

**UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

For attendees, please see attachment A1.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.

I. The minutes of the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting were approved.

**II. Report of the Speaker of the Faculty, William Nirode**

Prof. Nirode convened the meeting by reporting that there will be one more faculty meeting of the semester on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. He also reported that he, along with Stuart Bass, chair of the Senate Executive Committee and Susan Yohn, chair of the Chairs' Caucus have met with President Rabinowitz, Provost Berliner, Vice President Adamski. Discussions included admissions both at the undergraduate level and the graduate level, as well as possible graduate programs and HofTown.

Prof. Nirode then introduced President Rabinowitz who addressed the faculty (Attachment to be emailed at a later date).

**III. Report of the Senate, Stuart Bass:**

**Action Items**

1. Prof. Bass presented for action the Smoking Ban Resolution. He took a moment to thank Joseph Barkwill, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, and Karen O'Callaghan, Director of Public Safety, for working with the University Senate to create this resolution. Since the ban on South Campus was passed in the fall 2012 semester, there has been a lot of concern raised over how effective it is. He reported that the resolution reflects a strong compromise. He reported that this resolution is a work in progress and will be reviewed by the University Senate in one year (January 1, 2016.) The item passed with 1 opposed and 4 abstentions.
2. Prof. Bass presented for action, the Chairperson Evaluation. According to Article 23.3 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Hofstra and the AAUP "Chairpersons shall be evaluated annually according to the procedures established by the University Senate." It is the recommendation of the University Senate that this be done online and that this evaluation be administered in the spring semester of the 2nd year of the chair's 3 year term, and annually thereafter. The item passed with 1 abstention.

**Information Item**

1. Prof. Bass reported that an issue with the Academic Calendar has been raised within the past couple of weeks and the University Senate is looking into the possibility of adopting a secular calendar in the future. He clarified that the Senate is engaged in conversations amongst itself and are approaching faculty in general to discuss the pedagogical issues to develop a consensus of whether or not we want to retain our current non-secular calendar, or look to the future to redevelop it.

#### **IV. Report of the Chairs' Caucus, Susan Yohn**

Prof. Yohn reported that the Chairs' Caucus met this month with W. Houston Dougharty, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Sofia Pertuz, Dean of Students. The caucus was very impressed with their vision and ideas and their desire to work with faculty and put together teams of people all of whom are involved with the student's life on campus to address whatever their issues and concerns are. She reported that there is much more willingness on part of the Student Affairs Office to address faculty concerns.

Prof. Yohn reported that the caucus will be meeting in February with Jean PedenChristodoulou, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, and Anne Mongillo, Dean of the Center for University Advisement, to discuss specifically about advisement issues.

Prof. Yohn reported that at the last faculty meeting, she expressed her disappointment on behalf of the Chairs' Caucus that a representative from its body was not included in the Provost Search Committee. She reported that she is now a part of the committee.

#### **IV. Report of the AAUP, Dennis Mazzocco**

Prof. Mazzocco reported that he also registered his complaint the AAUP was also not included in the Provost Search Committee. He also reported that r Dr. Jacqueline Burke, from the Department of Accounting & Taxation and Legal Studies, has been elected by acclamation as AAUP Treasurer. The Executive Council met last week and elected two new members to its Steering Committee:

- Anthony Basile, from the Department of Accounting & Taxation
- Sandra Stacki, from the Department of Teacher Education

He reported that the AAUP's Constitution and Bylaws call for a Steering Committee to help the union prepare for bargaining activities. The Steering Committee shall have authority to appoint special service committees, standing or ad hoc for detailed research, analysis, and recommendations on any subject related to collective bargaining.

Prof. Mazzocco reported that the Executive Council will be selecting chairs for standing committees that will also assist in negotiations, which include a part-time committee, women and minority committee, and non-tenure committee. The Health Care Committee will convene on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, between the AAUP and Administration. If anyone has concerns or issues with our health plans, please bring it to the committee's attention.

Prof. Mazzocco reported that the AAUP will be meeting with the administration of the joint standing meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue to negotiate and issue with graduate compensation, and are hopeful that we will reach an agreement by 2015.

Prof. Mazzocco reported that Article 5.2 (a) regarding Departmental Personnel Committee (DPC) Formation Procedures. Department chairs are expected to forward DPC chair information to the AAUP and those serving on the DPC by the end of the second week of the semester. Reminders have been sent out but they have not heard from all departments.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21p.m.