

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, MAY 2, 2016**  
**THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

Present: Basile, Balson, Curtiss, Davidow, Dougharty, Dresner, Eads, Elsey, Elston, Fincham, Firestone, Gallagher, Gennarelli, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Glasser, Goodman, Jernigan, Maccarrone, Miller, Munoz, Nirode, Pickering, Sampedro, Silver, Simmons, Sorrentino, Wallace, Zychowicz

Absent: Dumas, Herold, Hoover, Laggan, Moskow, Persky, Sample

Guests: Bass, Burnett, Caniano, Catalano, Dolan, Fu, Gao, Geffrard, Gehy, Henton, Mazzocco, Peden-Christodoulou, Pertuz, Ramirez, Santangelo

The April 11, 2016 minutes were approved.

**I. Report of the Provost, Provost Gail Simmons**

Provost Simmons convened the meeting by reporting that she is appreciative of the involvement of many members of the Senate during the interview process for a new dean for the Frank G. Zarb School of Business. At this time, there is no update. She also reported that next year will be Dean Firestone's last year as dean of Hofstra College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (HCLAS). Search for a new dean will begin in the fall.

**II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Eugene Maccarrone**

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Special Committee on Recruitment, Elections and Nominations (SCREAN) met on April 15 to allocate membership to various committees and presented to the Senate Executive Committee on April 25. He also reported that on April 18, the full faculty met and passed the following items:

- Clarification of the BA Distribution Requirement
- Minor Grade Requirement for Minors
- Adjustment to January 2017 Calendar

All three items were approved by President Rabinowitz on April 21. At the same meeting, the Midsemester Grades Proposal was tabled.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Sonocent Ad-hoc Committee met on April 14 regarding audio note taking and began to finalize the document that would be signed by students and allows for the consultation with faculty for audio note taking in their courses. Hofstra University's Legal Department has approved the draft and it will be sent to both the Faculty Affairs Committee, Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, and Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee of the University Senate for approval.

**III. New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

- A. George Giuliani, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee reported that the committee met last Friday with Nancy Kaplan, the chair of the AAUP Steering Committee for Distance Learning, to discuss peer observation for distance learning classes, as well as Course and Teacher Ratings (CTRs) for online classes. The committee will begin working on an online tool for evaluation for online classes.
- B. Jason Davidow, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is still discussing the issue of a student pursuing a secondary Master's Degree at Hofstra and how many credits can be applied, if the student already achieved a Master's Degree from Hofstra. Prof. Davidow researched what other schools are doing and reported that it is pretty variable. More data is still being collected and the committee will continue to work on this issue.
- C. Gabriella Munoz, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee discussed how to improve Hofstra spirit on campus. Bianca Pickering, a student senator, is working closely with the Student Government Association (SGA) to try and get a "spirit rock" on campus. The Internship Transportation Task Force also met and hopes to move forward on this issue. She also reported that student elections will be held on Tuesday, April 26 and Wednesday, April 27 through the Hofstra Portal. The committee also discussed the Town Hall meeting as well as a possibility to reimburse students when they travel for internships.
- D. Prof. Nirode, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee that the committee also discussed the Town Hall Meeting, which was held on April 13 and ways it can be approved. The committee also discussed the issue of internship travel. A task force has been set up and will meet again shortly.
- E. Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee discussed an ongoing issue concerning the relationship between the grade forgiveness/ repeat course option and circumstances when there is an act of academic dishonesty within a particular course. The committee will continue to discuss this issue in the fall. Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management, gave the committee an update on the current state of enrollment.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The 2015-2016 University Senate was adjourned at 3:15p.m. The Provost then asked the members of the 2016-2017 Senate to elect a chair for its committee. 2016-2017 chairs are as follows:

SEC	Eugene Maccarrone
UAAC	Marc Silver
GAAC	Debra Goodman
P & B	William Nirode
FAC	George Giuliani
SAC	Bianca Pickering

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37p.m.