

University Senate – November 6, 2023



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Amador-Rosario, Miguel Barbosa, Nurum Begum, Jill Boyle, Christopher Brooks, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Robert Cohen, Deena Dailey, Sierra DiCupe, Chris Domanski, Darla Drummond, Johan Eliasson, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Lorna Hunter, Yongwook Ju, Chris Kavanau, Heon Kim, Tommy Kish, Kenneth Long, Jason Narvy, Mary Frances Postupack, Elaine Rodriguez, Michael Sachs, Elizabeth Scott, Rob Smith, Jennie Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Holly Wells, Rosemary Williams, Sylvester Williams, Chad Witmer

ABSENT:

Brian Akonu, Margaret Ball, Rob Berkowitz, Bill Broun, Laurene Clossey, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Nick D'Angelo, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Jan Hoffman, Damali Jackson, Michelle Jones-Wilson, Brooke Langan, Andrea McClanahan, Margaret Mullan, Richard Otto, Tina Perez-Beltran, Melinda Rosen, Swornim Shrestha, Sherwin Stewart, Shawn Watkins, Keiara Whetstone, Jahsim Williams, Gabby Yaczkiewicz, Xuemao Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

Guests:

Karen Danna, Kizzy Morris, Bill Parrish

Roll Call

- 1) Review of October Minutes
 - a. Approved
- 2) University President's Report: No formal report. Updates on the following:
 - The 24-25 Calendar has been completed. Two day fall break, three day Thanksgiving break, no switch day, and Fall finals Tuesday through Friday with Saturday as make up day if needed. Will be published by the end of the week.
- 3) Fix the Agenda –
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee –
 - Met October 30th and set the agenda for the meeting.
 - b. Academic Affairs – no report.

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- c. Rules and By-Laws –
 - No report. Planning an upcoming meeting.
 - d. Budget, Finance and Planning –
 - Met on October 30th, discussed Bob Cohen’s tuition remission program proposal for students with a select group of reasons. A smaller subcommittee will be formed to review the proposal in more detail. A more detailed update on the year end close was also presented at the meeting. Greg Bleakly presented the fiscal year 24 budget.
 - e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee –
 - Announced they have identified 2 senators to join the committee and will be meeting next week.
 - f. Research –
 - Met October 19th to discuss past and future initiatives for the committee.
 - g. University Senate Evaluation Committee – report pending
- 5) Student Government Association Report –
- SGA is planning the annual Teddy Bear Drive. They will be visiting students in their classrooms at 2 schools including Mekeel daycare on campus. Looking for donations of teddy bears and toys for kids ages 3 through 8. Donations can be brought to the SGA office in the University Center.
 - The annual campus safety walk took place on October 20th, which included a separate walk at the University Ridge. A list was compiled and given to Facilities Management. Facilities Management was invited to attend the November 13th meeting to provide an update on progress made at fixing the issues found on the safety walk.
 - New clubs that have been approved by SGA include Minecraft Club, ESU Catholics and Warriors of ESU.
 - SGA is holding its semester student suggestion day on 11/8. Students will be able to express areas of concern and provide suggestions. The suggestions will be sorted into categories and shared with the corresponding areas on campus.
 - FAFSA information sessions to be held on 11/15, 11/16 and 11/27 at 4pm.
 - SGA and SA are hosting budget workshops to be held in December. Club budgets are due on 1/31 at 4pm.
- 6) Old Business – none
- 7) New Business – Installation of a Senate President pro tem for the remainder of this meeting. Vote to elect Robert Cohen to be President pro tempore for the remainder of this senate session. The vote passed with 96% majority.
- 8) Open Discussion –
- Dr. Robert Smith provided an enrollment update. (See attached)
 - Campus safety concerns. Bill Parish provided an update on the University Ridge project. 53 new cameras were installed over the summer, 3 months’ worth of video

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is saved on the servers. In addition to cameras, officers are being posted and the frequency of patrols has been increased.

9) Announcements:

- The performances of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night are taking place November 9-12th.
- The State system DEI Summit is taking place next week. Events and sign-ups can be found on the State system website.
- Next Monday the Chancellor will be visiting campus, there will be an open session at 2pm in Beers.
- Christmas trees with tags are displayed in Sci-Tech and Stroud as part of the annual event in collaboration with the Salvation Army. Each tag includes an item or items for gifts to children in need. Feel free to take a tag and purchase one or more of the items found on the tags. Leave the unwrapped item in a bag under the tree or leave with an AFSME member. On December 8th from 4:30 to 6:00 AFSME will be collecting the gifts and serving hot cocoa and cookies.

10) Adjournment @ 1548