

University Senate – December 5, 2022



University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Nurum Begum, Jill Boyle, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, John Chang, Stanley Chiang, Robert Cohen, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Darla Darno, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Christopher Domanski, Johan Eliasson, James Galdieri, Melissa Geiger, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Chris Kavanau, Brooke Langan, Ken Long, Karen Lucas, Margaret Mullan, Jason Narvy, Erin O'Donnell, Mary Frances Postupack, Kim Razzano, Melinda Rosen, Michael Sachs, Swornim Shrestha, Jennie Smith, Rob Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Sylvester Williams, Peng Zhang, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Brian Akonu, Lorraine Arocho, Rob Berkowitz, Bill Broun, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Nick D'Angelo, Isabel Ford, Heather Garrison, Tobi Granville, William Green, Jan Hoffman, Michelle Jones-Wilson, Tommy Kish, Sarah Louis, Marcus Narcisse, Richard Otto, Nisar Patel, Jihad Safi, Salome Sanchez, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Shawn Watkins, Rosemary Williams, Gabby Yackiewicz, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Review of November 7, 2022, Minutes
 - Approved with changes
- 2) University President's Report:
 - a. Thanks to everyone for a really good semester
 - b. Many activities scheduled for the next 2 weeks
 - c. Congratulations to the Field Hockey team on their NCAA Championship
- 3) Fix the Agenda –
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – agenda set for this meeting
 - b. Academic Affairs – met on November 14th
 - Improved online curriculum software coming next year.
 - Issue with Chairs unable to access transcripts register transfer students is being worked on. Students are admitted with unofficial transcripts because most have classes in progress.
 - c. Rules and By-Laws – met on December 2nd
 - Evaluating union member representation at ESU, and more inclusive for members.
 - d. Budget, Finance and Planning – met on October 26th

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- Presented preliminary fiscal year '22 audit results to the Council of Trustees at their meeting last week.
 - Fiscal year '23 budget shared with the committee for discussion.
 - A summary of FY '22 audit results and FY '23 budget was presented.
 - e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee –
 - Review of 2 goals for the committee
 - Shuttle service – SGA to reach out to RHA to survey to students to determine needs.
 - Inviting Jen Young from CAPS to talk about student counseling needs.
 - The committee is restructuring if anyone is interested in joining is welcome.
 - f. Research –
 - Meeting regularly, goals are to work on projects given to the committee by the University, Senate, or other committees.
 - Gave feedback on a mock-up of the OSPR website to Christina McDonald.
 - Thinking of ways to increase visibility of faculty publications.
 - Looking into a possible project with student research.
 - The committee is helping RSCAN with research on campus.
 - g. University Senate Evaluation Committee – met November 28th
 - Developing a survey regarding the senate to run in January-February for senators to take back to their departments. This survey is for the whole campus.
 - h. Student Government Association Report – no report
- 5) Old Business – none
- 6) New Business –
- New Student Senators/Committee approvals – we have many new student senators, there is availability on the Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence, Academic Affairs Committee, and Student Affairs. If interested speak to Brian or Marcus.
 - Student Safety Concerns – 2 issues identified
 - Blue safety lights not working, update given by Rob Smith on blue lights.
 - Ant infestation at university ridge, facilities management has been working with a contracted exterminator regarding the issue.
 - Proposal to keep dorms open until Wednesday afternoon prior to Thanksgiving break.
 - Residence halls close at 7pm on Tuesday, students can send in a request to stay longer if needed. Residential life communicates this to students.
 - Faculty should not feel that they should adjust Tuesday evening classes, since this is available to students.
- 7) Open Discussion:

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- Unbiased training is required for all departments that are going through a search. It is face to face training and is good for 3 years.
 - Options for students who cannot afford books. The First Day program is an option, it has to be voted on by the university. They are working on a proposal to present to President Long. Is this a valid issue to explore further?
 - There is a significant fee for this program.
 - An overview of the program was given by President Long.
 - It would spread the cost of the program to all students.
 - Bring it back to the Senate after the proposal is reviewed by administration.
 - Student support: current student resources on the ESU webpage. All services are located here with links. <https://www.esu.edu/academic-success/index.cfm>
 - Also, there is a D2L template is available that has access to various student resources and services. <https://esu.desire2learn.com/d2l/home/3008251>
- 8) Announcements:
- a. “She Kills Monsters” is a theater production that runs this weekend Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:00pm.
 - b. Campus information day this coming Saturday. 200 prospective students are registered.
 - c. Ballots and Burgers events registered over 400 students to vote.
- 9) Adjournment @ 1406