

University Senate – October 5, 2020



University Senate Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2020
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miguel Barbosa, Terry Barry, Paul Bartoli, Andra Basu, Nurun Begum, Bill Broun, Elijah Brown, Joanne Bruno, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Robert Cohen, Ginger Coleman, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Caroline Dipipi-Hoy, Christopher Domanski, Johan Eliasson, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Diane Holben, Hoen Kim, Brooke Langan, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Karen Lucas, Andi McClanahan, Margaret Mullan, Erin O'Donnell, Mary Frances Postupack, Millie Roman-Buday, Melinda Rosen, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Samantha Williams, Sylvester Williams, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Lonnie Allbaugh, Lorraine Arocho, Jill Boyle, Michele Conners, Kevin Davis, Brenda Friday, William Green, Eric Hunt, Shelby Jimcosky, Minkyoo Lee, Clare Lenhart, Jevon Mitchell, Al Moranville, Richard Otto, Mariah Ranton, Albert Rivera, Arshad Rivers, Santiago Solis, Loreylinnette Trinidad, Shawn Watkins, Amani Yeboah, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Review of September 2020 Minutes
 - Approved with attendance changes made to minutes
- 2) University President's Report: No report.
- 3) Fix the Agenda – no changes to the agenda.
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a) Executive Committee – open discussion topics added to agenda.
 - b) Rules and By-Laws – meeting to be scheduled
 - c) Student Affairs – Decided on four goals for the academic year 20-21.
 - i) Exploring mental health resources for students. Will be developing a survey to evaluate student counseling and psychological services. A subcommittee will review survey results and develop next steps.
 - ii) Improving marketing and communication across campus. Looking to reformat warrior notes, to identify social media platforms and discuss how are they used and what communication methods do students prefer, especially during covid and with virtual education occurring in the fall semester.
 - iii) Exploring ways to improve relationships between faculty, administration, staff, and students. Annual basketball game pushed back to spring. Warrior warm-ups is an ongoing program hosted by SGA and warrior tutoring center. Developing initiatives to better support transfer students during our virtual semester.

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- iv) Campus dialog focusing on ongoing political issues related to students and diversity and inclusion. This is an ongoing discussion.
- d) Academic Affairs – First meeting is following the Senate meeting today.
- e) Budget, Finance and Planning – Meeting will be scheduled in the very near future.
- f) Research – No report, meeting to be scheduled.
- 5) Student Government Association Report – Working on Warrior Warmups, student study groups across all majors, hoping to schedule sessions to meet student needs and help students to maintain a feeling of community despite being virtual. Political issues-2 town halls have been scheduled to discuss the upcoming election and diversity and inclusion issues.
- 6) Old Business - none
- 7) New Business - none
- 8) Open Discussion –
 - a) University Senate Evaluation Committee- In preparation for Middle States Mid-point review due Spring 2022. Reestablishment of Senate evaluation committee comprised of a working group of 5 voting members to write report and address strengths and weaknesses and determine any action needed. This committee would be finished in April 2021. Looking for volunteers interested in being on this committee. Rob Smith will be sending out a poll via email.
 - b) Faculty, Staff and Student Covid-19 Impact Survey-Looking for input and recommendations regarding instructional delivery for Spring 2021. ACT is collecting data from students, faculty and staff to determine the best quality of instruction in the safest manner that we can provide for our students. There are many challenges associated with virtual learning amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. How do we best meet student needs during this challenging time.
 - c) Communication Campaign-How the student is consuming information, email? Social media? What is the best way to communicate to the student. Email is the primary source of communication, there is a level of email saturation, and students are potentially missing information. Social media may be an alternative. Looking for recommendations regarding communication alternatives and best way to reach students and campus community.
- 9) Meeting dates for 2020-2021: Dec 7, Feb 1, March 1, April 26/May3 (if needed).
- 10) Announcements:
 - a) Academic Affairs will meet at 4pm.
 - b) Please help to recruit students for the Virtual Career and Internship Expo scheduled for Thursday October 8th from 1-4 pm.
- 11) Adjournment @ 15:46