

# University Senate –February 5, 2023



University Senate Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2023  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Virtual via Zoom

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Margaret Ball, Miguel Barbosa, Donna Bulzoni, Marguerite Carver, Kevin Casebolt, John Chang, Jeyaprakash Chelladurai, Laureen Clossey, Robert Cohen, Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, Darla Drummond, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Johan Eliasson, Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Yongwook Ju, Chris Kavanau, Brooke Langan, Ken Long, Karen Lucas, Margaret Mullan, Erin O'Donnell, Mary Frances Postupack, Kim Razzano, Melinda Rosen, Michael Sachs, Jessica Santiago, Elizabeth Scott, Denise Seigart, Leigh Smith, Brandon Snyder, Santiago Solis, Tom Tauer, Nancy VanArsdale, Keith Vanic, Kelly Varcoe, Matt Wallace, Daisy Wang, Rosemary Williams, Sylvester Williams, Gabby Yaczkiewicz, Xuemao Zhang

## **ABSENT:**

Brian Akonu, Lorraine Arocho, Nurum Begum, Rob Berkowitz, Jill Boyle, Bill Broun, Stanley Chiang, Nick D'Angelo, Isabel Ford, James Galdieri, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Tobi Granville, William Green, Jan Hoffman, Michelle Jones-Wilson, Tommy Kish, Sarah Louis, Jason Narvy, Marcus Narcisse, Richard Otto, Nisar Patel, Jihad Safi, Salome Sanchez, Swornim Shrestha, Jennie Smith, Rob Smith, Shawn Watkins, Peng Zhang, Xiaochen Zhou

## Roll Call

- 1) Review of December 5, 2022 Minutes
  - Approved with changes
- 2) University President's Report: No report
- 3) Fix the Agenda –
- 4) Committee reports:
  - a. Executive Committee – agenda set for this meeting
  - b. Academic Affairs – met
    - Encourage all faculty and to have students participate in the upcoming Research Symposium scheduled for Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - Tutoring is moving from Rosenkrantz to the Library. Hoping to make the library more of a campus information hub.
    - Transitioning the department of Academic success. Undeclared or exploratory majors will now be called Meta major. Dr. Ball discussed the plan and support for students in this new major.
    - New scheduling
    - Summary of work with the Gardener Institute retention program being used to analyze data and work towards meeting retention and graduation goals.
  - c. Rules and By-Laws – did not meet

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- d. Budget, Finance and Planning – met on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Updated CPP is due to PASSHE by the end of the month.
    - Focusing on faculty overload, projections has overload higher than over the last few years.
    - In the process of preparing auxiliary budget.
  - e. Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence Committee – did not meet
    - Will be identifying student senators to represent this subcommittee.
  - f. Research – plan to meet mid to late February
    - Looking for feedback and ideas for the committee.
  - g. University Senate Evaluation Committee – met November 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Developed a survey regarding the senate to be taken at the end of the meeting. Please encourage your department to also participate in this survey.
  - h. Calendar Committee – update provided on calendar. Recommending on staying with the current calendar pattern established.
    - Vote to continue discussion of proposal: Proposing a full week off for Thanksgiving break where Fall break would be eliminated, and finals week would include Monday class and finals Tues through Friday.
      - Vote results: Yes for continued discussion.
      - Switch day is problematic. Could we extend the start or end date to accommodate more days off? There is no such thing as a perfect calendar.
      - Motion made to postpone this discussion regarding the proposal until next meeting when we have a variety of calendars to examine and discuss with other constituents. Vote: Yes to postpone and take it back to departments.
  - i. Student Government Association Report – no report
- 5) Old Business – none
- 6) New Business –
- Senate Evaluation Survey – Participation is voluntary and anonymous. Please take the time now to respond to the survey. Respond to the poll that you have completed the survey.
  - Senate Executive Board to replace Vice President. Would like to appoint Liz Scott as Vice President. Vote needed for approval of Liz Scott to be appointed as Vice President to finish out this year. Vote: Approved
  - Member at Large – appoint Keith Vanic as Member at Large to finish out this year. Vote: Approved
- 7) Open Discussion - none
- 8) Announcements:
- a. Provost’s Colloquium on Wednesday at 5:30 in Beers. There is an opening in the Art Gallery Wednesday.

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- b. The Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Elizabeth Wrath is coming to speak to student teachers as well as the local teaching community on Wednesday at 6pm.
  - c. The library is offering free coffee on Wednesdays through the end of the semester, please spread the word.
- 9) Adjournment @ 1408