

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

Present: Balson, Bass, Bergemann, Berliner, Bhogal, Davidow, Eads, Elkis-Abuhoff, Finnegan, Fritz, Gambord, Gennarelli, Giebel, Giuliani, Glasser, Jacobi, Johnson, Kamberova, Lightfoot, Lopez, Macy, Papper B., Papper, C., Sample, Sarno, Schmelkin, Venuti

Absent: Brown, Firestone, Hewitt, Meredith, Moghadam, Perry, Pillaipakkamnatt, Zuniga

Guests: Kakoulidis, Nirode,

The minutes of the February 13, 2012 Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

**I. Report of the Provost, Herman Berliner**

Provost Berliner convened the meeting by reporting on the Presidential Debate that will be held on campus on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2012. While publicity is helpful to the University, the key reason why Hofstra has secured the Presidential Debate was because we want our students to be more involved in the democratic process. Provost Berliner reported on some of the speakers who will be on campus within the next couple of months

February 29<sup>th</sup> - Newark Mayor Cory Booker

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Watergate Journalists Woodward & Bernstein

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Lead CNN political anchor Wolf Blitzer

Julian Bond, Civil Rights Advocate

April 19 – “Change in the White House? Comparing the Presidencies of George W. Bush and Barack Obama. - a panel featuring Kalikow Center Senior Presidential Fellows Howard Dean and Ed Rollins, and ProPublica reporter Kim Barker

In addition, Jeb Bush and MSNBC Anchor Chris Matthews will also be speaking on campus this coming fall on dates to be announced.

The Provost also reported that our incoming Freshman Reading this summer will be Jim Lehrer’s fascinating book *Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain*. Jim Lehrer will be on campus during welcome week and speak to our freshman.

Provost Berliner reported that the Hofstra’s Roller Hockey Team, will be holding their annual St. Baldrick's, fundraiser on Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Student Center.

**II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Chairperson Stuart Bass**

Prof. Bass reported that he has spoken to Bob Juckiewicz, Vice President for Information Technology, about why faculty are being logged out of the network when their computer is inactive for 15 minutes. They have reached a tentative compromise that the log out time will extended to 30 minutes for faculty members only. Faculty who wish to take advantage of this extension may do so by calling the help desk.

Prof. Bass also reported that as a result of conversations between himself, the Speaker of the Faculty, and the President of the AAUP, it was the consensus that it is not necessary to have a Task Force on an Evaluation Process for Non-Academic University Administrators. A motion was made to dissolve the Senate Task Force on an Evaluation Process for Non-Academic University Administrators. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Action Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for action revisions to Faculty Policy Series #36. Sofia Kakoulidis, Associate Provost for Research & Sponsored Programs reported that the revisions are primarily due to the fact that we have the School of Medicine now and have a significant amount of IRB applications that have come forward. Bob Papper asked what if the request came from the Humanities or Social Sciences, which are not represented on the IRB? Provost Berliner reported that before this proposal came forward, to formally incorporate the Medical School it was covered under section III. A. 3. “The President also may appoint additional ad hoc members to deal with specific issues that might arise.” A small discussion followed on the membership of the IRB. The item passed unanimously. It was decided to send only the revisions to Faculty Policy Series #36 to the full faculty, and the procedures will follow for information at the May faculty meeting.
  
2. Prof. Bass presented for action revisions to the Library Committee from the following sentence:  
*three from the University Library, including a senator-at-large representing the University Library*  
to  
*three from the University Library, including a **senator**, or senator-at-large representing the University Library*

The item passed unanimously.

Provost Berliner suggested that every committee of the Senate take a look at its bylaws and revise them if needed.

## III. Committee Reports

### A. Planning & Budget Committee

Chairperson Venuti reminded everyone that Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> during Common Hour in the Plaza Rooms in the Student Center and urges everyone from the Senate to attend. While it is an opportunity for shared governance, the Town Hall Meeting is primarily a forum for students to express their concerns to the administration. She reported that they are following a different format this year. The President will address everyone in the beginning and then the audience will be broken up into focus groups centered in topics that have been suggested by the students ahead of time. Student have been asked to submit their suggestions via the virtual suggestion box on the Student Affairs website. The Planning and Budget Committee will be meeting again next week to review the suggested topics by students and assign topics to each table. Each table will include a representative from the Planning and Budget Committee and the Student Government Association to moderate the flow of discussion as well as take notes and report back to the entire community what transpired at each table.

### B. Faculty Affairs Committee

Chairperson Giuliani reported that the next Faculty Affairs Committee meeting will be held strictly to address the evaluation of the chairs, deans, provost and the President’s office. The committee will review the form used in the past as well as look at what other institutions use. The committee will also continue work on the issues surrounding uploading materials to Blackboard for tenure and promotion. The committee came to the agreement that at least in the next year, this will be a hybrid, such that certain materials can be posted to Blackboard, while others will remain in hard copy.

C. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Fritz reported that the committee continued their discussion on the possibility for students to receive academic credit for significant on-campus service. Rene Giminiani-Caputo, Assistant Dean & Internship Coordinator, attended their last meeting to explain how the internship model works and how it could apply to on-campus service. The committee will be looking at some guidelines from HCLAS and the Office of Off-Campus Education and will hopefully be able to identify certain mechanisms that can bring the policy forward. The committee will also be bringing forward some rewording and clarification of probation standards by the next Senate meeting.

D. Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Lightfoot reported that the committee had representatives from various units on campus attend their last meeting to discuss the planning of a professional development series for faculty to promote competency and sensitivity to issues of diversity. The committee discussed issues such as how to develop programming and make distinctions between workshops academic construction, training, assessments for teaching and learning, as well as different formats such as lecture, vs. online & face to face. The committee also suggested having current faculty, tenured and non-tenured, be given incentives for participating.

E. Student Affairs Committee

Chairperson Jacobi reported that the Chronicle has interviewed her and other student senators as well as the Provost for an article they are writing on the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate. The committee hopes this article will spark some interest in the University Senate. Ms. Jacobi also reported that the student committee members will be in attendance at the Town Hall Meeting in hopes to recruit more students. There will be sign in sheets for everyone who participates in the Town Hall Meeting so the Senate can reach out to those students and invite them to attend a Student Affairs Committee meeting.

Ms. Jacobi reported that she has met with Ashley Gray, Assistant Director of University Advisement this week to promote the University Senate by speaking at the PRIDE a la carte series and other leadership training events on campus.

A representative from the Parking Task Force briefed the committee on some of the progress and asked for input on what was being discussed. The committee is pleased with where the conversation is going and supported the idea of breaking up the large lot by the towers into specific area assigned to specific residents, potentially using paint as an inexpensive and easy way to label the areas of the new lots. The committee also stresses the enforcement and proper communication and advertisement to make sure these new policies are sustainable.

**IV. New Business**

There was no new business.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53p.m.