

University Senate –April 1, 2024



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Nurum Begum, Jill Boyle, Bill Broun, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Robert Cohen, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Deena Dailey, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Chris Domanski, Darla Drummond, Johan Eliasson, James Galdieri, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Lorna Hunter, Chris Kavanau, Heon Kim, Tommy Kish, Brooke Langan, Kenneth Long, Andrea McClanahan, Kizzy Morris, Pasqual Ortiz, Mary Frances Postupack, Elaine Rodriguez, Melinda Rosen, Michael Sachs, Elizabeth Scott, Jennie Smith, Rob Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Holly Wells, Sylvester Williams, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Brian Akonu, Mary Amador-Rosario, Rob Berkowitz, Gregory Boyce, Christopher Brooks, Laurene Clossey, Nick D'Angelo, Matthew Davis, Sierra DiCupe, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Jan Hoffman, Rebecca James, Yongwook Ju, Damali Jackson, Michelle Jones-Wilson, Jamory Lee, Margaret Mullan, Jason Narvy, Richard Otto, Tina Perez-Beltran, Swornim Shrestha, Sherwin Stewart, Ansumana Turay, Shawn Watkins, Keiara Whetstone, Rosemary Williams, Chad Witmer, Jahsim Williams, Gabby Yaczkiewicz, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Review of March Minutes
 - a. Approved by general consent.
- 2) University President's Report-No formal report.
 - Congratulations to student senators who are graduating this spring.
 - Best Wishes to those who are retiring this year.
 - Commencement committee is finalizing all the graduation ceremonies. Everyone is encouraged to come out and see our students graduate. We have two alumni who are serving as keynote speakers for this year's graduation.
- 3) Fix the Agenda –
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – met last week to formalize agenda.

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- We will be incorporating an electronic suggestion box to enable senators to make anonymous requests for agenda items and suggestions.
 - Working with IT to make the senate agenda and minutes more accessible on the website.
- b. Academic Affairs –Met on March 28, 2024.
- We received a grant to be able to provide training for AI; if anyone is interested, information is posted in the chat. The training will be made available to those who have interest in this training.
- c. Rules and By-Laws – no report.
- d. Budget, Finance and Planning – no report.
- e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee –
- We accomplished all the goals set for this year. We will be waiting for the first meeting in the fall to set new goals for the upcoming year.
- f. Research – Did not meet.
- Some members were asked to help with reading grants for the S.U.R.E. committee and GSR committee.
- g. University Senate Evaluation Committee–written report pending.
- 5) Student Government Association Report –
- The 24-25 budget allocation for clubs and organizations has been approved. Clubs and organizations will be able to view their budgets by mid-April.
 - 3 clubs have been approved: Unified Sports, Political Science Organization, and Kappa Delta Pi.
 - A bake sale will take place April 3rd from 12-2 in University Center.
 - SGA is holding several study halls in the upcoming weeks.
 - Elections for fall 2024 petitions are due April 5th at 4pm. Elections will be held 4/18-4/20. New officers will be sworn in April 25th.
- 6) New Business –
- a. Lorna Hunter provided an update on admissions. Discussion with senators included admission requirements, marketing, student retention.
- b. Nominations and Elections:
- Nominated and elected as President – Susan Dillmuth-Miller.
 - Nominated and elected as Vice President – Elizabeth Scott
 - Nominated and elected as Secretary/Treasurer – Darla Drummond
 - Nominated and elected as Member at Large – Keith Vanic
- 7) Open Discussion – none
- 8) Announcements:
- Department chairs that start from A to H will be notified that their term has finished and and if they would like to appoint a new department representative.

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- The Department of Special Education and Domenico Caviolo are holding a conference “Through Their Eyes” at SciTech and the Innovation Center on Friday from 9am to 1 pm. They have a lineup of inspirational speakers giving personal anecdotes and stories about their own lives and how they have overcome personal adversities.
- We are restarting the Carbine International Lecture Series tomorrow in Sci Tech auditorium at 7pm with the first female Vice President of Afghanistan, who had to flee when we pulled our troops out in 2021. She also serves on the Human Rights Board and counsel and advisor to the US Secretary General.
- On Wednesday, Diao Meqdadi, a senior at ESU is one of 3 finalists in the PASSHE Student Startup Challenge. He will be competing against students from Shippensburg. Last year ESU student won this challenge, and we are hoping that Dia can bring this award back to ESU for the second year in a row.
- We need to address the ESU events calendar at a future meeting. Some events are not listed on the calendar. We need to make sure all events are on the calendar so that everyone interested can attend events.

9) Adjournment @ 1629

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