

University Senate –March 5, 2018



University Senate Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2018
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Student Senate Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Abbruzzese, Terry Barry, Nurun Begum, Rob Berkowitz, David Bousquet, Sadie Carney, Robert Cohen, Robert D'Aversa, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Christopher Domanski, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, James Galdieri, Peter Hawkes, Eun-Joo Lee, Kenneth Long, Margaret Mullan, Marcus Narcisse, Richard Otto, Fernando Perez, Mary Frances Postupack, Tribhuvan Puri, Chelsi Roberts-Williams, Elizabeth Scott, Leigh Smith, Kenya Thompson, Doreen Tobin, Kelly Varcoe, Marcia Welsh, Jingfeng Xia, Xuemao Zhang.

ABSENT:

Abdalla Aldras, Judaha Amoroso, Leila Bouchekouk, Agnes Brannan, Joanne Bruno, Darla Darno, Anthony Drago, Mauria Febbraro, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Sheila Handy, Kelly Harrison, Mihye Jeong, Heon Kim, Jaedeock Lee, Jocelyn Kolb-Dewitt, Andi McClanahan, Annie Mendoza, Jewel Mickens, Matthew Miltenberger, Kizzy Morris, Bob Moses, David Primus, Rodney Rahming, Laila Salaam, Denise Seigart, Beth Rajan Sockman, Abigail Soto, Nancy Van Arsdale, Daisy Wang

1. Roll Call

- No quorum

2. Approval of February 2018 Minutes

- Vote deferred to next meeting

3. University President's Report

- Dr. Welsh very supportive of establishment of a final exam policy

4. Fix the Agenda for the meeting

5. Committee reports

- a. Nominations and Elections-call for nominations, if interested send Nurun Begum, Brenda Friday or Robert Cohen an email.
- b. Diversity and Inclusion Group (non-senate committee) response to Senate request, tasked with 8 suggestions, implementing 4 with more to follow in the fall.
 - Offer more opportunities for conference participation for student leadership. Attending a diversity conference in April in Atlanta.
 - Diversity retreat to share info learned at the conference.
 - Business Brunch opportunity for diverse students to meet with area leaders.
 - Working with Monroe's Women's commission to provide access to local leaders.
- c. Diversity and Inclusion-workgroups: Faculty and Staff Diversity, Improving diversity in the curriculum. Dr. Weber provided an overview of the search process and modifications to the search process to increase diversity in faculty.

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- d. Student Affairs-Increase visibility of FAFSA and scholarship opportunities for students through webinars, FAFSA fairy, also identify the scholarships that are not funded so students do not apply for those scholarships. Student Senate identified need to increase opportunities for faculty and student interaction. In the Fall, faculty and staff will be able to participate in softball, to play on teams with students.
 - e. Research –The senate research committee will be a sub-committee of the non-senate URSCA (Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities) committee, with the sub-committee chair serving as the senate’s representative to the URSCA committee.
6. Old Business – None
 7. New Business- No votes, 1 member short of a quorum
 - a. Consideration of a policy, to be posted with the final exam schedule: No student shall be obligated to take more than two final exams on the same day. No later than two weeks before the first day of the final exams week, the student shall notify the instructor(s) from the highest numbered course(s) of the need to provide a make-up examination to be administered at a mutually acceptable time.
 - b. Should the senate ask the calendar committee to consider adding “reading days” between the end of the semester and the start of finals?
 - c. Should the senate recommend a policy regarding non-service animals on athletic fields and outdoor bleachers?
 8. Reminder of remaining meeting dates for 2017-2018 (Apr 2).
 9. Announcements
 - Provost’s Colloquium Series “Trade Agreements, the Myths, Controversy, and How They Affect You” scheduled for Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Beers Lecture Hall.
 - The President’s Entrepreneur series on March 27th at 7:00 pm in Beers Lecture Hall.
 - 3/27 Open Forum Diversity and Inclusion Committee. “Theatre of the Oppressed”. Faculty and Staff 2-4, Open Forum 6pm in Stroud 113.
 10. Adjournment @ 1545