

University Senate – April 6, 2020



University Senate Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beers Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Arocho, Bill Bajor, Miguel Barbosa, Paul Bartoli, Terry Barry, Andra Basu, Nurun Begum, Leila Bouchekouk, Joanne Bruno, William Cheetham, Robert Cohen, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, William Green, Heon Kim, Kenneth Long, Andi McClanahan, Richard Otto, Mary Frances Postupack, Millie Roman-Buday, Gerard Rozea, Alison Rutter, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Kelly Varcoe, Marcia Welsh, Jingfeng Xia, Amani Yeboah, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Lonnie Albaugh, Rob Berkowitz, Kevin Casebolt, Stanley Chiang, Michele Connors, Darla Darno, Kevin Davis, Christopher Domanski, Christine Fisher, Diane Holben, Eric Hunt, Shelby Jimcosky, Eun-Joo Lee, Clare Lenhart, Jevon Mitchell, Al Moranville, Margaret Mullan, Pats Neelakantan, Erin O'Donnell, Nisar Patel, Mariah Ranton, Albert Rivera, Melinda Rosen, Leigh Smith, Nick Stein, Loreylinnette Trinidad, Jack Truschel, Nancy VanArsdale, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins, Samantha Williams, Sylvester Williams, Xiao Chen Zhou

Roll Call

1) Review of March 2020 Minutes

- No changes to minutes, will pass on to next meeting for approval with attendance recorded.
- No attendance was available.

2) University President's Report: no report

3) Fix the Agenda – no changes to the agenda.

4) Committee reports:

a) Executive Committee –

b) Rules and By-Laws –

- Constitution:** Change “Student Senate” to “Student Government Association (SGA)” - voted for approval.
- Constitution, Sec 4.2.4:** Remove OPEIU since the OPEIU group is no longer on campus – voted for approval.
- Constitution, Sec 9.3 (first vote):** The Senate President shall distribute the proposal to the university community via a mass email a minimum of one (1) week prior to the meeting at which such proposal is considered. This notice shall contain the exact motion and language to be submitted to the Senate – voted for approval.
- Constitution, Sec 9.5 (second vote):** An approved motion for amendment shall be distributed to the members of the Senate via email and by placing it in strategic

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locations (i.e., Warrior Notes) on the university campus a minimum of one week prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Voted for approval.

- c) Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence – Committee will continue to work on goals.
- d) Academic Affairs – No new items brought to the committee, nothing to report.
- e) Budget, Finance and Planning – no report
- f) Research – Research survey postponed, will be going out in the fall.
- g) Nominations and Elections – Nominations received for all four positions in the University Senate:
 - Robert Smith accepted nomination for President. Elected by acclamation
 - Susan Dillmuth-Miller accepted nomination for Vice President. Elected by acclamation.
 - Kelly-Anne Varcoe accepted nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Elected by acclamation.
 - Robert Cohen accepted nomination for Member at Large. Elected by acclamation.

5) Non-Senate Committees -

6) Student Government Association Report –

- a) Any student interested in running for SGA. Last day to submit petitions is tomorrow.
- b) SGA Survey results were shared with departments. If anyone is interested in the survey results, please reach out to Leila.
- c) Thank you to Dr. Santiago and Dr. Bruno to continue to work with SGA and advocate for students.
- d) Please reach out to SGA with any student needs or issues. They are still very active while being virtual.

7) Old Business - none

8) New Business – none

9) Open Discussion –none

10) Meeting dates for 2019-2020: April 27/May 4 (if needed).

- a) 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule: Sep 14, Oct 5, Dec 7, Feb 1, March 1, April 26/May3 (if needed)

11) Announcements:

- a) Thank you to Rob Cohen for being the University Senate President for so many years.
- b) Please everyone continue to practice social distancing and follow CDC guidelines so we can get back to campus.
- c) The All University Meeting will take place on April 28th at 3:00

11) Adjournment @ 15:27

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