

University Senate –November 4, 2019



University Senate Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beers Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Terry Barry, Paul Bartoli, Andra Basu, Nurun Begum, Leila Bouchekouk, Kevin Casebolt, Robert Cohen, Michele Connors, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Christopher Domanski, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, William Green, Diane Holben, Eric Hunt, Shelby Jimcosky, Heon Kim, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Erin O'Donnell, Richard Otto, Nisar Patel, Mary Frances Postupack, Albert Rivera, Millie Roman-Buday, Melinda Rosen, Alison Rutter, Elizabeth Scott, Leigh Smith, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Nick Stein, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Marcia Welsh, Jingfeng Xia, Amani Yeboah, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Lorraine Arocho, Lonnie Albaugh, Rob Berkowitz, Joanne Bruno, William Cheetham, Stanley Chiang, Christine Fisher, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Clare Lenhart, Andi McClanahan, Jevon Mitchell, Al Moranville, Margaret Mullan, Pats Neelakantan, Mariah Ranton, Sandra Reilly, Gerard Rozea, Jessica Santiago, Denise Seigart, Loreylinnette Trinidad, Jack Truschel, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins, Sylvester Williams, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Approval of October 2019 Minutes
 - Approved
- 2) University President's Report: no report
- 3) Fix the Agenda for the meeting: no additions
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a) Executive Committee – approval of committee appointments.
 - b) Rules and By-Laws – no report
 - c) Student Affairs – Met on 10/16 identified 5 goals (report attached)
 - d) Academic Affairs – no report, planned meeting today
 - e) Budget, Finance and Planning – no report
 - f) Research – no report
 - g) Sustainability on campus update – requests sent to facilities management for data on energy and recycling, no reply to date. Update provided on Spotted Lantern Fly. (report attached)
 - h) Convocation – no update
- 5) Old Business - None
- 6) New Business - None
- 7) Open Discussion –
 - a) Columbus Day Holiday – Calendar committee will be meeting soon, topic introduced for senate discussion. The long weekend in October is traditionally called Columbus Day – no

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classes. There is some sensitivity related to Columbus Day. Opportunity to discuss other suggestions.

- Motion to recommend to calendar committee that the day currently identified as “Columbus Day – no classes” be changed to “Indigenous People Day – no classes”.
 - Vote to rename “Columbus Day – no classes” to “Indigenous People Day – no classes”
Motion does not pass (Yes 11; No 22)

- Motion to recommend to calendar committee that the day currently identified as “Columbus Day – no classes” be changed to “Fall Break Day-no classes”
 - Vote to rename “Columbus Day – no classes” to “Fall Break Day-no classes”
Motion passes (Yes 22; No 12)

Discussion regarding consideration of new programming for annual recognition of indigenous peoples on campus. Providing opportunity for the campus to celebrate the contributions and historical legacy of the indigenous peoples.

- Motion made to direct the executive committee of the senate to consider new programming related to annual recognition of indigenous peoples.

Discussion regarding the existence of the Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Committee and Office of Inclusive Excellence whose role includes programming similar to what is being proposed.

Motion made to amend previous motion to direct the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to consider new programming related to annual recognition of indigenous peoples.

- Motion passed by acclamation

- Vote to direct D&I committee to consider programming related to indigenous peoples.
Motion passes

- b) ESU Grand Marshall- revisit the tradition to include a retiring faculty member to be appointed as the Grand Marshall of Spring and Fall Commencement ceremonies. Opportunity to recognize four retiring faculty members during the academic year. The University Senate president now serves at the Grand Marshall. Discussion will continue at the APSCUF meeting tomorrow.

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- 8) Meeting dates for 2019-2020: Dec 2, Feb 3, March 2, April 6, April 27/May 4 (if needed).
Location: Beers Lecture Hall.
- 9) Announcements:
 - a) Teddy Bear Drive will be held December 7th at the Innovation Center. Collecting donations of toys and teddy bears.
 - b) A gaming event will take place on Friday at 8:00 in Rosenkrans, all type of games, board games, electronic games, card games, etc.
 - c) November 19th President's Distinguished Entrepreneur Speaker Series will present "Women who Distill" in Beers Lecture Hall. The week of 11/18 to 11/24 ESU will be celebrating Global Entrepreneurship Week with many events. Encourage your students to attend.
 - d) All University Meeting tomorrow at 3 pm will include a panel discussion on the cost of books.
- 11) Adjournment @ 15:51

Student Affairs Committee –November 4, 2019

Goals for academic year 2019-2020:

- Improve student access to information regarding FAFSA applications and scholarships
- Remove “unfunded” scholarships from ESU websites
- Explore ways to improve relationships between faculty, administration, staff, and students
- o Work with the Diversity & Inclusion Committee (they’re coordinating Identity Based Mixers)
- Explore mental health resources for students
- Diversity & Inclusion (work with D&I Committee) on the following:
 - o Identity Based Mixers
 - § First Gen (October 22)
 - § Latinx Social (November 5)
 - § Black/African Social (Nov 19)
 - § Asian Social (coming soon)
 - § LGBTQA+ Social (coming soon)
 - o Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - § Retreat – Nov 15th
 - § Developing next steps and action plan for climate study
 - o Student Organizations and Clubs
 - § Developing stronger supports networks for student orgs
 - § Establishing networks for religious/spiritual org- through campus ministries
 - o Campus Ministries
 - § Interfaith Center

Sustainability Report – November 4, 2019

A request for energy and water consumption data, in particular Residence Hall data, was emailed to Facilities on October 14th. There has been no reply yet.

The Recycling Committee Chair, Jeff Hardy, emailed Brian Leverington, representative from CHRIN, on October 21 asking if all the zeros for recycling of most buildings on campus were due to contamination of the recycling. I have not received any update on this topic either.

Clarification of terminology: Contamination of recycling can be due to recycling being collected and placed in recycling dumpsters in a clean plastic bag. Plastic bags are non-recyclable. When any non-recyclable item is found in the recycling dumpster the whole dumpster is considered contaminated and is disposed as trash.

It is possible that there may be recycling dumpsters on campus are not on the list provided by CHRIN. For example, I was made aware of a recycling dumpster behind Rosenkrans that had clean recycling that was not being picked up. This dumpster was emptied once the Recycling Committee contacted Facilities. This may improve the data.

Important update from the Green Campus Initiative:

Alert on the Spotted Lantern Fly. Below is an excerpt of a paragraph that will be posted in the near future on the Green Campus Initiative website. The paragraph was written by a team under Dr. Matthew Wallace who is an expert in the area:

“Spotted lanternfly (SLF) ... feeds on many important crops, such as black walnut, grapes, and hops. They have the potential to cause billions of dollars of crop loss. It is important to know that **Monroe County is in quarantine**. This quarantine is set up to curb the spread of SLF into other counties and states. With **SLF being present at ESU**, each individual on campus should be vigilant to check their vehicles and property for adults and egg masses during this time of year. Egg masses look like smudges of mud and can be hard to detect at quick glance. Everyone on campus should take some time to learn about what SLF look like and about their lifecycle to better prevent the spread of this destructive pest.”