University Senate – December 5, 2022

University Senate Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2022
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:


ABSENT:


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