

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, MAY 5, 2014
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

The minutes of the April 7th, 2014 Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Herman Berliner

Provost Berliner congratulated Eugene Maccarrone and the Planning and Budget Committee, William Finnegan and the Student Affairs Committee and the Student Government Association for a successful Town Hall Meeting held on April 30th. There were very good questions on part of the students and a very positive environment and shows everyone how worthwhile it is to hold such meetings.

The Provost also reported that the Hofstra Gala was held on Thursday, May 1st, raising over \$930,000.00. This year's event marked the establishment of the School of Engineering and Applied Science and the School of Health Sciences and Human Services. The Teacher of the Year recipients are as follows:

- Ellen T. Frisina, Associate Professor, Journalism, Media Studies, Public Relations, Lawrence Herbert School of Communication
- Mauro J. Caputi, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science Sarah A. Novak, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Psychology, HCLAS
- Holly J. Seirup, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Counseling and Mental Health Professions, School of Health Sciences and Human Services
- Katie M. Sell, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Health Studies and Kinesiology, School of Education
- Elizabeth K. Venuti, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Accounting, Taxation and Legal Studies in Business, Frank G. Zarb School of Business
- James J. Sample, J.D., Associate Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law
- Dr. William Rennie, M.D., FACEP, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Course Director, Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine

Provost Berliner commented that few and far between for someone to be a terrific teacher for both undergraduate and graduate students, and James Sample, also the Senate's senator representing the Law School, has done a terrific job in both venues.

The Provost reported that there are now four finalists in the search for a new Vice President for Student Affairs, giving a very broad representation of the university community to meet with these finalists and give their input. This is a very important search and we have a very robust pool at this time. The Provost extended thanks to Sandra Johnson for her services throughout the years.

The Provost reported that for the first time, there will be a student speaker during the Honors Convocation. A notice went out to all graduating seniors for the opportunity to compete in terms of the commencement speech. Rejena Carmichael, an Honors College student majoring in English, with a concentration in English and American Literature, minoring in both Political Science and Film. She will graduate with distinction and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He reported that all of the students who presented possible speeches for the commencement made very good presentations as well.

The commencement schedule is as follows:

Sunday, May 18

- 9 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony for Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Education, and School of Health Sciences and Human Services, featuring Will Allen, founder and CEO of Growing Power Inc.
- 3 p.m. Undergraduate Ceremony for Frank G. Zarb School of Business, Lawrence Herbert School of Communication and School of Engineering and Applied Science, featuring Jared Kushner, CEO of Kushner Companies, a diversified private real estate organization, and owner of The Observer Media Group.
- 7 p.m. Graduate Ceremony, featuring Sharon Marcil, senior partner and managing director of the Boston Consulting Group.

Monday, May 19

- 7 p.m. Maurice A. Deane School of Law Ceremony, featuring Judith Livingston '79, one of the most successful plaintiff's attorneys in the United States.

The Provost reported that it has been a very productive year for the University Senate. Last year, the faculty passed a resolution which called for more communication between the standing committees of the University Senate and key administration. As a result, communication has been vastly strengthened, including between the committees and the President. Faculty leaders have also been meeting with Board of Trustee leaders.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Chairperson Stuart Bass

Action Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for action, the Smoking Ban Resolution which is a comprehensive policy statement regarding sanctions for those who violate the smoking ban on campus. The original smoking ban was put into effect in January, 2013 but there were no enforcement regulations. The resolution urges the President to authorize and direct the Office of Public Safety to issue citations to individuals violating said ban and lists other guidelines for enforcement. Karen O'Callaghan, Director of Public Safety, and Joseph Barkwill, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, were invited to the meeting to discuss their concerns with the resolution. A discussion followed and Vice President Barkwill requested the item be tabled until the fall, allowing the Office of Public Safety to research what other colleges and universities do as far as enforcing its smoking ban as well as preparing its officers for enforcement. Provost Berliner pointed out that even if the resolution was approved today, it would still need to go to the Full Faculty in the fall after the first Senate meeting. Therefore, there is no reason to table the item until the fall Senate meeting. The following amendments were made:

the following sentence:

- a) *the President to authorize and direct the Office of Public Safety to issue citations to individuals violating said ban;*

was changed to:

- a) *the President to authorize and direct the Office of Public Safety to issue citations to individuals **observed** violating said ban;*

the following sentence:

c) said penalties shall be collected by the Bursars Office, similar to those procedures for parking and other related violations and infractions;

was changed to:

*c) said penalties shall be collected by the **University**, similar to those procedures for parking and other related violations and infractions;*

the following sentence:

g) That Health Services/Wellness Center undertakes a program to assist those individuals who wish to end smoking;

was changed to:

*g) That **University** undertakes **programs** to assist those individuals who wish to end smoking;*

The item was passed with and the Office of Public Safety will respond to the Senate by September 1st with their concrete suggestions in terms of enforcement. He also reported that eventually the Senate will have to look at enforcing a ban on the North Campus. The item passed as amended with 17-in favor of, 1-opposed, 1-abstention.

Discussion Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for discussion item the Mobile Device Policy which applies to accessing Hofstra data on a cellular device. Various New York State and federal laws require the University to protect sensitive information and to notify individuals in certain circumstances where there is a security breach relating to personal information. A discussion followed. The item will be brought to the first Senate meeting of the Fall as an action item.

III. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

IV. New Business

Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management, reported that the department held several admitted students' day during the last few weeks, and are trying to remind faculty and everyone else on campus that when they see these groups visiting the campus, feel free to say hello. It leaves a lasting impression.

V. Adjournment

The 2013-2014 University Senate was adjourned at 4:33p.m. The Provost then asked the members of the 2014-2015 Senate to elect a chair for its committee. 2014-2015 chairs are as follows:

GAAC	Jason Davidow
P & B	Eugene Maccarrone
FAC	George Giuliani
SAC	Chelsea Laggan

The Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee did not elect a chair; therefore a special meeting will be called in the fall before the first Senate meeting.