

# University Senate –March 2, 2020



University Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2020  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Beers Lecture Hall

## IN ATTENDANCE:

## ABSENT:

\*Attendance record unavailable at this time.

## Roll Call

- 1) Approval of February 2020 Minutes
  - Approved
- 2) University President's Report: no report
- 3) Fix the Agenda for the meeting motion to move Non-Senate Committees up in the agenda, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved by Senate
- 4) Non-Senate committees:
  - a) Green Campus Initiative – Jeff Hardy and John Bloshinski spoke about raising awareness and improving recycling and other initiatives on campus. Recycling issues were discussed with Chrin and found that contaminated recycling education needs to occur on campus. Solutions include awareness, education, signage, stickers to go on recycling containers, with appropriate contents will plan to be utilized. Plan to meet with students for input. Looking for data that compares ESU to other schools regarding recycling data.
  - b) Diversity and Inclusion – report on recommendation for new programing related to annual recognition of indigenous peoples. Planning for a Pow Wow with an April 2021 timeline for this event.
  - c) Calendar Committee – no report
- 5) Committee reports:
  - a) Executive Committee –
  - b) Rules and By-Laws –
    - i) Bylaws: Change “Student Senate” to “Student Government Association (SGA)” - no discussion. Vote- Approved
    - ii) Bylaws: Change “Student Affairs” committee to “Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence” - no discussion. Vote - Approved
    - iii) Bylaws: Sec II.D: change order for the agenda for regular meetings - no discussion. Vote - Approved
    - iv) **Constitution:** Change “Student Senate” to “Student Government Association (SGA)” Approved for vote at next meeting.

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- v) **Constitution**, Sec 4.2.4: Remove OPEIU since the OPEIU group is no longer on campus – no discussion, approved for vote at next meeting.
- vi) **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 – Approved for vote at next meeting.
- vii) **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 locations (e.g., Warrior Notes) on the university campus a minimum of one week prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Discussion – use of i.e. vs. e.g. Motion to change wording from e.g. to i.e. – vote approved to change wording. Approved for vote at next meeting.
- viii) Removal of senators who do not attend meetings – no changes in the constitution at this time.
- c) Student Affairs – committee met to discuss the 4 goals proposed for 2019-2020:
  - i) Improve student access to information regarding FAFSA application and scholarships. Goal is being accomplished with FAFSA Thursdays. In addition will be working on a scholarship web page for students.
  - ii) Remove unfunded scholarships from ESU website – working on that goal.
  - iii) Explore ways to improve relationships with administration, faculty, staff, and students. D & I committee will continue with the affinity group meet and greets, one or two scheduled. for the spring. Will continue basketball activities that were very successful.
  - iv) Explore mental health resources for students. SGA developed and distributed a survey to students. Results are being reviewed and planning to communicate findings and identify next steps.
  - v) New goal: Improve marketing and communication across campus, working with university relations to develop some kind of marketing and communication plan when we want to communicate with the campus. Reformatting warrior notes and also identify ESU email as the official mode of communication.
- d) Academic Affairs –
  - i) Midterm exam policy: the committee concluded that unlike the final exam policy the number of midterms given on a specific day is not trackable and somewhat flexible. This should be handled informally between the faculty member and the students.
  - ii) Expectations for a community of learners: the committee concluded that the expectations related to the learning environment within one’s classroom varies among faculty and is influenced by a number of factors. The committee determined that the expectation for learning should be set by individual faculty members in consideration of the needs of their students and the intended learning outcomes.
- e) Budget, Finance and Planning – no report

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- f) Research – working on initiatives that will be reported on at a later date.
- g) Nominations and Elections -
  - Accepting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer.  
Anticipate vote in April. Send nominations prior to April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Student Government Association Report –
  - a) SGA Scholarship becoming finalized will be rotated around student leaders, donations to this fund will be accepted.
  - b) Constitution changes – adopting a code of ethics to raise standards for all of SGA members.
  - c) Adding a permanent Diversity and Inclusion committee to SGA
  - d) Carpool Karaoke – series will be taking place in the near future. Faculty and administration are welcome to participate for fun.
  - e) Questions, Comments, Concerns taking place April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
  - f) Survey went out through enrollment services, partnering with different departments to determine next steps.
  - g) Student organization approval process is working faster to approve new student organizations
  - h) SGA finance committee is working on budget approvals for next year
  - i) Safety walk to take place the beginning of April to check blue lights, lighting and other safety features on campus
- 7) Old Business - none
- 8) New Business – Motion to make recommendation that the recycling committee create three targets for recycling by fall semester 2020. Vote - passed
- 9) Open Discussion –none
- 10) Meeting dates for 2019-2020: April 6, April 27/May 4 (if needed). Location: Beers Lecture Hall.
  - a) 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule: Sep 14, Oct 5, Dec 7, Feb 1, March 1, April 26/May3 (if needed)
- 11) Announcements:
  - a) Introduction of Mr. Daniel Ayala, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life
- 11) Adjournment @ 15:52

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