

University Senate – September 9, 2019



University Senate Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beers Lecture Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Arocho, Terry Barry, Paul Bartoli, Andra Basu, Leila Bouchekouk, David Bousquet, Joanne Bruno, Kevin Casebolt, Robert Cohen, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Rene Fuanta, James Galdieri, Melissa Geiger, Eric Hunt, Shelby Jimcosky, Heon Kim, Eun-Joo Lee, Clare Lenhart, Kenneth Long, Erin O'Donnell, Mary Frances Postupack, Abert Rivera, Melinda Rosen, Gerard Rozea, Alison Rutter, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Robert Smith, Brandon Snyder, Loreylinnette Trinidad, Nancy VanArsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Sylvester Williams, Jingfeng Xia, Xuemao Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

ABSENT:

Lonnie Albaugh, Nurun Begum, Rob Berkowitz, Stanley Chiang, Christopher Domanski, Christine Fisher, Heather Garrison, Diane Holben, Josh Loomis, Andi McClanahan, Al Moranville, Margaret Mullan, Pats Neelakantan, Richard Otto, Millie Roman-Buday, Jack Truschel, Shawn Watkins, Marcia Welsh

Roll Call

- 1) Overview of ESU Senate Constitution and Bylaws and carrying out business in the Senate
- 2) Approval of April 2019 Minutes
 - Approved
- 3) University President's Report: no report.
- 4) Fix the Agenda for the meeting
- 5) Committee reports
 - a) Executive Committee: selection of committee assignments
 - i) Rules and By-Laws
 - ii) Student Affairs
 - iii) Academic Affairs
 - iv) Budget, Finance and Planning
 - v) ResearchApproved by senate
 - b) Senate reps to Academic Technology Advisory Committee and Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Verified that at least one senator is currently serving on each committee
 - c) Parliamentarian: Rob Smith has been selected to serve as the Senate Parliamentarian.
Confirmed by senate
- 6) Old Business – None
- 7) New Business- Senate vote on Constitution proposal for Section 4.2.6.

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Section 4.2.6 There will be one senator to represent ~~those employees who are not already represented by one of the groups listed above, consisting mainly~~ of the staff of the President's and Vice Presidents' Offices. The staff in the President's office will be responsible for forming an election committee to determine candidate eligibility and to promote and to conduct the election of this senator.

Vote to delete the striked out portion of Section 4.2.6

Vote passage requires a 2/3 vote.

Vote passes by 2/3 majority 31-3

8) Open Discussion

a) Maria Cohen from the University Sustainability Committee presented an update on the sustainability initiative on campus. Discussion included questions regarding how are we recycling on campus, where does the recycling go, water usage, food waste. Maria has been tasked to bring questions back to her committee for clarification and data to report back to the Senate.

b) Should the student handbook include expectations regarding phone use, purchase of textbooks, etc. Nancy Van Arsdale presented information regarding student technology usage in the classroom that can prevent the student from maximum learning possibilities. Discussion included open source resources through the library, also making sure that a copy of the course text is available at the library, textbook purchasing can be a financial burden for the students, availability of textbook vouchers, Professor D2L usage, adoption of prior editions of textbooks to save money for students, how to create a culture of learning. Motion made to refer the subject matter of academic culture to the Academic Affairs Committee. Vote passed to refer to the Academic Affairs Committee.

c) Systemness-Jeff Weber and Rob Smith provided an update on systemness.

9) Meeting dates for 2019-2020: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Feb 3, March 2, April 6, April 27/May 4 (if needed). Location: Beers Lecture Hall.

10) Announcements

a) Sept 24 – Earl Granville “Living through Adversity: Life After Combat And Loss” 7pm in Abeloff. Sponsored by Department of Athletics and Athletic Training.

11) Adjournment @ 16:14