

University Senate –December 2, 2024



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Nurun Begum, Greg Boyce, Jill Boyle, Christopher Brooks, Donna Bulzoni, Kevin Casebolt, Marguerite Carver, Tamar Cato, Domenico Cavauiolo, Marcy Cetnar, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Stephanie Ciccone-Felmly, Robert Cohen, Oliana Cole, Donna Marie Cole-Malott, Deena Dailey, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Caroline DiPipi-Hoy, Chris Domanski, Darla Drummond, Johan Eliasson, Nieves Gruneiro Roadcap, Bailey Higgins, Jan Hoffman, Lorna Hunter, Youngwook Ju, Kiondre Kenner, Heon Kim, Thomas Kish, Josie Kraemer, Brooke Langan, Kenneth Long, Nehiry Lora, Kizzy Morris, Margaret Mullan, Michael Nichols, Jamire Parker, Sandra Pena, Mary Francis Postupack, Michael Quigley, Elaine Rodriguez, Melinda Rosen, Michael Sachs, Liz Scott, Daniel Schmidt, Jennie Smith, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Krissy Sprinkle, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Daosu Wang, Bethanie Watson, Holly Wells, R. Samantha Williams, Sylvester Williams, Lanxi Xu, Shiqi Zhang, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Mary Amador-Rosario, Laurene Clossey, Bill Broun, Nick D'Angelo, Karen Danna, Matthew Davis, Daniel DiCupe, Jaylon Duncan, Nakeem Facey, James Galdieri, Melissa Geiger, Rebecca James, Damali Jackson, Chris Kavanau, Jamory Lee, Andrea McClanahan, Pasqual Ortiz, Richard Otto, Tina Perez-Beltran, Elizabeth Richardson, Gina Scala, Brian Street, Ansumana Turay, Shawn Watkins, Keiara Whetstone, Jahsim Williams, Xiaochen Zhou

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Review of November 2024 Minutes
 - a. Approved by general consent.
 - b. Individuals who are not senate members will be removed from the roll call.
- 3) University President's Report
 - a. No specific items
 - b. Met with University Senate President Dr. Susan Dillmuth-Miller last month and will resume meetings monthly as is currently done with various stakeholders across campus.
- 4) Fix the Agenda
 - a. Approved by general consent.
- 5) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee
 - Met last month, approved the agenda.
 - b. Academic Affairs

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- Did not meet last month.
- c. Rules and By-Laws
 - Met right before Thanksgiving, several discussion points were addressed. For example, language about online meetings and absences for senators. Coming together again on December 10th to finalize some language. There may need to be a vote to approve some of the language. Will have more to report in February.
- d. Budget, Finance and Planning
 - Committee met on November 21st and received an update from Greg Bleakley on the auxiliary budget and local fee processing and timeline.
 - Met with Kizzy Morris, who presented a proposal on a tuition extension policy as opposed to a tuition remission policy. Will be discussing the policy in detail at the next meeting.
 - Also met with Maria Cohen concerning electric vehicle charging stations on campus. Committee decided it would be best to move that to the University's Green Initiative Committee and for Michael Sachs and Donna Bulzoni to provide consultation with them regarding facilities and financial perspectives. Will bring the information back to the committee and then present findings to the full University Senate.
 - Discussion about tuition remission vs. tuition extension. Committee will be bringing further information back to Senate.
- e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee
 - Committee met on November 15th, spent time identifying goals and came up with 5.
 1. Continue discussing shuttle concerns with the schedule and making students late to class. Also, student behavioral issues on the shuttle.
 - Safety committee said they have no reports of behavioral issues but encourage students to report anything they see on the shuttle and drivers should be reporting as well.
 - Continue inquiring about the timeliness and reviewing the webpage and the new app.
 2. Providing information to students about support services
 - Marketing campaign to provide information to students about the services and supports. Will have conversations about social media and what students are using in order to direct information to the most impactful resource.
 3. Parking and the possibility of prioritizing parking based on academic year
 4. Violence on campus and campus safety, collaboration with the Safety Committee

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5. Development of a university wide calendar, will be following up with marketing and community relations.
 - Follow up discussion concerning several points addressed. The committee will be following up to be able to discuss more information as a committee as well as with the University Senate.
- f. Research
 - Have not met yet this semester, no initiatives to go over. Will call a meeting for next semester to address some ideas that have come from other committees.
- g. University Senate Evaluation Committee
 - No report
- 6) Student Government Association Report – Report by President Krissy Sprankle.
 - a. Approved the reactivation of the Spanish Club and approved the activation of an organization called Bounce Back, which is a hip hop group. Approved emergency contingency funding twice for Women’s Rugby so that they could attend the regionals in Virginia and the nationals in Texas.
 - b. Went on a trip to Harrisburg through the President’s Office. 23 members attended and went on a tour of the Capital building as well as had the opportunity to speak with Senator Flynn and Senator Brown. Students were able to sit in on a session.
 - c. Held a suggestion day and collected suggestions from students in exchange for baked goods. Had a lot of interesting feedback based on the election and the event served as a mental health check in for many students.
 - d. Participated in SAA Survivor and supported SAA in promoting the event.
 - e. Teddy Bear drive is coming up, working to get toys collected and wrapped. Will be delivering the toys to students on December 5th.
 - f. Budget workshops are being held, there will be 8 additional workshops next semester. Clubs officers must attend in order to gain access to their budget.
- 7) Old Business
 - a. Academic Affairs: Delay the add/drop and withdrawal window by 2 days for shortened sessions
 - Provost Ball will be taking it to Banner Executive Committee to discuss the technical issues
 - b. Budget, Finance, and Planning: Electric Vehicle Grants
 - The Green Initiative Committee will be looking into this
- 8) New Business
 - a. No new business
- 9) Open Discussion
 - a. Review of support services and identify areas of student needs

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- Jan Hoffman proposed to have each of the Gardner committees come to present on the information they examined; they will be doing so at University Senate meetings starting in Spring 2025.
 - Conversation about banner, midterm grade reporting, and WarriorFish concerning deadlines and information about which deadlines are due when.
 - Discussion will be held at the college level and updates presented at University Senate.
 - b. Underprepared students
 - Conversation had at college level and will be brought back to University Senate.
- 10) Announcements:
- a. Bethanie Watson: President's Holiday Concern being held 12/8 at 7pm at Fine Arts.
 - b. President Long: tree lighting happening 12/3 at 4:30pm.
- 11) Adjournment @ 3:40pm

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