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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, MAY 7, 2018
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY


Absent: Amalathas, Basile, Cinquemani, Dougharty, Ellinger, Herold, Imran, Mazzocco, Wallace, Wong

Guests: Boston-Hill, Doan, Durst, Fu, Getz, Huang, Santangelo, J; Sobel, Ward-Ciesielski

The April 9, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Provost Gail Simmons

The Provost convened the meeting by reporting on a few dates:

- Thursday, May 10 11a.m. – 1p.m. - Undergraduate Research Day
- Monday, May 14, 2 p.m. – Medical School Commencement
- Friday, May 18 – 4 p.m. Celebration of Scholarly Excellence
  - honor students who are receiving Latin Honors for a GPA of 3.6 and above
  - department and other special honors
  - Alexander Hayes, from the Department of Political Science has been chosen as the student speaker

The Provost reminded the faculty to submit book orders to the bookstore. The bookstore is reporting that we are running about 60% low on submissions of books for the fall, compared to this time last year.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee George Giuliani

Prof. Giuliani thanked the following senators for their service:

- Provost Simmons and Terri Shapiro for their leadership
- Caroline Schreiner for her hard work as secretary to the Senate
- members of the Senate Executive Committee who are not stepping down:
  - William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee
• Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, who also did an excellent job chairing the Town Hall Meeting this year

• member of the Senate Executive Committee who are stepping down:
  o Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
  o Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
  o Donna Balson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee

• Senators who are stepping down:
  o Antonio Agcaoili, undergraduate students
  o Torie Amalathas, undergraduate students
  o Rychard Curtiss, School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts
  o Lisa Filippi, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
  o Victor Lopez, Frank G. Zarb School of Business
  o Diane Perky, Adjunct Professors
  o James Sample, Maurice A. Deane, School of Law

Prof. Giuliani reported that at the last full faculty meetings the following were passed:

• revisions to UNIV 001 – passed on April 10, 2018
• Religious Observance Policy passed on May 2, 2018

For Information
1. Prof. Giuliani presented for information, recommended Graduate Bulletin changes. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee went over the graduate bulletin and had a few suggested changes according to what is actually current practice.

For Action
1. Prof. Giuliani presented for action, the Town Hall Meeting/What’s Happening at Hofstra Switch. Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee reported that the committee and the Student Government Association (who host What’s Happening at Hofstra) wanted to switch the two events, planning the Town Hall Meeting in the fall semester instead of the spring semester, and What’s Happening at Hofstra in the spring semester, instead of the fall semester. The Provost reported that the President is on board with the switch. The item passed unanimously. This item does not need to go to the full faculty for a vote.
III. New Business

There was no new business.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Donna Balson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is still working on a pilot program for an electronic delivery system for the Course and Teacher Ratings (CTRs), as well as peer evaluations for online courses. The committee will also continue to work on the creation of an Elections and Communications Officer, which will take place of the Secretary of the Faculty.

B. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee finished their review of the Graduate Bulletin and recommended the changes to the Senate. The committee will continue to talk about graduate badges that the Provost’s Office and Robert Brinkmann, Vice Provost for Scholarship and Research, and Dean of Graduate Studies, have been working on. These are programs for specialty areas where we already have capacity with existing courses.

C. Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will continue to work on the initiatives they have set into place this year.
   - mental health on campus
   - graduate affairs – more activities for graduate students
   - smoking ban

Ms. Ramirez also reported that the Student Affairs Committee held their elections and have four new senators. In addition, they have appointed new senators at-large.

D. Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that as previously reported, the revisions to UNIV001 were passed by the full faculty. The committee has completed their agenda for the year.

E. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee met with W. Houston Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs who reported on the following:
• Student Affairs has seen budget cuts of 9% over the past 4 years
• building a Muslim Prayer Center in Roosevelt Hall which will be large enough to accommodate 5-7 people
• working with Student Access Services (SAS) and Career Services to help students with disabilities to find employment after they graduate.

V. Adjournment
The 2017-2018 University Senate was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. The Provost then asked the members of the 2018-2019 Senate to elect a chair for its committee. 2018-2019 chairs are as follows:

SEC George Giuliani
UAAC Paul Fritz
GAAC Nicholas Santangelo
P & B William Caniano
FAC Russel Chen/Fall Rina Hirsch/Spring
SAC Carissa Ramirez until an election via email through the committee

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.