

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, April 3, 2017

Present: W. Caniano, G. Giuliani, P. Fritz, D. Goodman, E. Maccarrone (Chair), B. Pickering, G. Simmons, T. Shapiro

A. The March 6, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Chairs Report

Prof. Maccarrone convened the meeting by reporting that at the last Senate meeting, the following items were passed:

- a proposal pertaining to the designation of Departmental Honors
- revisions to the graduate bulletin regarding overlapping coursework in Hofstra graduate degrees

The revisions to the Athletic Policy Committee bylaws were tabled and will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that both ad-hoc committees discussed at prior meetings have both met. The Ad-hoc Committee on Academic Calendar, who elected Craig Burnett as chair, has started by reviewing the language that was proposed last summer and will be modifying it. The Ad-hoc Committee to Review and Update Governance Documents has elected Lisa Filippi as its chair.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that he and Stuart Bass, Speaker of the Faculty, continue to visit various units regarding the mid-semester assessment issue. A special meeting is being scheduled to further discuss this issue.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that Provost Simmons gave a presentation on the repurposing of the third floor of Axinn Library.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that W. Houston Dougharty, Vice President for Student Affairs, is having a discussion with Joseph Barkwill, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, about organizing a meet and greet between graduates and faculty members during commencement ceremonies.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that May 4 is the annual Hofstra Gala. Alan Bernon, class of 1976 and chair of the Board of Trustees, is being honored this year.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that Holly Seirup has been named dean of School of Health Professions and Human Services, and Benjamin Rifkin has been named dean of HCLAS.

C. Discussion Item

1. Prof. Maccarrone presented for discussion an item brought to the Senate Executive Committee by Carol Simon, from the library regarding mass transit and the NICE 6x bus which runs from the Jamaica Bus Terminal. There is a direct transfer from the MTA F train at the 169th Street and 179th Street stations. This bus connects all travelers from Jamaica at the 165th Street Bus Terminal to Nassau Community College. During the Fall and Spring semesters, the bus goes to Nassau when classes are in session. When classes are not in session, the bus ends at the Rosa Parks Terminal. If the 6X always ran to Hofstra, there would be no incremental cost to the NICE system and it would provide an alternative for mass transit commuters, reduce parking congestion on campus and enable wider recruitment of students who rely upon mass transit. She urges the Senate to communicate with the NICE system. Prof. Maccarrone suggested bringing this item to the Parking Task Force.

D. New Business

There was no new business.

E. Committee Reports

1. Bianca Pickering, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is still working on the budget allocation request from Entertainment Unlimited. The organization downsized its request and are asking the Senate to sponsor them money for t-shirts and/or food. The discussion will follow during the Planning and Budget Committee report. In addition, the Student Affairs Committee is getting ready for election season. Applications have been sent out and are due on April 20. There are four spots open for undergraduates and 1 spot for a graduate on the University Senate.
2. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee discussed providing funding to Entertainment Unlimited (EU), a student group on campus, through the Budget Allocations Policy. The committee was not inclined to provide the organization with Senate funds. They felt the money could be better spent elsewhere within the senate. He also met with Provost Simmons and W. Houston Dougharty, Vice President for Student Affairs, who concluded that sponsoring this group may not be the best of ideas. A discussion followed about the budget allocations policy and whether or not it is in the best interest of the Senate. Provost Simmons reported that the budget for the Senate is an operating budget to keep the Senate running. It has not been a budget for programming of any kind. It exists to make sure that governance runs. It was decided to revisit the intent of the budget allocations proposal.
3. Paul Fritz, interim chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee unanimously passed revisions to Faculty Policy Series #10 - Examinations, Final Grades, and Student Absences to make it consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA.) The item will be sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee for review. Prof. Fritz reported that the committee finalized a student survey, regarding mid semester grading, which was done in conjunction with the Student Affairs Committee which has now been sent out to the students. After the survey was finalized, the committee shifted to discussion of the mid semester assessment based upon feedback they have gotten through informational meetings and through unit visits. The committee then discussed changes to the proposal which is ready for comment. A provision would be added that the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee would review this policy in two years, to ensure to faculty this proposal would not be implemented and forgotten about. A discussion followed. Prof. Fritz also reported that the committee will be addressing UNIV 001.
4. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met and started looking at the basic regulations guiding graduate programs, and identifying where issues may be.
5. George Giuliani, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee discussed the Teacher of the Year. There was a discussion with Provost Gail Simmons regarding Adjunct Faculty of the Year and various options. Vice Provost Shapiro informed the FAC that all special leaves recommended by the FAC were approved by the Provost's Office and the President. There was also a discussion on the Course and Teacher Ratings (CTR) Evaluation as well as a list of which faculty members may serve on a committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.