amani Yeboah, Peng Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Review of September 4, 2021 Minutes
 - Approved with changes
- 2) University President's Report: No President's report, a few items carried over from last meeting will be addressed in old business.
- 3) Fix the Agenda – no changes to the agenda.
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – nothing to report
 - b. Academic Affairs – nothing to report
 - c. Rules and By-Laws – nothing to report
 - d. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee – Identified 2 student reps last week. We have scheduled our first meeting next Tuesday; we will have a report next senate meeting.
 - e. Budget, Finance and Planning – the committee met without the CFO or VP present, so we brainstormed items to be prioritized for next meeting.
 - f. Research – have not met, will be meeting in 2 weeks and will have a report for December.

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5) Student Government Association Report –

- SGA has appointed seven new student members that will be joining us on University Senate and they represent all classes and the graduate level as well as diverse constituencies. They will be finalizing appointments for the remaining open subcommittees.
- SGA worked with Dr. Solis and Chief Parish and other individuals to coordinate the safety walk, walking around campus, and identifying safety concerns.
- Many student leaders met with Chancellor Greenstein to learn more about the PASSHE integrations and discuss advocacy issues for ESU.
- SGA is continuing to support clubs and organizations as they reestablish themselves on campus. Many events have been planned by different organizations.
- Academic affairs committee is looking forward to work with academic affairs to ensure that students have the necessary information for the registration process.
- SGA will be hosting an open forum on November 9th focusing on dining, residential life, and parking.
- New student senators were introduced to the University Senate.

6) Old Business – none

7) New Business –

- a) Nominations for Senate Vice President: Last month's election ended in a tie between Esther Deganzo-Cantens and Elizabeth Scott. We will be having a second voting online.

The unofficial winner is Ester Deganzo-Cantens and will serve as the Vice President of the University Senate after the votes have been reviewed.

- b) Robert Cohen has stepped down as Member at Large. The constitution states that the President is to appoint someone to fill that position. Susan Dillmuth-Miller would like to appoint Liz Scott. Liz Scott accepted the appointment as Member at Large.

- c) Student Parking on campus – President Long provided an update on student parking and security cameras.

- There are approximately 500 cameras throughout the campus. A security firm was hired to identify locations on campus that did not have proper coverage. In the coming weeks, cameras will be adjusted, and some additional cameras will be added. All parking lots have full coverage.
- During the safety walk additional areas were identified and will be added for camera coverage.
- Locations of security cameras are not publicized for security purposes, only the police is the only area that has access to the cameras.

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- SGA and SAA will appoint one or two students to be assigned to the parking committee which will be meeting to review parking and will make recommendations to the President’s Council regarding parking issues.

8) Open Discussion –

- a) Question about update on the ongoing searches for various positions. President Long provided an update on the various positions open including the office of President.

9) Announcements:

- The department of Modern Language Philosophy and Religion is hosting the 4th Annual Modern Languages Undergraduate Student Conference on 11/13 in Stroud. The deadline for submitting papers is extended to 11/7. Great opportunity for students to present their research. The Keynote speaker is Dr. Di Bai who will be presenting “Chinese in America: A Tenacious Journey to Visibility”.

9) Adjournment @ 1536