

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 2017**  
**THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

Present: Balson, Caniano, Chun, Curtiss, Dippel, Dougharty, Eads, Ellinger, Filippi, Fritz, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Goodman, Houck, Imran, Kutsch, Maccarrone, Mazzocco, Miller, Persky, Ramirez, Santangelo, Seirup, Shapiro, Simmons, Sorrentino, Wallace, Wong

Absent: Agcaoili, Amalathas, Basile, Herold, Hovert, Lopez, Sample,

Guests: Bass

The September 11, 2017 minutes were approved.

**I. Report of the Provost, Provost Gail Simmons**

Provost Simmons convened the meeting by reporting that the working groups for our Middle States self-study have been meeting since the semester began, collecting data, working on initial chapter drafts and evidence inventory. The initial drafts from those working groups are due on January 15 and then the next semester, work will continue with final drafts due on May 15, 2018. In February 2018 the university will be working with Middle States to identify who will be the chair of our site visit team, generally the president of another university.

The Provost reported that we landed a very prestigious i6 challenge grant from the National Science Foundation for the Center for Entrepreneurship. It is called the Community Health Care Challenge and is ½ million dollars to spend entrepreneurial work around community health. Mark Lesko, Vice President for Economic Development, is the P.I. for that grant.

The Provost reported that Neil Donahue, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, will be travelling to Amsterdam to work with the University of Amsterdam on celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our partnership. He is looking to see if there are ways to broaden our engagement with that university and a number of others.

The Provost reported that as of 12:30p.m. today, we are getting close to 30% response rate by faculty on the Midsemester Advisory. Of those:

- 8% have indicated a reason for concern for students.
  - 661 who have one reason for concern
  - 112 with two reasons for concern
  - 20 with three reasons for concern
  - 4 with four reasons for concern

In general, people are finding the interface easy to use, but it is encouraged to let the Provost's Office know if you are experiencing technical problems.

**II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee George Giuliani**

Prof. Giuliani reported that the Senate Executive Committee met on October 2 and the various committees are doing great work. There are no action items for today.

**III. Committee Reports**

A. Donna Balson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee reported that the committee will be looking at the creation of the new position of Deputy Speaker of the faculty. They will discuss the formation of an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations on the proposal to replace the paper Course and Teacher Ratings (CTR). The committee will also discussing moving the peer-

observation process to an online format, and talking about implement the new Adjunct Teacher of the Year. Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs clarified that they are not moving all peer-observations online.

- B. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will continue to look at the Graduate Bulletin – General Procedures for Graduate Students. She also reported that she attended a Graduate Directors meeting where the focus was on ways of recruiting graduate students and addressing some of the issues for possible new programs. She also reported that graduate enrollment has been affected by the new immigration policies, making it more difficult for students to get visas. Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management, reported that it is more than that. International students don't feel as welcome here, and feel they won't be able to get jobs after graduation.
- C. Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that one of the senators, Pak Ho Wong, has been working on mental health services and making them more available to students. He has been meeting with Dr. Guthman, Executive Director of the Student Health and Counseling Center. She also reported that other initiatives that the students have been working on are to find different ways to revamp the past graduate programs we used to have such as clubs, and ways for them to get involved. Ms. Ramirez has been working closely with Student Government Association (SGA) representatives to do research on title IX initiative and see what other schools have on that and perhaps we can parallel ourselves to them. The Student Affairs Committee has also be holding office hours.
- D. Paul Fritz reported for Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, that the committee continued their discussion on UNIV 001, a course for students on academic probation. Prof. Fritz gave an update on the Repeat Course Option and violation of academic dishonesty. The committee has reaffirmed the vote on a previous version which was sent forward and the discussion is now in the Senate Executive Committee.
- E. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee has addressed the missing handicapped parking spots behind Monroe Hall. Three have been replaced behind the Shapiro Alumni House. The committee also looked into any exposure the faculty employees of Hofstra have to Equifax leak, to which Hofstra has no exposure.

#### **IV. New Business**

Debra Goodman reported an issue that came up at her department meeting about the faculty awards, with the addition of the adjunct award. As the schools combined, the School of Education no longer has an award. Provost Simmons reported that she thinks the Dean was going to make a recommendation to her.

A question was raised about the Mid-Semester Advisory and technical issues. Provost Simmons reported that Neil Donahue, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, would be the person to contact and will direct anyone to the right person to deal with this issue.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16p.m.