

University Senate – September 13, 2021



University Senate Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beers Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Andra Basu, Nurun Begum, Jill Boyle, Bill Broun, Kevin Casebolt, John Chang, Robert Cohen, Darla Darno, Esther Deganzo-Cantens, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Caroline Dipipi-Hoy, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Brooke Langan, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Frank Moore, Margaret Mullan, Erin O'Donnell, Richard Otto, Mary Frances Postupack, Melinda Rosen, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Leigh Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Sylvester Williams, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Lonnie Allbaugh, Lorraine Arocho, Rob Berkowitz, Marguerite Carver, Annalise Cole, Kevin Davis, Christopher Domanski, William Green, Jan Hoffman, Diane Holben, Andrea Monet Jackson, Shelby Jimcosky, Marie Kitchens, Minkyoo Lee, Clare Lenhart, Karen Lucas, Andi McClanahan, Jevon Mitchell, Al Moranville, Mariah Ranton, Arshad Rivers, Denise Seigart, Loreylinnette Trinidad, Shawn Watkins, Samantha Williams, Amani Yeboah, Peng Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Review of April 26, 2021 Minutes
 - Approved
- 2) University President's Report: Update from President Long:
 - Interim President Long update –
 1. December Graduation ceremonies will likely be moved to the Spring. Looking for ideas for special events to hold in honor of the December graduates.
 2. Spring graduations will be moved outside, feedback was very positive on the Spring 2021 ceremonies. Holding several graduation ceremonies also received positive feedback.
 3. COVID guidance-there is guidance regarding asymptomatic exposure for K-12 students, but not for higher education.
- 3) Fix the Agenda – no changes to the agenda.
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – nothing to report

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- b. Academic Affairs – nothing to report
 - c. Rules and By-Laws – will be meeting after the senate meeting.
 - d. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee –Nothing new to report.
 - e. Budget, Finance and Planning –
 - f. Research –Liz Scott and Christina McDonald presented an overview of the research committee Spring 2021 faculty survey results. Discussed the creation of the RSCAN Research Scholarship and Creative Activity Network which will serve as an umbrella network to help foster better communication, collaboration, and assistance with research. The committee will be sending out emails to liaisons for the RSCAN Committee.
 - g. Student Government Association Report – Student Government is actively recruiting senators and elections are next week. Please refer any students who would be interested to go to University Center 219 for a petition. The fall involvement fair which showcased a variety of clubs and organizations on campus ran over three days last week. The SGA is assisting organizations as they transition back on campus and replenish their memberships. They will continue advocating on a number of issues this year and will update the Senate student roster once new members are seated later this month.
- 5) Old Business – none
- 6) New Business –
- a) March meeting date change to March 14. March 7th is during Spring Break.
 - b) Nominations for Senate Vice President: Please send nominations for vice president to Brenda Friday prior to the next senate meeting.
 - c) New Senate committee membership approved by affirmation.
 - d) Rules and By Laws: Proposed Constitutional Change
 - i. Current:
 - 1. Section 4.2.4 Unions: The presidents of SPFPA and SCUPA shall select one representative from their organization to be senators. The president of APSCUF shall appoint one coach to be a senator. AFSCME shall select three representatives to be senators: two from persons represented by the AFSCME Master Agreement and one from those represented by the AFSCME Master Memorandum (First-Level Supervisors).
 - ii. Proposed:
 - 1. Section 4.2.4 Unions: The presidents of SPFA and SCUPA shall represent their organization or designate a representative from their organization to be senators.
 - o Discussion –
 - Vote – passed.

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7) Open Discussion –

- Discussion on special considerations/events for December graduates. Motion made to have Student Affairs Committee consider potential December graduation events and report back at next month's senate meeting. Motion passed. Student Affairs Committee will discuss and will report back at next month's senate meeting.

8) Announcements:

- none

9) Adjournment @ 1555