

University Senate –September 9, 2024



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Amador-Rosario, Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Nurum Begum, Gregory Boyce, Jill Boyle, Christopher Brooks, Bill Broun, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Domenico Cavauiolo, Marcy Cetnar, Jeuaprakash Chelladurai, Robert Cohen, Deena Dailey, Karen Danna, Caroline Dipippi-Hoy, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Chris Domanski, Darla Drummond, Johan Eliasson, Melissa Geiger, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Lorna Hunter, Jan Hoffman, Chris Kavanau, Heon Kim, Thomas Kish, Josie Kraemer, Brooke Langan, Kenneth Long, Andrea McClanahan, Kelly McKenzie, Margaret Mullen, Mary Francis Postupack, Elaine Rodriguez, Melinda Rosen, Michael Sachs, Gina Scala, Elizabeth Scott, Jennie Smith, Rob Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Krissy Sprankle, Lauren Stemler, Brian Street, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Bethanie Watson, Holly Wells, Sylvester Williams, Shiqi Zhang, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Laurene Clossey, Nick D'Angelo, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Nick D'Angelo, Matthew Davis, James Galdieri, Rebecca James, Yongwook Ju, Damali Jackson, Jamory Lee, Kizzy Morris, Pasqual Ortiz, Richard Otto, Tina Perez-Beltran, Ansumana Turay, Shawn Watkins, Keiara Whetstone, Daisy Wang, Jahsim Williams, Rosemary Williams, Xiaochen Zhou

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Review of April Minutes
 - a. No objections, approved by general consent.
- 3) University President's Report-No specific or formal report.
 - a. Vacant staffing positions will move forward this semester
 - Chief of Police
 - Director of Library
 - Director of Sponsored Research
 - b. Final stages of updating Strategic Plan, to be finalized by the end of the semester
 - c. Middle States Reaccreditation
 - Working groups focusing on data collection and responding to lines of inquiry from the self-study
 - d. Construction continues, plan to be in new Union by next academic year
 - e. Family weekend is 9/27, kicked off by the Pocono Latin Festival
 - f. Homecoming is 10/18

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- 4) Fix the Agenda
 - a. Change in wording for Open Discussion
 - Change: “Admitting underqualified students” to “Entrance Requirements for Students”
 - No objections to approving the agenda for the meeting
 - b. Change the order of the agenda, move “Marijuana Police Enforcement” to 10A and “Entrance Requirements for Students” to 10B
 - No objections to changing the order
 - Approved by general consent
- 5) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – Met 8/26 to set the agenda for the meeting
 - Digital suggestion box is set up and available under the University Senate page on the right hand side. Suggestions can be anonymous.
 - b. Academic Affairs – Report given by Provost Ball. Committee has not met this semester.
 - Roster verification ends 9/10 at noon.
 - c. Rules and By-Laws – No report, committee has not met yet.
 - d. Budget, Finance and Planning – No report, committee has not met yet.
 - e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee – No report, committee has not met yet.
 - f. Research – No report, committee has not met yet.
 - g. University Senate Evaluation Committee– Evaluation is complete. Report will be approved and sent to all senators, committee will then be dissolved.
- 6) Student Government Association Report – Report by President Krissy Sprinkle.
 - a. In election season, encourage students to get involved and fill out a petition through WarriorLink for SGA, lots of spots open and elections will take place 9/19-23
 - b. SGA meets Thursdays from 2-4 and alternates between open and closed meetings
- 7) Senate Orientation- Dr. Robert Cohen nominated by Senate President as Parliamentarian.
 - a. No objections
 - b. Appointment confirmed by general consent
 - c. Dr. Cohen will give a presentation on Roberts Rules and Senate in general
 - ESU University Senate powerpoint presentation
- 8) Old Business- No old business
- 9) New Business –
 - a. Senate Committees
 - Academic Dean position available for Rules and Bylaws. Provost Ball will discuss with deans after Senate meeting.
 - Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee- Rosemary Williams, Marguerite Carver and Melissa Geiger added to committee

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- Budget, Finance and Planning- Gregory Boyce will fill the unrestricted senator position
 - Research- IRB Representative needed, Head of Office of Sponsored Projects and Research will be added. Kelly Varcoe will fill the open senator position.
 - Nominations and Elections- Unrestricted senator spots will be filled by Brandon Synder, Holly Wells and Marguerite Carver.
 - Academic Affairs- Open Health Sciences position will be filled by Keith Vanic.
 - b. No objection to committee members, committees approved
 - Additional members added to committees as needed
 - c. Proposal: Delay the add/drop and withdrawal window by 2 days for shortened sessions (i.e. winter).
 - Proposal brought forward due to high DFW rates in shortened sessions. Belief that the session is too short and that students don't know their standing in the class (grade) prior to add/drop ending.
 - Originally asked to apply this concept to Summer session as well but the impact on financial aid would not make this possible.
 - Moved by Rob Cohen to the floor, second by Jill Boyle.
 - Open for discussion- Leo in Office of Financial Aid will need to be involved in the discussion to see the impact on aid. Potential impact on the refund policy should also be examined.
 - Proposal from Andi McClanahan to move this proposal to Academic Affairs Committee for further review.
 - Second from Brook Langan to move to Academic Affairs Committee.
 - No objections to making the referral, approved by general consent.
 - d. Proposal: Efficient funding for professional tutors to meet the needs of the students.
 - Proposed by Christopher Brooks, Johan Eliason, Jan Hoffman, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Keith Vanic and Darla Drummond
 - Christopher Brooks will speak to the proposal- Professional tutoring program disbanded in 2010 and 2011 due to being unsustainable. Proposal to identify ways to make it sustainable and bring it back to benefit students.
 - Seconded by Holly Wells
 - Presentation by Kelly McKenzie and Matthew Simmons on current tutoring program
 - President Long will confer with Provost Ball about the possibility.
- 10) Open Discussion –
- a. Student Issues: Marijuana Policy Enforcement; Fighting
 - Addressed as a safety concern in senate last year. New concerns about marijuana smoking in dorms and questions about new policies put in place.

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- Curtis Dugar to address the concerns and questions- Any student who smokes (of any kind) in residence halls will be held accountable and referred to student conduct for adjudication. Added structure to the housing agreement to include expectations and penalties. University invested in sensitive smoke detectors for the suites in the stairwell. Staff on duty can see when students are smoking and get a reading of what they are smoking. This information can be used to gather data about who is violating the policy. If students are caught tampering with the smoke detector they will be held accountable and given tampering violations concerning the public health issue.
- Lauren Stemler to address the Conduct related issues- student code of conduct outlines the process and how the University upholds student due process. Student conduct website has the updated student code of conduct.
- Chief Elick to address law enforcement component- education and prevention at the forefront instead of arrest. Combined program with Monroe County for minor infractions.

b. Admissions: Entrance Requirements for Students

- Moved to next meeting
- No objections

11) Announcements:

a. Provost Colloquium

- First one coming up, spread throughout the semester.

b. Political Science Presentation 9/16

12) Adjournment @ 16:53

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