

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, MARCH 10, 2014
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Angles, Bass, Berliner, Davidow, Elston, Filippi, Fincham, Finnegan, Fritz, Gennarelli, Ghorayeb, Glasser, Hoover, Johnson, Lopez, Maccarrone, Sample, Schmelkin, Silver, Yohn,

Absent: Balson, Bhogal, Dresner, Eads, Espinal, Firestone, Flannery, Giuliani, Goodman, Lucito, Thomas

Guests: Miller

The minutes of the February 10th, 2014 Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Herman Berliner

Provost Berliner convened the meeting by reporting that he pleased to announce that the St. Baldrick's fundraiser held by the men's roller hockey club, has crossed the \$25,000.00 threshold and he will be shaving his head during common hour on Wednesday. The fundraiser raises money for childhood cancer research.

The Provost also reported that the Soccer Conference, *Soccer as the Beautiful Game: Football's Artistry, Identity and Politics* will be held on April 10 through April 14. The conference will include the awarding of an honorary degree to soccer legend Pelé and the unveiling of a plaque in honor of Pelé and his humanitarian work. Stanislao Pugliese and Brenda Elsey are the co-directors of the conference. He encourages everyone to attend.

The Provost reported that for the first time, there will be a student speaker during the Honors Convocation. A notice went out to all students for the opportunity to compete in terms of the commencement speech. He hopes this will become a long-term tradition at Hofstra University.

The Provost also reported that the executive summary of the Five Year Plan is available.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Chairperson Stuart Bass

Prof. Bass reported that a tentative date has been set for the Senate Executive Committee meeting with Karen O'Callaghan, Director of Public Safety, in an effort to engage in some substantive conversations regarding enforcement to the smoking ban. The Planning and Budget Committee is also taking a ban on the North Campus into consideration with exceptions to certain smoking zones. Provost Berliner reported that an issue came up whether or not e-cigarettes are covered by the smoking ban and encourages the committee to consider this as an amendment to the smoking ban. A slight discussion followed. Prof. Bass also reported that given the delicate and sensitive nature of some of the issues that come before the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Senate Executive Committee is going to consider a resolution amending the Senate bylaws requiring that the chair of the committee be a tenured faculty member.

Action Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for action, revisions to the Academic Leave, Withdrawal, and Maintaining Matriculation Policy for graduate students. Jason Davidow, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee that in the original policy, there was no limit for how long a person may have a leave of absence, so the committee revised the policy. The item was passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

Professor Ghorayeb reported that while on a Skype call in Bits and Bytes he was asked to end the call. A slight discussion about photographing people on campus followed.

V. Committee Reports

A. Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Davidow reported that the committee completed its discussion on trying to centralize information for graduate students. He intends to contact Human Resources to try to get paid assistantships on the H/R website. The committee also completed the revisions to the Academic Leave/Withdrawal and Maintaining Matriculation Policy.

B. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Fritz reported that the committee continued its discussion on Departmental Honors, especially the issue with how to tell students that don't meet all the requirements for honors. The committee had some data that Academic Records provided that suggests this is a widespread issue. The committee is in agreement that it needs some clarity. The data also suggests it is working in certain places as well. The committee will move forward with making some minor clarification and updates with language and then coming up with some policy document or suggestions departments can work with. The committee also started discussions of the double & triple majors' issues and specifically they can investigate.

C. Planning & Budget Committee

Chairperson Maccarrone reported that the committee had a very productive meeting with Provost Berliner and Senior Vice Provost Schmelkin to discuss the academic operating budget supplementing what Catherine Hennessey, Vice President for Financial Affairs, had to say at the November 19th meeting. We are expecting approximately 30 new faculty lines in the coming year and in order to keep the committee as well informed as it can be, Provost Berliner agreed to come back to the committee late in the spring semester to discuss his preliminary discussions with the deans, as far as faculty needs. He also agreed to attend Planning and Budget Committee meetings every October. The Provost made it clear that consistent with the Five Year Plan, the additions would be prioritized by respective area needs ("highest priority", "high priority", etc) and that new hiring would stress faculty diversity. Prof. Maccarrone reported that at the February 25th Board of Trustees meeting, he told the Board that he believed the amended P&B by-laws calling for enhanced communications between the committee and the office of the Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer was working well and increased transparency and confidence in a very positive way. At the Board of Trustees meeting the President reported that the "HofTown" proposal may be advanced soon by the university engaging a planner to perform a feasible study.

Prof. Maccarrone commented that P&B's involvement with such an important proposal beginning at the earliest stage is expressly addressed in the committee's by-laws.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that Michael Salatti, an adjunct professor in the Engineering Department is doing an amazing job on his students' senior project look at zoning, site plans, student demands, etc. that involve parking. It is extremely detailed. He also reported that he along with William Finnegan, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and Stuart Bass, chair of the Senate Executive Committee, will be meeting with Sandra Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs to discuss how the Student Government Association funds its clubs.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30th in 246 East Library Wing. It will be expanded from 10am until 3pm with the central discussion, with senior administrators happening during common hour. There was a discussion about the Town Hall being exclusively for students and whether or not there is anything in writing stating so.

A discussion followed about a smoking ban on the North Campus and the feasibility of creating "smoking areas."

E. Faculty Affairs Committee

Caroline Schreiner, reported for Chairperson Giuliani, that the Faculty Affairs Committee submitted its recommendation regarding the evaluation of chairpersons to the Senate Executive Committee last week. The Senate Executive Committee is currently reviewing the evaluation and did not vote on the Faculty Affairs Committee's recommendations at its last meeting. The chairperson evaluation remains at the Senate Executive Committee and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Once the chairperson evaluation gets to the Senate, he will address all issues in their entirety.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07p.m.