

University Senate – October 2, 2023



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Amador-Rosario, Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Nurum Begum, Jill Boyle, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Laurene Clossey, Robert Cohen, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Deena Dailey, Sierra DiCupe, Chris Domanski, Darla Drummond, Johan Eliasson, Melissa Geiger, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Jan Hoffman, Lorna Hunter, Damali Jackson, Yongwook Ju, Chris Kavanau, Heon Kim, Tommy Kish, Brooke Langan, Kenneth Long, Andrea McClanahan, Jason Narvy, Mary Frances Postupack, Elaine Rodriguez, Melinda Rosen, Michael Sachs, Elizabeth Scott, Rob Smith, Jennie Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Holly Wells, Rosemary Williams, Sylvester Williams, Chad Witmer, Xuemao Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

ABSENT:

Brian Akonu, Rob Berkowitz, Christopher Brooks, Bill Broun, Nick D'Angelo, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Michelle Jones-Wilson, Margaret Mullan, Richard Otto, Tina Perez-Beltran, Swornim Shrestha, Sherwin Stewart, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins, Keiara Whetstone, Jahsim Williams, Gabby Yaczkiwicz

Guests:

Lorraine Arocho, Chris Bean, Karen Danna, Erika Davis, Chris Domanski, Josie Kraemer, Kizzy Morris, Dorian Royal, and Robert Smith.

Roll Call

- 1) Review of September Minutes
 - a. Approved
- 2) University President's Report – Provided updates on the following: (see attached)
 - Calendar recommendations approved. Two-day fall break, Three day Thanksgiving break, Fall finals Tuesday through Friday with Saturday as make up day if needed.
 - Fall enrollment net 6% growth.
 - Middle States Accreditation Self-study Chairs and Co-Chairs have been selected.
 - Strategic planning committee revising our mission statement. A task group will be formulated to revisit our mission statement this fall.
 - Revisiting the alcohol on university functions policy.
 - Update on University infrastructure items.

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- The system is looking at the potential of instituting a common calendar between the 10 universities in the system.
- 3) Fix the Agenda –
 - 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee –
 - Met September 25th and set the agenda for the meeting.
 - b. Academic Affairs –
 - Met 9/27. Update on Time/Place/Manner Policy. Groups come to campus to protest policy outlines the alert process for counter programming. Please remind students regarding encouraging First Amendment Free Speech Rights. The policy is available on the website. Designated locations for off campus guests to minimize disruption to classrooms/teaching and normal operations of the university.
 - c. Rules and By-Laws –
 - No report.
 - d. Budget, Finance and Planning –
 - Donna Bulzoni provided update on Fiscal year 2023 and new revised CPP cycle.
 - e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee –
 - Brian and the eboard have sworn in 19 new student senators. They will begin appointing students to subcommittees soon.
 - f. Research –
 - No report meeting soon.
 - g. University Senate Evaluation Committee – report pending
 - 5) Student Government Association Report –
 - SGA successfully staged a counter protest to a non-campus group visiting on September 7th.
 - Lip Sync Battle – Many different clubs and organizations participated. SGA won the battle.
 - University Center design committee established to collaborate with artists to update the art in the University Center.
 - 6) Old Business – none
 - 7) New Business – none
 - 8) Open Discussion – Dr. Erika Davis provided an update on the admission process and statistics for the Fall 2023 class. (See attached)
 - 9) Announcements:
 - a. The performances of Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night is taking place November 9-12th. High School groups will be coming to see the Friday Matinees.
 - b. Provost’s Colloquium on Wednesday, Dr. Johan Eliason will be presenting.

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- c. The counseling department is hosting month CAPS Chats geared towards faculty and staff. Tomorrow from 12:00-1:00 is the first chat dealing with depression and anxiety in those who care for others.
 - d. Tickets are available for students to see Damon John at Kalahari on Thursday October 19th. There will be a bus to transport students to the event.
 - e. Transfer week is coming up in a couple of weeks during National Student Transfer Week. There will be events scheduled Monday through Thursday.
- 10) Adjournment @ 1612