

University Senate – March 28th, 2016



University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 29th, 2016

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Lower Dansbury

IN ATTENDANCE: John Abbruzzese, Terry Barry, Nurun Begum, Todd Behr, Rob Berkowitz, David Bousquet, Joanne Bruno, Teri Burcroff, Alberto Cardelle, Li-Ming Chiang, Darla Darno, Robert D’Aversa, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Kathleen Duguay, Binetou Fall, Brenda Friday, Mark Gatesman, Melissa Geiger, Michael Gray, Kelly Harrison, Keisha Kauffman, Jonathan Keiter, Richard Kelly, Heon Kim, Kenneth Long, Bob Moses, Mary Frances Postupack, Pat Smeaton, Mike Southwell, Yoshi Tanokura, Doreen Tobin, Nancy Van Arsdale, Charlie Warner, Marcia Welsh, Gene White

ABSENT: Abdalla Aldras, Mary Beth Allen, Beth Banks, Richard Connell, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Scott Dietrich, Marleen Dymond, Johan Eliasson, James Emert, Joe Eshun, Chantal Fulgencio, Heather Garrison, Sandra Gordon, Sheila Handy, Peter Hawkes, Jan Hoffman, Yi-Hui Huang, Jaedeock Lee, Clare Lenhart, David Mazure, Andi McClanahan, Barbara Miccio, Joseph Miele, Matthew Miltenberger, Albert Moranville, Fernando Perez, Suzanne Prestoy, David Primus, Kennedy Sheeley, Leigh Smith, Thomas Tauer, Daniel Watson, Louis Wein

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of February 2016 Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by general consent.
3. University President’s Report
 - a. Response regarding “University openings and closings should coincide with the class schedule if possible”.
 - b. Dr. Marcia Welsh reported that it is the university policy that University openings and closings coincide with the class schedule and will continue to follow university guidelines and policy.
4. Fix the Agenda for the meeting
 - a. Agenda approved by general consent.
5. Academic Affairs Committee
 - a. Follow-up on senate’s November proposal: Academic Affairs committee look into options for library hours following break periods.
 - b. Dr. Joanne Bruno reported that a collaborative effort has been made with the support of Leslie Berger, Michael Southwell and the librarians that the library was open Sunday after spring break. Due to the increasing demand the Sunday after thanksgiving will also be open for students.
6. Nominations and Election Committee
 - a. Dr. Nurun Begum announced that the Nominations and Elections Committee is requesting candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and at-large member for the 2016-2017 University Senate. Nominations will be taken via email.
7. Executive Committee
 - a. Reconsideration of February proposal: When a late opening or early closing occurs within a scheduled class meeting time, the class will not meet at all on that day.
 - i. Moved, seconded and passed (20 to 14).
 - b. Motion: “When a late opening or early closing occurs within a scheduled class meeting time, the class will still meet during the portion of time that occurs after the late opening or before the early closing.”

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- i. Moved, seconded and passed (30 to 6).
8. Report from the University Foundation (Richard Santoro)
 - a. Richard Santoro reported the purpose, function, and the structure and the key areas of the foundation.

Function of the foundation include the following:

 - i. Front-line fund raising
 - ii. Annual giving – spendable money that can be spend immediately for operations.
Can be any amount and can also be restricted. Funds may be used for direct marketing and social media.
 - iii. Major gifts – ten thousand dollars or above, used mainly for larger projects such as renovation or construction purposes.
 - iv. Plan giving and corporate foundation giving – consider as future gifts, state gifts, or endowment gifts.
 - v. Donor relations – behind the scene, communicating messages with appropriate constituency.
 - vi. Alumni engagement – getting to our alumni group and having them become more engaged with the foundation.
 - vii. Next year the foundation will initiate the senior gift program, the purpose is to plant the seed and develop a pattern.
9. Old Business
 - a. None.
10. New Business
 - a. None.
11. Announcements
 - a. Mark Gatesman announced the Library Weeding Project, which is underway. The project is a natural library process and faculty are asked to come to the library, look at the online catalog and inform Mark or librarians what to keep and what should be circulated out of the collections.
 - b. Robert Cohen announced that Global Week will be underway from April 2nd through April 8th.
 - c. Drew Johnson announced the April 30th Community on the Quad, the theme is “We are the World at ESU”. The event will highlight global diversity.
 - d. Terry Barry announced that the College of Education has partnered with a fourth grader from Wind Gap to initiate “A Color for Kids” program, which is seeking donations of art supplies for school areas that are too poor to afford them. Collection bins are located on the first floor of Stroud hall.
12. Adjournment – Next meeting on Monday, April 25 in Stroud 113