

University Senate – April 1, 2019



University Senate Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Stroud 113 Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Abbruzzese, Judaha Amoroso, Terry Barry, Nurun Begum, David Bousquet, Joanne Bruno, Kevin Casebolt, Robert Cohen, Darian Cruz, Robert D'Aversa, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Anthony Drago, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, James Galdieri, Melissa Geiger, Diane Holben, Shelby Jimcosky, Heon Kim, Maria Kitchens-Kintz, Clare Lenhart, Kenneth Long, Andi McClanahan, Margaret Mullan, Marcus Narcisse, Pats Neelakantan, Erin O'Donnell, Richard Otto, Mary Frances Postupack, Mariah Ranton, Melinda Rosen, Gerard Rozea, Allison Rutter, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Tom Tauer, Doreen Tobin, Nancy Van Arsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins, Marcia Welsh, Sylvester Williams, Jingfeng Xia, Welchu Xu, Xuemao Zhang.

ABSENT:

Lonnie Albaugh, Lorraine Arocho, Rob Berkowitz, Elijah Brown, Stanley Chiang, Christopher Domanski, Christine Fisher, Rene Fuanta, Heather Garrison, Eliana Green, Eun-Joo Lee, Jaedock Lee, Al Moranville, Kyle Nelson, Wendell Smallwood, Leigh Smith, Abigail Soto, Naimah Stevens, TeQuan Stewart, Loreylinette Trinidad, Jack Truschel.

Roll Call

- 1) Approval of March 2019 Minutes
 - Approved
- 2) University President's Report: no report.
- 3) Fix the Agenda for the meeting
- 4) Committee reports
 - a) Executive Committee: no report
 - b) Election and Nominations committee: elections for academic year 2019-2020
 - i) President – Robert Cohen elected to President.
 - ii) Vice President – Susan Dillmuth-Miller elected to Vice President.
 - iii) Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Varcoe elected to Secretary/Treasurer.
 - iv) Member At large – Robert Miller elected to Member at large.
 - c) Rules and Bylaws: no report
 - d) Student Affairs:
 - report on successful strategies used to increase student literacy in financial aid programs and preparation of FAFSA materials.
 - An effort is underway to encourage students to update their emergency contact information in their portal.
 - e) Academic Affairs: no report
 - f) Budget, Finance and Planning:

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- Committee met in March to discuss enrollment that drives the revenue side of the budget.
 - Meeting later in April will focus on personnel that drives the expenses side of the budget.
- g) Research: no report
- h) Diversity and Inclusion:
- Warrior Campaign – signage will be up on campus.
 - The committee sponsored two student education programs during the year, a retreat in the Fall and conference in the Spring which was postponed and will take place October 26, 2019.
 - Monthly faculty and staff education modules to make information available, participation has been not as good as hoped. The committee will be looking for other ways to disseminate this information.
 - Student Business Brunches took place in Spring and Fall.
 - Working on recommendations for initiatives to increase diversity in faculty and staff.
- 5) Old Business – None
- 6) New Business- Deliberation of the change to section 4.2.6 (see below) of the University Senate Constitution. Two-part process, modifications are allowed at this time, with a vote on the (modified) proposal will take place at the next meeting.
- Section 4.2.6** There will be one senator to represent ~~those employees who are not already represented by one of the groups listed above, consisting mainly~~ of the staff of the President's and Vice Presidents' Offices. The staff in the President's office will be responsible for forming an election committee to determine candidate eligibility and to promote and to conduct the election of this senator.
- Discussion - Vote will take place in September.
- Motion to meet on April 29th to vote on wording of section 4.2.6
- Discussion – is an electronic vote an option?
- Motion to meet on April 29th did not pass, so vote will take place in September
- 7) 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.
 - b) April 13th- SGA neighborhood cleanup
 - c) Friday April 5th Relay for Life, still time to register to participate.
 - d) Campus climate survey on diversity and inclusion will be rolled out to all members of the campus community on April 9th, everyone is encouraged to participate.
 - e) The documentary “God knows where I am” will be shown on April 2nd at 6 pm in Beers Hall.
 - f) Many thanks to the outgoing officers Dr. Tobin and Dr. Abbruzzese.

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11. Adjournment @ 1549