

# University Senate –February 5, 2018



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

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Abbruzzese, Abdalla Aldras, Judaha Amoroso, Terry Barry, Rob Berkowitz, Leila Bouchekouk, David Bousquet, Joanne Bruno, Robert Cohen, Robert D’Aversa, Darla Darno, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Christopher Domanski, Anthony Drago, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Mihye Jeong, Eun-Joo Lee, Jaedeock Lee, Kenneth Long, Annie Mendoza, Richard Otto, Fernando Perez, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Beth Rajan Sockman, Abigail Soto, Doreen Tobin, Nancy Van Arsdale, Kelly Varcoe, Daisy Wang, Marcia Welsh, Jingfeng Xia, Xuemao Zhang.

## **ABSENT:**

Nurun Begum, Agnes Brannan, Mauria Febbraro, Heather Garrison, Sheila Handy, Kelly Harrison, Peter Hawkes, Heon Kim, Jocelyn Kolb-Dewitt, Andi McClanahan, Jewel Mickens, Matthew Miltenberger, Taina Moore, Kizzy Morris, Bob Moses, Margaret Mullan, Francina Phillips, Mary Frances Postupack, David Primus, Tribhuvan Puri, Rodney Rahming, Matthew Rivera, Chelsi Roberts-Williams, Laila Salaam, Ciera Romero Wright.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of December 2017 Minutes
  - Approved
3. University President’s Report
  - No report
4. Fix the Agenda for the meeting
5. Committee reports
  - a. Rules and Bylaws - Deletion of Orientation committees, decision was made to delete the orientation committee, will revisit at a later date if necessary to reinstate the committee.
    - Approved
6. Old Business – None
7. New Business
  - a. Feedback for advisors
    - i. Motion made and seconded to recommend to Academic Chairs Council (ACC) that departments consider focus-group discussions as a way for students to provide feedback on student advising.
    - ii. Motion made and seconded to refer this item to the Academic Affairs committee.

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- iii. Motion made and seconded to amend the referral so that the committee reports by the April senate meeting.
- iv. Motion to amend approved
- v. Motion to refer approved

b. Getting students to use advising webpage

- i. Motion made and seconded to refer the idea of suggestions to get students to use the advising webpage to the Academic Affairs Committee to report back by April Senate Meeting.

Discussion:

- Do we have statistics on how students use the advising webpage.
- Need to know more about how students currently use the webpage, and how often it is accessed.
- When will the information gleaned from this, when will be implementation of the findings.
- The academic affairs committee should coordinate with the student success group.
- This body could deliberate this but would need more information.
- The student senate did not receive a presentation

- ii. Motion passed 17-14

c. Policy regarding having more than 2 final exams in one day.

- i. Motion made and seconded that ESU should have a policy regarding when students have more than two final exams on the same day.

Discussion:

- Academic Affairs committee discussed 2 semesters ago. Felt that changes to the present schedule would cause more problems with the schedule. Determination was made to not make any dramatic changes to the final exam scheduling. Students have access to the finals schedule when registering for classes.
- Policy should allow students to work with faculty if they have more than 2 exams scheduled on the same day.
- Policies from other schools were examined to illustrate the type of policy possible.
- Two or more finals is too stressful for the student. We should have a policy if more than 2 finals.

- ii. Motion passed

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8. Reminder of remaining meeting dates for 2017-2018 (Mar 5, Apr 2) and new location for Spring 2018 (Student Senate Chambers, University Center)
9. Announcements
  - The fixed tuition rate program has been approved. A full discussion will take place at the All University Meeting tomorrow.
  - Dr. Cohen will give a presentation on “Bomb Cyclones, Global Warming and the Polar Vortex” on Thursday at 6:30 in Sci Tech Auditorium.
  - The Library will be hosting a Jazz Listening Series taking place on Wednesdays for the next 4 months-more info to come.
  - Black History Month-An Afro Caribbean Percussion Workshop will take place on Thursday at 6:00 in Sci Tech 117.
10. Adjournment @ 1545