

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, MARCH 13, 2017

THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Amalathas, Balson, Basile, Caniano, Chun, Dippel, Eads, Filippi, Firestone, Fritz, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Goodman, Hoover, Lopez, Maccarrone, Mazzocco, Ramirez, Santangelo, Shapiro, Simmons, Sorrentino

Absent: Curtiss, Dougharty, Dumas, Elkis-Abuhoff, Herold, Miller, Munoz, Persky, Pickering, Sample, Shepherd, Wallace

Guests: Hirsch, Jernigan

The February 13, 2017 minutes were approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Provost Gail Simmons

Provost Simmons convened the meeting by reporting that the initial accreditation site visit is happening in the next few days for the new occupational therapy master's program.

The Provost reported that her office is seeing a broad increase in the submission of grant proposals during this academic year. Bob Brinkman, Vice Provost for Scholarship and Engagement, has been monitoring. With the exception of the month of January, every month since September we have had a record high dollar amount of proposals being submitted by the university.

The Provost reported that Subin Anthony, the Environmental Health and Safety Officer, has been very busy and doing a number of things that are making our campus already quite a bit safer than it was, including oversights such as installing safety showers in Gittleson Hall.

The Provost reported that an inaugural event was held for the new Center for "Race," Culture and Social Justice. Gloria Browne-Marshall, a faculty member at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, gave a talk on March 8. Her office will try to make the centers and institutes part of Hofstra, a more robust part of the university.

The Provost reported that on Wednesday, March 15, a formal kick off of our Middle States reaccreditation self-study process will happen. This is dependent on the weather.

The Provost reported that Neil Donahue, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, has a post on the Provost's Office blog on E-Portfolio, which is a high impact educational practice that is becoming increasingly popular across the country. Vice Provost Donahue is also reengaging with the school-based retention task forces and beginning to dig into data.

The Provost reported that they are beginning to roll out the EAB Student Success Collaborative Electronic Platform. There are meetings being held for Associate Dean level administrators that will continue through the spring. Over the coming year, we will be rolling this out to faculty in various ways as a flexible platform for communication about students, but also as a pretty robust analytics platform that can help a department.

The Provost reported that Dr. Ben Rifkin has been appointed as the new dean for the Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (HCLAS) and Dr. Holly Seirup has been appointed as the new dean for School of Health Professions and Human Services.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Eugene Maccarrone

Since Cliff Jernigan, Faculty Athletic Representative and member of the Athletic Policy Committee (APC), Prof. Maccarrone skipped his report to present for action the revisions to the APC bylaws. Prof. Jernigan summarized the changes.

- maintain faculty majority in voting
- reduce number of non-voting members
- reduced the number of redundancies in bylaws
- more interaction between the Athletics Department and the committee and/or the University Senate
- updating, reporting, and getting guidance from the APC

Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management, suggested that due to NCAA discussions five or six years ago, we should add annual to point #6. A discussion followed and it was decided to table the item until Prof. Jernigan can present amendments to the Athletic Policy Committee:

remove "its" from item #4

change "periodic" to "annual" in item #6.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that at the last full faculty meeting, a member introduced a resolution that was predicated on a response to the original executive order regarding immigration and deportation from the President of the United States. The faculty voted for the resolution with 17 in favor of and 2 opposed, supporting the resolution.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the two ad-hoc committees discussed at prior meetings met for the first time on Tuesday, February 28. The committees are as follows:

- Ad-hoc committee to review and update Governance Documents (By-Laws, Faculty Statutes, and Faculty Policy Series).
 - Bob Brinkman, Office of the Provost (serving as a liaison with Legal Counsel)
 - Marc Silver, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
 - Amy Catalano, Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
 - Lisa Filippi, Faculty Affairs Committee
 - William Caniano, Planning and Budget Committee

Lisa Filippi was elected to chair this committee, and a student member is still needed. This committee will meet again on April 4.

- Ad-hoc committee on Academic Calendar
 - Neil Donahue, Office of the Provost (serving as a liaison with Legal Counsel)
 - Marc Silver, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
 - Gina Sorrentino, Faculty Affairs Committee
 - Craig Burnett, Planning and Budget Committee

Craig Burnett was elected to chair this committee, and a student member is still needed. This committee is charged with monitoring the new calendars, coming up with language for both portal and syllabi as a proposal, as well as put in some sort of a system directing complaints or concerns about the actual calendar itself (how does it get reported.) This committee will meet again on March 28.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that he attended the Board of Trustees meeting on February 28:

- new freshman enrollment is targeted to be on budget
- retention anticipated to be good, though there may be some shortfall in the School of Education
- there were a couple of issues at the state level reported
 - proposal making New York public colleges tuition free for families that have household income of under \$125,000.00 a year
 - proposal reducing the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and “Bundy Aid”
- Immigration Clinic established in the Law School, funded by two of the trustees
- operating budget for the current year is on target
 - improving balance sheet

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Hofstra Gala will be held on Thursday, May 4. This year we honor Alan Bernon, class of 1976. Mr. Bernon is chair of the Hofstra University Board of Trustees and is being honored for his dedication and commitment to Hofstra.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Town Hall was held on Wednesday, March 1 and was a big success.

Action Items

1. Prof. Maccarrone presented for action a proposal pertaining to the designation of Departmental Honors. Paul Fritz, interim chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee reported that this item was a long standing issue trying to have a compromise essentially to retain the integrity of departmental honors while also being fair to the student given some instances where there have been students who, on no fault of their own, are not able to achieve departmental honors. The question for a long time was “how does this look on a transcript?” The committee came up with a compromise which essentially came down to the name of a class that a student would take for departmental honors the semester they are intending to achieve, with what would go on an official transcript to try and clarify. A discussion followed and the item was passed unanimously.
2. Prof. Maccarrone presented for action, revisions to the graduate bulletin regarding overlapping coursework in Hofstra graduate degrees. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the following was added to the document:

In cases where graduate students have completed a previous graduate degree at Hofstra, there may be an overlap of coursework. Under advisement of the program director, and in accordance with any program regulations or accreditation standards, coursework taken for a prior graduate degree may be applied to additional master’s or certificate degrees. In the case of master’s degrees, at least 50% of coursework must be unique.

This is to ensure there is integrity in terms of the degree program that students are earning, and to provide students with degrees and certifications that they have earned. Prof. Goodman reported that the committee consulted with all of the graduate directors. The item passed unanimously

Prof Maccarrone reported that the final Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3 in room in the Idea Hub (the old 246 East Library Wing,) instead of Monday, May 8.

III. Committee Reports

- A. George Giuliani, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee reported that at the last committee meeting, the Provost attended and spoke at length about the Teacher of the Year. The committee came up with a number of possibilities they are exploring for awarding an Adjunct Professor the Teacher of the Year award. He also reported that Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, has been speaking to the committee about the Course and Teacher Ratings (CTR) evaluations and looking to do a broad review of how we do CTRs, the purpose of them, in particular with Distance Learning Classes, relative to hybrid classes, relative to brick and mortar classes. A committee will be formed with certain members from each school to start discussions on the CTRs and what's involved. Prof. Giuliani also reported that Gina Sorrentino, attended the ad-hoc committee on the Academic Calendar and gave the FAC a review of where things stand after the first meeting.
- B. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee completed its work on the issue of overlapping credits in graduate degrees if students received their first degree at Hofstra. The committee will now review the Basic Regulations Governing Graduate Programs.
- C. Carissa Ramirez and Torie Amalathas reported for Bianca Pickering, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has been working on the senate budget allocation rhetoric. As well as working on a leadership dinner with Public Safety to bounce off ideas on planning a bigger dinner that Hofstra students would be invited to later on.
- D. Paul Fritz, interim chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will meet on Monday, March 13 to discuss mid semester assessment and potential revisions to Faculty Policy Series #10. Prof. Fritz has attended meetings with the School of Health Professions and Human Services and the School of Engineering and Applied Science with the chair of the Senate Executive Committee and Speaker of the Faculty on the issue of mid-semester assessment.
- E. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee continues to discuss providing funding to Entertainment Unlimited (EU), a student group on campus, through the Budget Allocations Policy. He also reported that the Town Hall Meeting, held on March 1, was a huge success, with a good dialogue between students and administrators. The Environmental Priorities Committee met and will be submitting a sustainability report by the end of the semester.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58p.m.