

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**  
**THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

Present, Agcaoili, Balson, Basile, Caniano, Chun, Curtiss, Dougharty, Eads, Filippi, Fritz, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Goodman, Hoovort, Houck, Imran, Lopez, Maccarrone, Mazzocco, Miller, Normandin, Persky, Ramirez, Sample, Santangelo, Seirup, Shapiro, Shepherd, Silver, Simmons, Sorrentino,

Absent: Amalathas, Dippel, Elkis-Abuhoff, Herold, Wallace

Guests: Bass

The May 3, 2017 minutes were approved.

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

Provost Simmons convened the meeting by giving Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the opportunity to update everyone on Middle States. Vice Provost Shapiro reported that we are currently involved in our self-study process – we’ve constituted all the committees and in the current academic year they are working on drafts of each section of the report. We had a great meeting in the late spring with our Middle States VP Liaison, Dr. Christy Faison, regarding the submission of our self-study design, which was approved by Middle States soon after. She asks that all please help spread the word about the self-study and encourage participation across the board.

The Provost reporting on some changes to the Provost’s Office:

- Terri Shapiro continues in the role of Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Her portfolio includes accreditation and assessment, AAUP matters, and faculty development, with an emphasis on technology and online learning.
- Bob Brinkmann is now Vice Provost for Scholarship and Research, and Dean of Graduate Studies. He continues to oversee our work on grants and collaborate with Centers and Institutes to develop capacity and create synergies. He will also turn his talents fully toward supporting the growth of our graduate programs, and serve as my primary liaison on space and facilities.
- Neil Donahue is now Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and Internationalization. He is the primary liaison between the Provost’s Office and both Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. He now takes on a role of coordinator and developer of campus internationalization, based on his work with the ACE Internationalization Lab self-study process.
- Denise Shirreffs is now Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs Operations and Technology Systems. Her role has expanded to support a wide variety of Academic Affairs technology initiatives.
- Debbie Tinnirello, who joined the office on August 1 as Executive Assistant to the Provost. Debbie joins Hofstra University after serving most recently as Regional Director for the Long Island offices of Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.
- Alison Zorn has joined our office as Coordinator for Events and Communication after a number of years as an editor in University Relations.

She also reported on Faculty Research Education Developments and Workshops, there will be a blog post from Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and an announcement of the Fall 2017 Wine & Cheese Reception – Thursday, October 25 from 3-5p.m. in the Student Center Greenhouse.

The Provost reported that Neil Donahue has been working extensively with Student Affairs on the implementation of the EAB Student Success Connect Platform.

The Provost reported that in the last fiscal year, grants submissions increased in dollar value by 62%, and awards received increased by 28%.

The Provost reported that she will be linking to a blog post about a fellowship honor she received this summer where she was appointed association of Chief Academic Officers' Digital Fellow, which is supported by the Gates Foundation. It lasts a year and the focus is on the use of digital courseware to support student learning. This is distinct from online education. The object of the fellowship is that the Gates Foundation Education Wing has found a lot of literature that suggests that digital courseware can help student learning, particularly student learning among students who are at risk.

## **II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee George Giuliani**

Prof. Giuliani thanked Gene Maccarrone for his service to the Senate as the Senate Executive Committee chair for the past two years.

Prof. Giuliani reported that the Senate Executive Committee met on September 6.

Caroline Schreiner, Senior Support Specialist of the University Senate asks that everyone bring the nametags provided at today's meeting to every Senate meeting. She also reported that according to Faculty Statute VII – The University Senate:

*If an elected senator misses three meetings in one academic year of the Senate or of the committee to which the senator was assigned, the Senate Executive Committee has the right to declare that seat vacant and to appoint the individual receiving the next highest number of votes in the Senator's election, or, if that person is not available, to appoint another person from the same constituency to complete the senator's term.*

## **III. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

- A. Donna Balson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee reported that the committee will begin discussions on moving the Course and Teacher Ratings (CTR) from paper to online, as well as online promotions for tenure. The committee will also be discussing the Adjunct Teacher of the year.
- B. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will be meeting on September 25 with an open agenda. They will be surveying graduate directors about issues they are interested in. She also reported that Bob Brinkmann, Vice Provost for Scholarship and Engagement's office hosted a campus-wide Graduate Student Orientation this year. Vice Provost Shapiro reported that there were over 200 students who came from every discipline.
- C. Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the senators on her committee were told over the summer to pick initiatives they wanted to work on.

- D. Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is presently considering the process of working on two hold over issues from prior years.
- A proposal concerning clarification on instances on academic dishonesty and student's access to the Repeat Course Option.
  - Status of UNIV 001, which is a course that students who are on academic probation are required to pass.
- E. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee will be discussing the loss of 5-6 handicapped parking spots behind Monroe Hall due to the construction of the new School of Business.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20p.m.