

University Senate – December 4, 2023



University Senate Meeting Minutes

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nurum Begum, Jill Boyle, Bill Broun, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Robert Cohen, Sierra DiCupe, Chris Domanski, Darla Drummond, Johan Eliasson, Melissa Geiger, Lorna Hunter, Yongwook Ju, Heon Kim, Brooke Langan, Kenneth Long, Andrea McClanahan, Margaret Mullan, Elaine Rodriguez, Melinda Rosen, Elizabeth Scott, 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, Mary Amador-Rosario, Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Rob Berkowitz, Christopher Brooks, Laurene Clossey, Deena Dailey, Nick D'Angelo, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Jan Hoffman, Damali Jackson, Michelle Jones-Wilson, Chris Kavanau, Tommy Kish, Jason Narvy, Richard Otto, Tina Perez-Beltran, Mary Frances Postupack, Michael Sachs, Rob Smith, Swornim Shrestha, Sherwin Stewart, Daisy Wang, Shawn Watkins, Keiara Whetstone, Jahsim Williams, Gabby Yaczkiewicz

Roll Call

- 1) Review of November Minutes
 - a. Approved
- 2) University President's Report: No formal report.
- 3) Fix the Agenda –
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee –
 - Met November 27th and set the agenda for the meeting.
 - b. Academic Affairs – met last week, no report.
 - c. Rules and By-Laws – met on 11/15
 - Discussed temporary senators to represent the department if the senator is not able to attend. It is written in the constitution that it is the department's choice to do this.
 - d. Budget, Finance and Planning –
 - The committee is organizing a subgroup to look at the proposal that came forward on tuition remission. The subgroup will meet on December 19th.
 - e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee –

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- The committee met and identified areas to pursue regarding safety, textbooks financial aid, onboarding new students, communication and academic structures and processes. Also, warrior induction weekend and a roadmap to graduation. Our next meeting we will prioritize and establish 2 or 3 goals to focus on during the spring semester.
 - f. Research – Did not meet.
 - g. University Senate Evaluation Committee – report pending
- 5) Student Government Association Report –
- Centralized emails for the executive board have been established. This will help when members transition out of their positions.
 - Three clubs have been approved or reactivated. They are the Ski and Snowboarding club sport, the Caribbean Student Association, and the Women in Stem and Supporters club was reactivated.
 - Teddy Bear drive is taking place this week. SGA will be accepting donations until Wednesday. Visits to include MeKeel daycare, and toys will be donated to Bushkill Fire Company. Thank you to Dr. Langan for the toy donations today.
 - Finals week snacks event is starting this week and will last for 2 weeks. SGA will be providing snacks and drinks in the University Center.
 - SGA is working to have new art created for the new University Center.
- 6) Old Business – none
- 7) New Business –
- a. 2043-2025 University Senate Dates: 9/9/24, 10/7/24, 11/4/24, 12/2/24, 2/3/25, 3/3/25, 4/7/25 and 4/28 if needed. Vote to approve 2024-2025 senate meeting dates. The vote passed.
- 8) Open Discussion – none
- 9) Announcements:
- The Holiday lighting will take place tomorrow at 4pm on the circle.
 - Bill Broun will be sworn in as a board member of the Saucon Valley School District tomorrow night at 7pm.
 - The library is holding several events prior to finals. Monday will be serving hot cocoa with free mugs and snacks. There will be more events with food and other things so come visit the library.
 - Tomorrow from 12-1 is the monthly Cap Chat. Faculty and staff are invited to attend. The topic this month is “surviving the holidays”.
 - Thanks to Liz Scott for running the fall meetings as the acting interim President while Susan was on a sabbatical.
- 2) Adjournment @ 1528