

University Senate – February 6th, 2016



University Senate Meeting Minutes
February 6th, 2017
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monroe B01

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Abbruzzese, Abdalla Aldras, William Bajor, Terry Barry, Nurun Begum, , Rob Berkowitz, David Bousquet, Locks-Ann Braham, Joanne Bruno, Robert Cohen, Robert D’Aversa, Darla Darno, Mark Davis, Scott Dietrich, Wendy Wheeler Dietrich, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Anthony Drago, Kathleen Duguay, Johan Eliasson, Brenda Friday, Mark Gatesman, Kyndra Goodwyn, Sheila Handy, Kelly Harrison, Peter Hawkes, Jonathan Keiter, Heon Kim, Andrew Kissling, Eun-Joo Lee, Paul Lippert, Annie Mendoza, Richard Otto, Sarah Pomales, Francina Phillips, Mary Frances Postupack, David Primus, Chelsi Roberts-Williams, Kennedy Sheeley, Leigh Smith, Yoshi Tanokura, Doreen Tobin, Nancy VanArsdale, Daisy Wang, Marcia Welsh, Gene White.

ABSENT:

Todd Behr, Teri Burcroff, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Heather Garrison, Melissa Geiger, Sandra Gordon, Patty Hannon, Jan Hoffman, Miriam Juya, Keisha Kauffmann, Jaedeock Lee, Clare Lenhart, Kenneth Long, Andi McClanahan, Barbara Miccio, Matthew Miltenberger, Taina Moore, Bob Moses, Fernando Perez, Tribhuvan Puri, Matthew Rivera, Thomas Tauer, Jingfeng Xia.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of November 2016 Minutes
 - Approved by general consentApproval of December 2016 Minutes
 - Approved by general consent
3. University President’s Report
 - No formal report but updates on the fire in student residence hall building 9 & 10.
4. Fix the Agenda for the meeting
5. Approved by general consent Membership Report

	TOTAL # OF SEATS	# VACANT	# DID NOT ATTEND FALL
FACULTY	43	5	4
ADMINISTRATION	11	0	0
STUDENTS	13	3	1
OTHER	10	4	2
TOTAL	77	12	7

6. Committee Reports

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- By Laws will be meeting following this senate meeting and will have reports next time.
 - Facilities: no report
 - Student Affairs: Parking staff increased to 3 from 1 this semester. 160 appeals vs 70 last years. Shuttle service hours will be extended from 2am Thursday~Saturday to after 2:30 am since bars close at 2:30am.
 - Budget & Planning: Will meet on 2/27 so no report at the moment.
 - Instructional Resources and Technology: no report
 - Research: met last week and started assignment tools to check inventory and will report back by April.
 - Orientation: no report
 - Nomination & Elections: Nominations are solicited for senate president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and at large positions. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations should be sent to Nurun Begum or Brenda Friday.
 - Academic Affairs: Provost Bruno reported on the work of the committee (minutes from the Dec 5 2016 meeting are attached). One issue that has been discussed has to do with how to better inform students when classes are cancelled in addition to posting a sign on the classroom doors since there's a great proportion of students commuting. Other avenues include email, D2L, and the "Remind" app. An additional issue discussed had to do with the process used by faculty to complete the Work Recovery Plans related to the strike, as there were some issues from a student perspective and it was agreed to address them on an individual basis. Two additional items have been brought before the committee to discuss. One has to do with having multiple final exams on the same day. The other issue had to do with using the academic affairs committee to vet external scholarship opportunities for students, and how to let students know about internal scholarship opportunities.
7. New Business
- Motions by Doreen Tobin to invite Dr. Margaret Ball to the March meeting to provide a report on the Fall 2016 FYE program, its known outcomes and recommendations for the future.
 - Approved (Yes: majority, No: 3 votes)
 - Motions by Doreen Tobin that we refer to the bylaws some discussion relative to the standing committees where there was no report or announcement of a future meeting to determine whether or not it is necessary to retain those committees at this time.
 - Approved (Yes: 63%, No:37%)
8. Announcements
- Marcia Welsh announced strategic plan roundtables at 1-3pm, 2/6/2017 and 10am-12pm, 2/7/2017 as well as all university meeting at 2-3pm in Beers on 2/7/2017. This month is African American Heritage month, Thursday evening, Cafeteria offers soul food theme dinner. Black History Month Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Braxton Peterson @ 7:00 PM (ET), SciTech 117: Auditorium.
9. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m.