

University Senate – September 11, 2017



University Senate Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 2017
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beers Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Abbruzzese, Abdalla Aldras, Judaha Amoroso, Terry Barry, Nurun Begum, David Bousquet, Agnes Brannan, Joanne Bruno, Robert Cohen, Robert D'Aversa, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Christopher Domanski, Anthony Drago, Kathleen Duguay, Brenda Friday, Sheila Handy, Peter Hawkes, Heon Kim, Jocelyn Kolb-Dewitt, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Annie Mendoza, Taina Moore, Kizzy Morris, Bob Moses, Richard Otto, Fernando Perez, Francina Phillips, Mary Frances Postupack, Tribhuvan Puri, Chelsi Roberts-Williams, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Beth Rajan Sockman, Abigail Soto, Doreen Tobin, Nancy Van Arsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Marcia Welsh, Jingfeng Xia, Xuemao Zhang.

ABSENT:

Rob Berkowitz, Teri Burcroff, Johan Eliasson, Heather Garrison, Kelly Harrison, Jaedeock Lee, Paul Lippert, Andi McClanahan, Matthew Miltenberger, David Primus, Matthew Rivera, Gene White.

New Location: Beers

1. Roll Call
2. Moment of remembrance for Sep 11 2001 events
3. Approval of May 2017 Minutes
 - Approved by general consent
4. University President's Report
 - Nothing to report
5. Fix the Agenda for the meeting
6. Review of parliamentary procedure
7. SPIRIT presentation

Tim Connelly, professor of Philosophy, summarized the activities of the Strategic Plan Innovation, Renewal and Implementation Team (SPIRIT) group on campus and invited suggestions and recommendations from the Senate.
8. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - Doreen Tobin was selected as the Parliamentarian by the Senate President and confirmed by the Senate
9. Nominations and Elections
 - Due to the lack of eligible volunteers for the Secretary/Treasurer position, the Senate agreed to consider a new senators in accordance with the constitution's provision to allow appointments by the Senate President when an office is vacant
 - Kelly Varcoe was selected as Secretary/Treasurer by the Senate President and confirmed by the Senate
10. Executive Committee reports
 - a. Proposal to task the **Committee on Rules and Bylaws** to consider **removing the Instructional Resources and Technology committee** as a senate committee, and instead use the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) as a non-senate advisory committee

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- Proposal passed
 - b. Proposal to task the **Committee on Rules and Bylaws** to consider **removing the Diversity committee** as a senate committee, and instead use the Diversity and Inclusion Group as a non-senate advisory committee
 - Proposal passed
 - c. Proposal to task the **Committee on Rules and Bylaws** to consider **adding a representative from the Provost’s Academic Advisory Committee** to the University Senate Academic Affairs committee
 - Proposal passed
 - d. Proposal to task the **Committee on Rules and Bylaws** to consider **revising the “two student senate members (one selected by the Student Senate President)” on the Academic Affairs committee** so that one is the academic affairs officer of the Student Senate (or his/her designee) and the other is clearly a student member of the University Senate (as opposed to just a member of the Student Senate).
 - Proposal passed
 - e. Proposal to task the **Academic Affairs committee** to consider ways to **improve retention** and to submit recommendations for consideration by the end of the academic year.
 - Proposal passed
 - f. Proposal to task the **Budget, Finance and Planning committee** to consider ways to **improve efficiencies** and/or save money for the university and/or students and to submit recommendations for consideration by the end of the academic year.
 - Proposal passed
 - g. Proposal to task the **Student Affairs committee** to consider ways to allow **staff and faculty in participate with students** in activities like intramurals and to submit recommendations for consideration by the end of the academic year.
 - Proposal passed
11. Report on the new student printing policy (Robert D’Aversa)
New printing “procedure”-students are now allotted 500 sheets of printed pages each semester. Printers are defaulted at double sided printing; students actually have 1000 printed sides available. Professors are encouraged to accept assignments that are printed double sided. This new printing procedure will be evaluated over the year.
12. Committee Positions
The executive committee provided the list of senators who requested seats on various senate committees.
 - The list was approved by general consent.
13. Old Business – None
14. New Business - None
15. Reminder of meeting dates for 2017-2018
 - Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2
16. Announcements
- Nancy Van Arsdale announced the establishment of a new committee that will collaborate with the community to help victims of the recent hurricanes. There will be an educational component with presentation by a faculty educational panel regarding ongoing needs in the aftermath of hurricanes. Support of the Pocono community efforts including trucks of supplies to Texas. Potential service group opportunities to effected areas.
 - The Inclusion and Diversity group meets two times per month, new members are welcome to join.

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- A food pantry opening in collaboration with St. Matthews for students with food insecurity. Initiatives are listed on the website for students with emergency food insecurity.
- Reminder of the upcoming Provost's Colloquium series on Wednesday 9/13 at 5:30 in Beers.
- Enrollment numbers discussed; undergraduate enrollment down by 40 students. This is a critical year, we need to focus on recruitment and retention to help our students succeed.
- Latino film series occurring through 10/17. Weekend film festival 10/14-15.
- Stroud bathroom renovation update:
 - 4th floor opening 9/12
 - 3rd floor opening by 9/19
 - 1st and 2nd floor bathrooms to be renovated during winter or summer break.
- One Book "Glass Castle" faculty book talks designed around what students asked for- dates can be found on ESU website. Thursday November 2 Author Jeannette Walls will be giving an on-campus presentation to students, faculty, staff and community. Tickets are required.

17. Meeting Adjourned at 4:12, next meeting on Monday, October 2, in Beers Lecture Hall.