

**UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2013**

For attendees, please see attachment A1.  
The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

**I.** The minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

**II.** Address by President Stuart Rabinowitz followed by Q&A

**III. Report of the Speaker of the Faculty:**

Prof. Nirode reported that the University Senate will run the following elections:

- School of Education  
1 election for a 3-year term
- School of Health and Human Services  
1 election for a 3-year term
- School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
1 election for a 3-year term
- HCLAS, Division of Humanities  
1 election for a 3-year term & 1 election for a 2-year term
- HCLAS, Division of Natural Sciences  
1 election for a 3-year term & 1 election for a 2-year term
- School of Communication  
1 election for a 3-year term
- Library  
1 election for a 3-year term
- Staff  
1 election for a 3-year term
- Zarb School of Business  
1 election for a 3-year term

Nomination ballots will be deployed via Blackboard this week, followed by election ballots the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. New Business**

Marc Silver made a motion to un-table the resolution that he presented at the October 26<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting, which was subsequently tabled for further discussion. The resolution was for the President to be more consultative and inclusive of faculty input in various aspects of the university operation. The resolution as originally written contained some language concerning a summary of recent trends in the last five years with respect to enrollment and enrollment decline's impact on the budget.

The motion was un-tabled with 2 opposed and 3 abstentions.

A discussion followed about rewording the resolution and the specific information it should include such as institutionalizing input in the decision-making process. Marc Silver suggests creating a blackboard site specifically to post the original and the amended resolutions, which will be accessible to all full-time faculty members. The site will also include a discussion board for faculty to suggest and discuss amendments. A discussion followed regarding the motivation of resolution and its basic premise. Prof. Bass reported that the revision included a six-point plan which makes a significant difference and suggests sending the revision to the faculty for input via a blackboard discussion board. The Senate Executive Committee will then create a codified version and recommendations urging the President to adopt these plans including amending the University Senate bylaws, and the inclusion of an elected representative of the faculty on the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made to establish a Blackboard site which lists Prof. Silver's original resolution as well as the six points included in the revision, and a discussion board for faculty. The faculty is also asking the University Senate's Senate Executive Committee to immediately begin looking at the University Senate bylaws to incorporate the suggestions outlined on the Blackboard site. This is to be brought back to the faculty no later than the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. Report of the Senate:**

### **Action Items**

1. Prof. Bass presented for action revisions to Faculty Policy Series #33A, Financial Conflict of Interest Policy in Relation to Sponsored Projects and Faculty Policy Series #41 Policy for Dealing with and Reporting Possible Misconduct in Research. In late August, these were updated by Sofia Kakoulidis, Associate Provost for Research & Sponsored Programs in order to comply with Federal regulations. That there were no real substandard changes, the language was cleaned up so it is consistent with the law. These revisions need to go through the shared governance process. The items have already been looked at and approved by the Faculty Affairs Committee and the University Senate. Both items were passed unanimously.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.