

# University Senate – April 20, 2015



University Senate Meeting Minutes  
April 20th, 2015  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Lower Dansbury

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Abbruzzese, Radhia Adam, Abdalla Aldras, Mary Beth Allen, Terry Barry, Leslie Berger, David Bousquet, Alberto Cardelle, Li-Ming Chiang, Robert Cohen, Marianne Cutler, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Robert D'Aversa, Chris Davis, Scott Dietrich, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Robert Fleischman, Stephanie D. French, Brenda Friday, Melissa Geiger, Glenn Geiser-Getz, Michael Gray, Sheila Handy, Peter Hawkes, Drew Johnson, Jonathan Keiter, Heon Kim, Jaedeock Lee, Clare Lenhart, Christina McDonald (for Mary Frances Postupack), Matthew Miltenberger, Joe Miele, Edward Owusu-Ansah, Fernando Perez, Suzanne Prestoy, Leigh Smith, Mike Southwell, Zaidi Syed (for Ken Long), Thomas Tauer (also for Joanne Bruno), Doreen Tobin, Dominique Washington, Daniel Watson, Gene White

**ABSENT:** Julie Alberio-Walton, Nurun Begum, Todd Behr, Teri Burcroff, Richard Connell, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Ronald Eith, James Emert, Binetou Fall, Heather Garrison, Stephanie Gavilanes, Tom Gioglio, Jon Gold, Sandra Gordon, Kelly Harrison, Jan Hoffman, Yi-hui Huang, Rebecca Keck, Sarah Batool Khan, Efia King, John Kochmansky, David Mazure, Andi McClanahan, Bob Moses, Leslie Raser, Anthony Ruiz, Brad Seid, Pat Smeaton, Nancy Van Arsdale, Marcia Welsh, Qian Xie, Rebecca Zirkelbach

1. Roll Call (Sign in)
2. Approval of Minutes, March 16th , 2015
  - Motion moved and seconded to approve the March 16th, 2015 minutes.
  - Motion carried.
3. University Presidents Report:
  - Robert Cohen reported that the president has approved the changes to the constitution that were passed at the last meeting.
4. Fix the agenda for the meeting
  - The agenda was approved with the addition of the student affairs committee report and the nominations and elections committee report
5. Executive committee report
  - Motion from committee: That a University Senate Evaluation Committee be organized in the fall to conduct an evaluation and assessment of the University Senate. The committee shall be composed of five senators, appointed by the Senate President with approval of the University Senate. The committee's report is to be submitted to the University Senate no later than the last meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year and the report will be made available to the public. The committee will cease to exist after issuing its report. [Based on sections 6.11 and 5.6.1.i of the Senate Constitution]
  - Passed
6. Academic affairs committee report (Glenn Geiser-Getz)
  - a. Grading scales
    - The committee agreed that faculty should clearly publish grading scales in their respective course syllabi but decided against recommending a universal grading scale.
    - Discussion ensued but no formal motion was made.
  - b. ENGL090 appeal process
    - The committee recommended that the Department of English consider additional ways to communicate information about the appeal process to ESU students, like sending the information to both campus and private email addresses for students, communicating with department chairs

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and faculty advisors, putting announcements in Warrior Notes, distributing the information to students during orientation, and using social networking and the ESU web site (adapting to the ways that our students communicate). However, the committee decided against making a formal recommendation in this regard, based on the responsiveness of the English department and Dr. Leigh Smith, coordinator for this process, in particular. Dr. Smith also provided a summary of the process for the senate.

- No formal recommendation was made.
- 7. Nominations and Elections committee report
  - It was reported that nominations for the 2015-2016 officer positions (president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and at-large executive committee member) should be sent to Heon Kim.
- 8. Student Affairs committee report
  - Daniel Watson provided a summary of the town hall meetings held March 18<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to create alliance between the departments (residential housing and campus parking) and the student body. Meeting addressed the duties and offering of the departments with student's concerns on related topics.
- 9. Old business
  - There was no old business
- 10. New business
  - Motion to endorse "the way of the warrior" as a guiding statement for what an ESU warrior represents:  
"WAY OF THE WARRIOR"  
A WARRIOR is...
    - A CHAMPION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
    - COMMITTED TO SELF GROWTH
    - WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THE GREATER GOOD
    - POSITIVE, HONEST, AND LOYAL
    - RESPECTFUL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY
    - DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING OTHERS
    - ACCOUNTABLE FOR ONE'S ACTIONS
  - Motion passed.
- 11. Announcements
  - Andrew Kissling announced that the student senate elections for 2015-2016 President, Vice President and Senator are open. Elections will end April 22 at 2 p.m.
  - Doreen Tobin announced "The Most Trusted Stranger in America: Frank Warren's Postsecret" will be held Wednesday April 22th and "Day Without Stress" on Thursday, April 30th.
  - Tomas Tauer reported that representatives from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (Middle States) will arrive to ESU on April 23th. Members of the campus community are invited to attend.
  - Briana Brizill announced the Community on the quad will be hosted on April 23th.
  - Stefanie French announced that Student research symposium will be held April 23th and a Midsummer Night's Dream will also be hosted April 23th and welcoming the university-wide campus to attend.
  - Joe Akob announced book adoption has started. May be ordered online or by contacting Kathi Lehman.
- 10. Adjournment
  - The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.