

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2012
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Balson, Bass, Bhogal, Brown, Cordero-Rubinos, Crosson, Davidow, Eads, Elkis-Abuhoff, Finnegan, Firestone, Flannery, Gennarelli, Giebel, Gianarkis, Giuliani, Glasser, Kamberova, Lopez, Lucito, Miller, Papper B., Papper, C., Schmelkin, Silver, Venuti

Absent: Berliner, Goodman, Johnson, Liang, Pillaipakkamnatt, Sample

Guests: Jezina, Nirode

After amending a typo, the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Liora Schmelkin, Senior Vice Provost.

Senior Vice Provost Schmelkin convened the meeting for Provost Berliner. She reported that Dr. Berliner is currently interviewing candidates for the Dean of the Law School today and cannot make the meeting. She also reported that President Rabinowitz has signed and approved the Full Smoking ban on the South Campus which will take effect in January. Discussions will follow on whether or not to impose a full campus ban on smoking.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Chairperson Stuart Bass

Prof. Bass reported that as a result of the recent storm, his meeting with Sandra Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, to discuss and map out a clarification regarding the student budgetary appropriation process, has been postponed. Following this meeting, the clarification will be made available to the University Senate, as well as all of the units, colleges, chairs and advisors of student clubs. Likewise, Prof. Bass is meeting with Alan Kelly, Vice President of Development to further look into the possibility for funding certain scholarship or stipends for students in unique leadership positions here at the university has also been postponed. He hopes to have a definitive report by the December Senate meeting.

Action Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for action a revision to the Unofficial Withdrawal Statement for the Graduate Student Bulletin. Jason Davidow, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee reported that this revision was completed to make the language in the Graduate Bulletin similar to the Undergraduate Bulletin, which was updated last year. The item passed unanimously.
2. Prof. Bass presented for action a revision to the Graduate Bulletin regarding basic regulations governing graduate programs. The item was passed unanimously.
3. Prof. Bass presented for action the University Senate Representation Resolution. He reported that as a result of the creation of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the School of Health Sciences and Human Services, as well as a realignment for the School of Education and HCLAS, representation on the University Senate needed to be revised to allow for appropriate representation. A discussion followed and the following amendments were made:

The following sentence:

... in view of the establishment of new academic schools /colleges of Hofstra University, creating a shift in representation of faculty on the University Senate...

was changed to:

*... in view of the establishment of new academic schools /colleges of Hofstra University, creating a shift in representation of **full-time** faculty on the University Senate...*

An amendment was also made to add “within each unit” to the list as well as the addition of the sentence “Effective Fall 2013” to the resolution.

The representation is as follows:

- 1 - 29 Full-Time Faculty members within each unit of the University will have one representative on the University Senate
- 30 to 59 Faculty members within each unit of the University will have two representatives on the University Senate
- 60 or more Full-Time Faculty members within each unit of the University will have a maximum of three representatives on the University Senate.

In addition, The Senate Executive Committee further recommends that for purposes of monitoring any shifts or changes in faculty composition in any of the units, that a review of such changes occur every three (3) years to insure and maintain proper representation for all units of the university.

The item passed unanimously as amended.

4. Prof. Bass reported at that Bob Papper, chair of the chair’s caucus raised a very vital and sensitive issue regarding the challenges facing the university and its international students. The Senate Executive Committee created a resolution to recommend the creation of a Special Task Force on the challenges facing the University and its international student population. This item was presented for action and a discussion followed. The following amendments were made:

The addition of:

a) Services & Financial Aid

The following sentence:

This Task Force shall study and propose recommendations on issues, such as:

was changed to:

*This Task Force shall study and propose recommendations on issues **including, but not limited to:***

The following sentence was added to the end of the resolution:

The chair to be determined by the Senate Executive Committee

The item was unanimously passed as amended.

III. Committee Reports

A. Planning & Budget Committee

Chairperson Venuti reported that the Parking Task Force will meet on Thursday, November 29th. She also reported that Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management, and Patricia Adamski, Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration, will be attending the next Planning and Budget Committee to discuss how enrollment affects the budget. The committee will also work with Sandra Johnson on the student budgetary appropriation process.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee

Chairperson Giuliani reported that the committee was scheduled to meet on October 30th and had to reschedule their meeting due last week's storm. The committee will meet on Friday to continue work on the Dean's Evaluation.

C. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Lopez reported that the committee has completed work on possible conflict of interest for students earning academic credit for significant student leadership and hopes to present it at the next Senate meeting. The committee also continued work on revising its bylaws.

D. Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Davidow reported that the committee has been revising Faculty Policy Series #11G - (Procedures of Handling Violations of Academic Honesty by Graduate Students at Hofstra University) making it congruent with the changes made to Faculty Policy Series #11. He hopes to present it at the next Senate meeting.

E. Student Affairs Committee

Chairperson Cordero-Rubinos reported that the Student Affairs Committee will meet at the end of the month to reassess where they are now and what they hope to accomplish next semester. Mr. Cordero-Rubinos also reported that he too will be meeting with Sandra Johnson and Liz Venuti regarding the student budgetary appropriation process.

IV. New Business

There was no new business

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42p.m.