University Senate Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2013
3:00 - 5:00pm
Keystone Room

Roll Call

IN ATTENDANCE: John Abbruzzese, Kwaku Adjei-Bohyen, Abdalla Aldras, Mary Beth Allen, Debra Ballinger, Nurun Begum, Saran Burfeind, Robert D'Aversa, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Dianne Devlin, Scott Dietrich, Susan Dilmuth-Miller, Kathleen Duguay, Ronald Eith, Johan Eliasson, Melissa Geiger, Patricia Graham, Daniel Hagan, Sheila Handy, Patty Hannon, Jeffrey Hardy, Peter Hawkes, Jeffrey Hotz, Chin Hu, Yi-hui Huang, Lorna Hunter, Mike Jochen, John Kercsmar, Mark Kilker, Heon Kim, Pamela Kramer-Ertel, Donna Leitner, David Mazure, Joe Miele, Gavin Moir, Bob Moses, Tasso Papadopoulos, Mary Frances Postupak, Matthew Simmons, Mike Southwell, Mark Stewart, Yoshi Tanokura, Doreen Tobin, Nancy Van Arsdale, Marilyn Wells, Marcia Welsh, Alla Wilson, Jeff Wilson, Myia Woodson, Laruen Zirkelbach, Rebecca Zirkelbach


1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes
   a. Motioned; Passed
3. Presidents Report
   a. Community on the Quad was a great success, thanks to all involved
   b. International Student Celebration; excellent event, and encouraged staff/faculty to attend future events
   c. All University Meeting Tomorrow, 2pm, Keystone Room
   d. Faculty Athletic Representative; NCAA requires a regular report to be shared with University Senate - will be sent via email
   e. Concealed Weapons Policy being revised; currently a student policy and being rewritten to be a University policy (will apply to everyone, including visitors to campus)
   f. Performance Indicators; replacing faculty measure with facilities measure, which will allow for a more positive impact on our performance funding
   g. Appointment of Vice President for Finance & Administration, Kenneth Long from Kutztown University, starting July 1, 2013
   h. Thanks to all who’ve contributed to the assessment process
   i. Congratulations to the graduates and retirees
4. Approval of agenda
   a. Motioned; Passed

5. Standing committee reports
   a. Student Affairs Committee
      i. Extending current shuttle program and using expanding ecard program to include bus fare
      ii. Recommendation to University Senate
         1. Removing PIN numbers for Juniors and Seniors
         2. Earlier release of PIN numbers, 5th week
         3. Class schedule released earlier, 5th week
         4. Printed catalogs more readily accessible to Faculty and Students; more user-friendly online catalog
   b. Senate Research Committee
      i. Rewriting strategic research plan
      ii. Tenure and promotion guidelines for faculty to be presented to Dr. Welsh
   c. Nominations and Elections Committee
      i. Call for nominations of officers for next semester

6. Report from Student Senate
   a. Lauren Zirkelbach
      i. Community on the Quad was a huge success
      ii. Completed elections for 13-14; introduction of officers
      iii. Final fundraisers and programs ongoing
      iv. Elections for Senators
      v. Banquet this week
      vi. Finals snacks in the University Center, and the Science and Technology Center
      vii. Proposed changes to Student Senate Constitution
         1. Increase the number of seats available, including graduate student seats

7. Report from APSCUF
   a. Dr. Van Arsdale
      i. 33rd Annual Honors Convocation
      ii. Strategic taskforce

8. Graduate Programs
   a. Dr. Wells & Kevin Quintero
      i. Graduate Programs; 50 years of success; 21 degree programs across all four colleges;
      ii. Graduate Faculty; Collaborative programs; Student engagement; Increase in Scholarships for Students
      iii. Graduate Students; increase in student diversity; Graduate Student Organization
      iv. Enrollment; increase in full time graduate student enrollment; increase in degree conferral rate over the past ten years
      v. Graduate Admission Update, Fall 2013 Enrollment Numbers
9. ESU Foundation Report
   a. Frank Falso
      i. Fundraising dollars are ‘enhancement’ dollars, on top of whatever the University
         budget is providing
      ii. Shared organizational Chart
      iii. Annual Funds Review; consistent increases

10. Budget Presentation
    a. Van Reidhead
       i. The University is being ‘privatized’ financially
       ii. Flat funding for the coming year
       iii. Review of revenues, expenses, capitol and transfers
       iv. Overall deficit of approx. $4.6 million

11. SAT Exam scores reporting information
    a. Jeff Jones
       i. All acceptance and denial decisions are included in total SAT scores
       ii. 987 average for all students
       iii. 965 for deposited students
       iv. 847 for deposited early start program
       v. SAT scores are coming from High Schools and College Board

12. Update about University Assessment
    a. Dr. Walters
       i. Aligning with Gen Ed Committee to better assess student learning outcomes
       ii. Summary of programs to Program Assessment Group
       iii. Linking institutional resources
       iv. NSSE still being offered through first week of June

13. New Business
    a. Academic Affairs Open Discussion (Kwaku)
       i. 5th Week PIN release
          1. Will be looked into by Student Enrollment Services
       ii. 5th Week Schedule Available
       iii. Printed Catalog and Better online catalog
          1. Limited copies due to cost and decreased carbon footprint
             a. Copies available in library or elsewhere on campus?
          2. Different company is being used for online catalog
    b. Change in ability for students to walk in graduation that are not officially graduating
       until the end of summer (Dr. Van Reidhead)
       i. Sign a form recognizing that they have not officially graduated until all
          requirements have been completed
          1. Opportunity to apply for exceptions to the graduation policy currently in
             effect
    c. Graduation Requirements Policy (Dr. VanArsdale)
i. Policy requirements – all students must have completed course requirements. Exceptions being internships in majors that are required to be completed following completion of coursework

14. Adjournment
   a. Motioned; Approved