



University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2014

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Lower Dansbury

Roll Call

IN ATTENDANCE: John Abbruzzese, Radhia Adam, Abdalla Aldras, Terry Barry, Todd Behr, David Bousquet, Alberto Cardelle, Robert Cohen, Stanley Chiang, Marianne Cutler, Robert D'Aversa, Chris Davis, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Binetou Fall, Robert Fleischman, Brenda Friday, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Tom Gioglio, Sheila Handy, Jeffrey Hardy, Drew Johnson, Sarah Khan, Heon Kim, John Kochmansky, Kenneth Long, David Mazure, Joe Miele, Matthew Miltenberger, Bob Moses, Mary Frances Postupak, Suzanne Prestoy, Van Reidhead, Patricia Smeaton, Leigh Smith, Mike Southwell, Nancy Van Arsdale, Thomas Tauer, Dominique Washington, Doreen Tobin, Daniel Watson, Marcia Welsh, Gene White, Qian Xie

ABSENT: Julie Alberio-Walton, Mary Beth Allen, Nurun Begum, Leslie Berger, Teri Burcroff, Richard Connell, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Scott Dietrich, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Ronald Eith, James Emert, Stephanie Gavilanes, Glenn Geiser-Getz, Jon Gold, Sandra Gordon, Michael Gray, Kelly Harrison, Peter Hawkes, Jan Hoffman, Yi-hui Huang, Rebecca Keck, Jonathan Keiter, Efia King, Jaedeock Lee, Clare Lenhart, Brad Seid

1. Roll Call (Sign in)

2. Approval of Minutes, November 17, 2014

- Motion made by Dominique Washington, Motion moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014.
- Motion carried.

3. Vote for senate meeting schedule 2015-2016

- Executive committee proposed three options: (see attached appendix I)
- Motion made by Joe Miele to vote for #3, seconded and carried.

4. Student affairs committee report (Bob Moses) in response to Senate request (Nov)

The committee moved that the senate recommend that the university sponsor a dialogue or discussion in the spring (perhaps during February) on race relations and racial climate on campus.

- Motion to amend (Marianne Cutler): remove parenthetical statement and replace “dialogue or discussion” with “series of dialogues or discussion”, seconded and motion carried.
- Motion as amended was passed.

The committee moved that the university provide transportation to the polls, conduct marketing of where to vote and conduct earlier voter registration for both presidential and midterm elections.

- Motion to amend (Doreen Tobin): insert “explore ways to” after “university”. Seconded and passed.
- Motion to amend (Doreen Tobin): add “along with minimizing hurdles to student voting, like the possibility of where the polling places are located.” Seconded and passed.
- Motion as amended was passed.

5. New Business

- Motion (Nancy Van Arsdale): The University Senate requests that President Welsh temporarily suspend any award of the contract for RFP#ESU30-02-Branding-Marketing until the RFP and budget allotment have been thoroughly reviewed by the Budget and Planning Committee to determine that this is a worthy expenditure and until this committee presents a formal report to the University Senate for further discussion. The review of project worthiness would include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the merit of the RFP's stated goals and the cost to the university and an examination of items in the RFP that could be fulfilled using resources of the innovation center and the expertise/input of current university faculty, staff, administrators, and students in marketing and related fields.
- Motion to postpone to the next meeting (Van Reidhead): Seconded and passed.

6. Announcements

- Terry Miles announced tutor link will be posted online.

7. Johan Eliasson announced research committee have been working on the ESU research plan and expect to present a draft at the first senate meeting of the 2015 spring semester.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Appendix I Three Schedule Options

Option #1: First Monday of every month (8 possible meetings)

September 14, 2015 (first Monday is labor day)

October 5, 2015

November 2, 2015

December 7, 2015 (finals week)

February 1, 2016

March 14, 2016 (2nd Monday due to spring break)

April 4, 2016

May 2, 2016 (finals starts on May 3)

Option #2: Third Monday of every month (7 possible meetings)

September 21, 2015

October 19, 2015

November 16, 2015

January 25, 2016 (fourth Monday; third Monday is MLK)

February 15, 2016 (president's day)

March 21, 2016

April 18, 2016

Option #3: Last Monday of every month (8 possible meetings) passes

August 31, 2015 (second week of classes)

September 28, 2015

October 26, 2015

November 30, 2015 (first Monday after Thanksgiving break)

January 25, 2016

February 29, 2016

March 28, 2016

April 25, 2016