

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2019
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Burnett, Caniano, Chun, DeTora, Dippel, Dougharty, Eads, Elkis-Abuhoff, Fritz, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Hirsch, Hoover, Houck, Lotier, Maccarrone, McElroy, Miller, Normandin, Ramirez, Schlegel, Seirup, Shapiro, Simmons, Wallace, Ward-Ciesielski

Absent: Basile, Boston-Hill, Doan, Ellinger, Gershman, Hinson, Kurtz, Tarson

Guests: Bass

The December 10, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Provost Herman Berliner

The Provost convened the meeting by reporting that last Thursday night he attended the Hofstra's men's basketball game which was resulted in an awesome 40-point victory over Elon, which was followed by a decisive victory over William and Mary this past Saturday. The team is doing exceptionally well. He reported that the athletes in general at Hofstra are doing exceptionally well academically. Between periods at last Thursday's game, we recognized student athletes who had a 3.0 or above average, which is 75% of our student athletes. About 40% of our athletes are on either the Dean's List or the Provost's List. These are huge accomplishments which well represent the university both on the field and in the classroom.

The Provost reported that the new Frank G. Zarb School of Business building is open and represents a different philosophy in terms of buildings on this side of campus. The building has multiple areas for student independent and collaborative study, as well as administrative, faculty and student club offices. The Center for Entrepreneurship plus the Behavioral Research in Business Lab, both in the building, are designed to enhance students' hands-on learning by increasing their ability to do real-world business and research projects. This is also the first facility on this campus that has adjunct "touch down" space with lockers for adjunct faculty, who are an important part of this university. East of the new building we will eventually build the new School of Engineering & Applied Science building.

The Provost reported that interviews for the new Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer will take place in the new few weeks. Each candidate will be discussing their prior experiences with diversity and inclusion initiatives and how they plan to develop a strategic diversity and inclusion plan for the University, engages the entire campus community. This position reports directly to the President.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee George Giuliani

Prof. Giuliani reported that the Senate Executive Committee met on February 4 and discussed the agenda for the various standing committees.

Prof. Giuliani thanked Nick Santangelo, who stood in as chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee for the semester and will be going on leave for the spring semester. Erin Ward-Ciesielski will be taking over.

Prof. Giuliani thanked Kevin Boston-Hill who stood in as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. Rina Hirsch will be taking over for the spring.

Prof. Giuliani thanked Gail Simmons for her service leading the Senate.

Prof. Giuliani reported that Christopher Eliot is our new senator from the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, and will be serving on the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee.

III. New Business

There was no new business.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Rina Hirsch, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that over the winter break, the committee met to make recommendations for Special Leaves and 6.19 Course Load Reductions. The committee will be discussing the vendor selection for the CTR pilot program, as well as criteria for faculty volunteers. The committee will also finalize revisions to Faculty Policy Series #46 - Peer Observation of Teaching, so that broadly apply to both in person and online. The committee will review Faculty Policy Series #47 - Policy on Personal Relationships Between Faculty/Other Employees and Students, considering applications of this policy to any employee at Hofstra. The committee will also be putting together a recommendation for individual departments to examine the validity of faculty publications.
- B. Erin Ward-Ciesielski, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will be finalizing Faculty Policy Series #11 - Procedures for Handling Violations of Academic Honesty by Graduate Students at Hofstra University. Prof. Fritz from the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee will be attending the meeting. The committee will also be discussing allocation of graduate scholarships and rolling out the graduate handbooks.
- C. Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee reported that the senators will be following up on the initiatives they are working on and the stage of progress they are in. Ms. Ramirez will personally be following up with concerns raised at the Town Hall meeting in December.
- D. Paul Fritz, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will be discussing the Mid Semester Advisory two year review, a proposal for a Global Citizenship Designation, and an issue with withdrawal dates, as well as dual degree/dual major credit overlap issues.
- E. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee met on December 16 and spoke with Julie Yindra, Director for Services for Students with Disabilities, to address some possible issues with access. Director Yindra brought up an interesting issue with the Study Abroad program and students with disabilities, that they are not being considered regarding hotels and transportation when the programs are being designed. The Provost reported that he will work with the deans on this issue. The committee will meet on February 21 with Catherine Hennessy, Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer, and Dolores Fredrich, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17p.m.

