

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, FEBRUARY 9th, 2015
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Balson, Bass, Berliner, Davidow, Dougharty, Dresner, Eads, Elston, Filippi, Fincham, Firestone, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Glasser, Goodman, Jernigan, Laggan, Lopez, Maccarrone, Sample, Sarcka, Silver, Wallace

Absent: Atkinson, Elsey, Espinal, Gennarelli, Hoover, Lucito, Mehta, Morales, Olson

Guests: Navarra

The minutes of the December 8th, 2014 Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Provost Herman Berliner

Provost Berliner reported that the conference on George W. Bush, presented by the Hofstra Cultural Center and the Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency in conjunction with the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum will be held on March 24-26, 2015. This is Hofstra's 12th presidential conference and will explore the administration of George W. Bush. Invited speakers include:

- Peter Baker, New York Times White House correspondent
- Elliott Abrams, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Global Democracy Strategy
- Thomas Basile, Senior Press Advisor to Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, also a graduate of Hofstra University
- Bradley Blakeman, Deputy Assistant to President for Appointments and Scheduling.
- John DiIulio, Jr., Director, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
- Michael Hayden, Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Daniel Kurtzer, U.S. Ambassador to Israel
- John Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State

The Provost also reported that as new students come onto campus for admitted student day events will be given blue bags. Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management, is asking everyone to be on the lookout for these students and offer a hello if you see them, with the intent to show them this is a friendly community. Vice President Eads clarified that any visitor to Hofstra is offered a blue bag, and not just new students. Prospective students are looking for an authentic experience when visiting the campus, and if more members of the community reach out, the more memorable the experience will be.

The Provost noted that for the first time in Hofstra's history, the University is developing a comprehensive Master Plan that will plan and project our space usage over the next 10-15 years, and has engaged consulting firm Sasaki Associates, Inc. to assist us in this work. As part of this initiative, a series of committees have been established and will be conducting a survey to understand how the Hofstra community uses our facilities and gets to and around campus. This survey is being sent to all members of the Hofstra community. A discussion followed.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Stuart Bass

Prof. Bass reported that since George Giuliani is on leave for the 2015 spring semester, James Sample will be the interim chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

A. Action Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for action, the revisions to Departmental Honors. The Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee examined policies and procedures to handle cases when students do not complete the requirements of departmental honors or when the committee deems the work to be of insufficient quality to earn departmental honors. The item passed unanimously.
2. Prof. Bass presented for action the resolution on North Campus Designated Smoking Areas. He reported that this came about as a result of consulting and collaborating with both the Planning and Budget Committee, as well as the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students. The resolution calls for certain designated “smoking areas” be established in contemplation of smoking regulations covering the North Campus. Such designated areas shall be proposed and to the University Senate. The resolution also refers this issue to the Planning and Budget Committee and the Student Affairs Committees for consideration and deliberation. The item passed unanimously.
3. Prof. Bass presented for action a resolution to endorse the University’s application to host the 2016 Presidential Debate on campus. The item passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Affairs Committee

Chairperson Sample reported that the committee met back in December and worked on revising its bylaws. The committee also met in January to review all Special Leave Applications as well the 3-Credit Teaching Load Reduction that the faculty submitted. Forty-nine (49) faculty members applied for leaves. In addition, there were five (5) applications submitted from faculty at Law School.

B. Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

Caroline Schreiner reported for Chairperson Davidow that the committee will continue to discuss Faculty Policy Series #36 – The Use of Human Subjects in Research, which deals with the Institutional Review Board and its procedures. He also reported that the members of the committee are conducting research on graduate student recruitment practices at other schools.

C. Student Affairs Committee

Chairperson Laggan reported that the committee is very pleased with the recent success in working with the University administration to improve food services on campus that took place during the winter break.

D. Planning & Budget Committee

Chairperson Maccarrone reported that the committee will meet this Wednesday to consider the Smoking regulation which was just passed as well as work on a mission statement regarding student Town Hall meetings. The 2015 Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4th from 10:30 – 2:30pm, with the focal point being a Q&A between students and senior administration occurring during common hour. Prof. Maccarrone reported that the committee has also created a timeline proposal to which the Planning and Budget Committee will

communicate with Catherine Hennessey, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer. Vice President Hennessey will also attend the committee meeting on Wednesday, February 25th. Provost Berliner will also attend this meeting to discuss the academic operating part of the budget, as well as the new nursing program.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Library sub-committee met on February 5th and discussed the 3rd floor usage of Axinn Library and possible other usage of the Library space. No decisions will be made concerning usage until this can be fully vetted with the Library Committee as well as the faculty of the library. An ad-hoc committee has been set up for further discussion.

Prof. Maccarrone also reported that on January 29th, Michael Salatti, from the Engineering Department, presented the recommendations from the Senior Design Presentations Campus-Wide Parking Study that occurred last spring and finished this fall, to senior administration. Prof. Maccarrone will create a summary of pertinent recommendations, pending approval from administrators that were present at this meeting, and report it to the Board of Trustees. A slight discussion followed.

E. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Silver reported that the committee will meet on Thursday and continue to work on exploring the feasibility and desirability of instituting some form of notification to students around mid-semester on their progress in courses (mid-term grades) In addition, the committee will continue to work on exploring the impact of staffing and class size issues and the potential impact and quality of undergraduate education.

Prof. Silver also reported that a couple of issues emerged in January from the Academic Review Committee (ARC) including decision making guidelines about how to handle the individualized decisions that are made about students on probation and appeals to dismissal decisions made by ARC. Another issue is the role and efficacy of UNIV001, an online course on strategies for academic success, which is as of now, a required course for students placed on academic probation.

The committee will also look into certain inconsistencies concerning the application of foreign language requirements for International Students.

IV. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:52p.m.