

University Senate – April 4, 2022



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Arocho, Bill Bajor, Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Jill Boyle, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Robert Cohen, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Darla Darno, Esther Deganzo-Cantens, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Caroline Dipipi-Hoy, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison Melissa Geiger, William Green, Jan Hoffman, Brooke Langan, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Karen Lucas, Marcus Narcisse, Erin O'Donnell, Richard Otto, Mary Frances Postupack, Melinda Rosen, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, James Shupp, Leigh Smith, Rob Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Samantha Williams, Sylvester Williams, Yasmeen Zaczkiewicz, Xuemao Zhang

ABSENT:

Justin Amann, Nurun Begum, Rob Berkowitz, Bill Broun, John Chang, Annalise Cole, Christopher Domanski, Marie Kitchens, Samia Lanzey, Minkyoo Lee, Clare Lenhart, Andi McClanahan, Andrea Monét Jackson, Frank Moore, Al Moranville, Margaret Mullan, Nisar Patel, Shawn Watkins, Peng Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

Roll Call

- 1) Review of March 14, 2022 Minutes
 - Approved with changes
- 2) University President's Report – President Long provided highlights of a few items:
 - Thank you to the students, faculty, and staff for helping us get through a somewhat challenging year.
 - April and May are full of activities to recognize the accomplishments of our students and our academic programs.
 - Many Spring sports teams are fully involved in PSAC championship games.
 - Return of live theater performances-Legally Blonde
 - Final touches being made to May commencement activities, encouraged everyone to please come and support the new graduates.
- 3) Fix the Agenda – no changes to the agenda.
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – no report
 - b. Academic Affairs – The committee met. Discussed masking in the classes, students are not being as strict with mask usage as they once were. Rob Smith and Karen

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Lucas provided a presentation on the Comprehensive Planning Process (CPP). Please see the attached Enrollment Management Update Document. Dr. Ball also provided an overview of the new retention initiative framework, “Belong, Connect, Inspire, Succeed”. An update on FYE—we will be going ahead with a similar version as last year for FYE.

- c. Rules and By-Laws – Met on March 29th, discussion regarding establishment of a new senate committee, Enrollment Management Committee. After considering the recommendation we recommended two possible options, 1) send back the proposal to the chairs, or 2) to withdraw the plan to create this committee. Karen Lucas suggested that instead of having a new committee, we can have two informational sessions per year with Enrollment Management, one in Spring and the other in the Fall, at the chair meetings, and the Senate if needed. We are open to further discussion or recommendation from the Senate in this regard.
- d. Budget, Finance and Planning – The committee met and continued discussion about the midyear CPP, one area of heavy focus was on faculty overload, its impact on the current year’s budget and also next year’s budget. We were anticipating having a surplus of about 3.3 million that we were going to carry forward to balance next year’s budget, but in fact that’s probably going to be about half that. The committee is seeking updates on any renovations that are going to be made to the library and also what we’re doing on campus regarding recycling. We are organizing representatives to come to the committee to speak about that at our next meeting, The committee also opened up for discussion about the enrollment management committee proposal and drew no conclusions at the end of that discussion.
- e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence. The committee met and continues to work on our goals. One in particular that we were working on was to revisit the shuttle operations. Chief Parrish is looking at shuttle user data to inform our thinking and how we would like to move forward and will make recommendations based on the data.
- f. Research – Met last month and we also are meeting again April 7th to go over an initiative that came out of our RSCAN committee, which is the Research Scholarship Creative Activity Network. And we’re possibly taking on a redesign of an existing research page on the website that will highlight research opportunities on campus and hopefully get attention of prospective students and parents. changes to the existing page by adding a calendar of research events and some other ideas were still in the planning stages.

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- g. Recycling report – The report was shared with the Senate, please see attached Recycling Report.
 - h. Parking report – The report was shared with the Senate, please see the attached parking report.
- 5) Student Government Association Report – We're just in the midst of election season, petitions for the future Vice President, President and senators were due Friday, with meet the candidates tomorrow at 5 pm in the Senate Chamber of University Center to meet the two candidates for Vice President and President. The election will take place April 11th to April 14th. We ask that you encourage students to vote and make sure their voices heard about who's going to be representing them next year.
- 6) Old Business –
- a. Creation of an Enrollment Management Committee
 - Motion to un-table the discussion on creation of an Enrollment Management Committee. Motion Passed.
 - No Discussion
 - Vote on creation of the new Enrollment Management Committee. Vote did not pass.
 - Motion to send the creation of the new Enrollment Management Committee back to the Chairs. Motion was rejected.
- 7) New Business –
- a. Election of Officers: Nominations and Elections - Brenda Friday
 - President: Dr. Susan Dillmuth Miller accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclimation.
 - Vice President: Dr. Esther Daganzo-Cantens accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclimation.
 - Secretary: Dr. Kelly Varcoe accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclimation.
 - At Large: Elizabeth Scott accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclimation.
- 8) Open Discussion – none
- 9) Announcements:
- ESU's theater production of Legally Blonde is playing April 21 through April 24th. Please take the time to see this family-oriented show.
 - The Career Expo takes place on Thursday April 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the University Center. Fifty employers will be participating in the event.
 - The Sign Language Club is sponsoring the movie that won three Oscars last week. Coda will be shown on Thursday at 6:30pm in Sci Tech.

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- The Lantern Festival is being held tonight between 6 and 10pm.

10) Adjournment @ 1618