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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

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

Present: Berliner, Davidow, Dougharty, Dresner, Eads, Elsey, Elston, Filippi, Fincham, Firestone, Gennarelli, Giuliani, Glasser, Goodman, Hoover, Jernigan, Laggan, Lopez, Maccarrone, Mehta, Sample, Sarcka, Silver,

Absent: Balson, Bass, Espinal, Ghorayeb, Lucito, Morales, Yohn

Guests: Mazzocco

The minutes of the May 5th, 2014 Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Herman Berliner

Provost Berliner convened the meeting by reporting that the semester is off to a very good start with a robust undergraduate enrollment in terms of first time/full time undergraduates reflecting a terrific job by the Office of Admissions and everyone else involved in the process. He reported that the class is larger than our projections but and academically strong class with the top 10% has increasing from 24% to 28%. He also reported that with regard to graduate student enrollment, there is a decline in new students for the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, and there is an increase in new students from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law.

Provost Berliner reported On Thursday, September 18th, there will be a reception honoring and thanking Dr. Liora P. Schmelkin for her many years of outstanding and dedicated service as Hofstra University's Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies.

Provost Berliner reported that we are preparing a periodic review report for Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Every ten years there is the major visit by Middle States and the five years in between there is the periodic review. Middle States has been asking approximately 2/3 of the institutions or more to present a follow up report because there have been areas of great weakness especially in outcomes assessment. Provost Berliner reported that our review is strong with no weaknesses whatsoever and read the following excerpt:

The reviewers find that Hofstra has continued the strong performance that led to a decennial review with no recommendations and has addressed the required material of a PRR in an informative and data-rich fashion. Overall, we commend Hofstra for its thorough PRR, particularly in terms of assessment.

The reviewers found both the report and the culture of assessment being reported on to be genuinely exemplary, and we commend Hofstra for its excellence in this challenging area. Given the high percentage of accredited colleges that receive recommendations about assessment, we believe that Middle States should consider identifying colleges that have an assessment program worth modeling. Hofstra's program would be an important selection for such identification.

Provost Berliner reported that assessment is clearly a university-wide effort and we do extraordinarily well.

Provost Berliner reported that there is a Manhattan cluster for our First-Year Connections Program titled "The Art and Literature of NYC," which is composed of an art history course. The lead faculty members are Bez Ocko, an Associate Professor in Fine Arts, Design and Art History Department and Irene Fizer, an Associate Professor in the English Department,. These are Tuesday/Thursday classes that have regular meetings in the city with a robust enrollment of 23 students. Clusters are sets of two or three classes, linked by a common theme, that fulfill general education requirements. In October, we expect to have the Manhattan MBA program with on-site classes located in Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital. Our Manhattan presence is clearly on the increase.

Provost Berliner reported that a national and international search for a new Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs to succeed him as Provost is underway with Dean Bernard Firestone as chair of the Committee. Any questions can be addressed to him.

Provost Berliner reported that there have been major changes in the New Opportunities at Hofstra Program (NOAH). Christopher Catching, who was the Executive Director, has left the University for another opportunity, so Roosevelt Smith is the current acting director. He reported that for many years, the program has been funded in part by the New York State HEOP program. Initially the State support

was very significant; now it is about 13% of the University contribution and it comes with significant strings regarding the length of the program, staffing, loan limits for the program etc. The University has a very strong commitment to NOAH but given the limited monies provided by the state and the significant constraints, imposed by the State, we have decided to go it alone, maintaining a strong program but not applying for the state's HEOP monies. Provost Berliner reported that in his opinion, maintaining this program is essential.

Provost Berliner reported that on September 17th, Hofstra will have its CPXi Venture Tech Challenge. Hofstra alumnus, Mike Seiman, CEO of CPXi and himself an entrepreneur, has generously contributed to the creation of this entrepreneurship competition for students studying STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). \$100,000 total prize money is available to Hofstra teams of undergraduate and graduate students. The competition will take place on Wednesday, September 17th in the John Cranford Adams Playhouse. He encourages everyone to attend. Last year, the first place prize of \$50,000 went to two computer science majors who developed a low-cost 3D printer and the second place prize of \$25,000 went to another computer science major that developed a simplified electronic medical record system.

Provost Berliner reported that Hofstra's Fall Festival will be held Friday through Sunday, September 19-21, with numerous events for alumni, students and families. Following the Parade of Floats performers Janelle Monae, Matt and Kim, TLC, and '80s cover band Rubix Kube will take the stage for the Vibe Live Concert on Saturday, September 20. Later that night at the Mack Arena, actress and comedian Kathy Griffin will headlining the Out Loud comedy show.

Provost Berliner reported that the Distinguished Faculty Lecture, which will be presented by J. Herbie DiFonzo of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law. His lecture, titled "Dilemmas of Shared Parenting in the 21st Century: How Law and Culture Shapes Child Custody," will be delivered on Wednesday, October 22, during common hour, in the Cultural Center Theater.

Provost Berliner reported that in a Chronicle of Higher Education commentary, he is suggesting we consider adding the following statement be placed on all course outlines:

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here ...

Provost Berliner clarified that he is not making a recommendation to the Senate, but feels it is something that the Hofstra Community should consider.

Provost Berliner reported that *The Honor Code*, by Kwame Anthony Appiah, was the common reading assignment over the summer for incoming first-year students, and examines examples of “moral revolutions” that have changed the world. Kwame Anthony Appiah was the speaker at a First Year Student convocation held on Friday, August 29th. Last year’s Common Reading was *The Good Food Revolution*, by Will Allen, who was also the speaker at last year’s First Year Student convocation. He reported that a notice went out asking for suggestions in terms of what common reading should be for all first year students next year.

Provost Berliner reported that there is a contest underway for a new Alma Mater.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Eugene Maccarrone

Prof. Maccarrone, who reported for Senate Executive Committee chair Stuart Bass, took a moment to extend his condolences on behalf of the University Senate to Prof. Bass, on the death of his mother. Prof. Maccarrone reported that at its last meeting on May 5th, 2014, the Senate passed the Smoking Ban Resolution, which was a comprehensive policy statement regarding sanctions for those who violate the smoking ban on campus. It was noted in those minutes that the Office of Public Safety will respond to the Senate by September 1st with their concrete suggestions in terms of enforcement. Provost Berliner reported that as far as he knows, Prof. Bass has been in contact with The Office of Public Safety but no information is available. . Prof. Maccarrone reported that he will check with Prof. Bass, otherwise the item should come to the Senate by its next meeting.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that since there is quite a bit of adjunct participation on the faculty, it has been proposed that the Senate increase the number of adjunct representatives to the Senate. As of right now, there is one adjunct senator. The Senate Executive Committee will be discussing this issue and will

bring forth an action item hopefully at the next Senate meeting. Faculty Statute VII will need to be revised.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that he received a letter from a student named Jared Garfinkel, who recently graduated, about The People's Climate March, which is ahead of the United Nations Summit on September 21st. Prof. Maccarrone paraphrased Mr. Garfinkel's letter:

The People's Climate March, is ahead of the United Nations Summit, organized for climate action. It is the largest climate march in history. Over 800 organizations have endorsed this event from a wide range of broad interests. A woman from the Energy Action Collation is coordinating student campaigns to bring students to the march. The Sierra Club, with Hofstra's Director of Sustainability Studies has access to reduced-fare tickets on the Long Island Railroad to get to the march.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that Mr. Garfinkel has volunteered to help keep student leaders and professors in the loop about the campaign and to try to get Hofstra community members to the march. He can be reached Jared.Garfinkel@gmail.com.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Chairpersons Evaluation has been tabled. George Giuliani, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee reported that at the last Senate meeting, there were a number of questions that were asked regarding this evaluation which were brought back to the Faculty Affairs Committee for clarification. Since Susan Yohn, the chairperson senator and chair of the Chairs' Caucus, could not attend today's meeting and has asked if the item be tabled until the next Senate meeting in October. The item was tabled.

A. Action Items

1. Prof. Maccarrone presented for action, the Mobile Device Policy, which was presented to the Senate in May as a discussion item. This Policy states that using a mobile device, which can easily be lost or stolen, to access University data, including email, increases the risk of unauthorized access to a disclosure of this information. 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 and the following amendments were made:

All instruction portions of the document have been removed.

The following sentence:

However, if stored, Sensitive Information must always be encrypted.

was changed to:

Encrypt sensitive information when stored.

The following sentence:

If a Device is lost, Users must immediately take steps to remotely erase the data.

was changed to:

If a Device is lost, immediately take steps to remotely erase the data.

The item passed as amended with 19 in favor of, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

2. Prof. Maccarrone reported that the revisions to the Senate Bylaws was tabled at the Senate Executive Committee, therefore moves that the item be tabled until a future Senate meeting. The item was tabled.

III. Committee Reports

A. Planning & Budget Committee

Chairperson Maccarrone reported that he will be working with the Planning and Budget Sub-Committees, which have not been active. The Library Committee has not met and the Academic Computing Committee is in need of a chair. He reported that the Parking and Transportation Task Force, chaired by William Caniano from the Library, has been active and successful thanks to a Senior Design Project completed by Michael Salatti, from the Engineering Department and students from the School of Engineering and Applied Science. These students came up with preliminary findings and the project will resume this semester with new students. The goal is to have final conclusions and recommendations made by the end of the semester.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the Outcomes Assessment Subcommittee will be meeting on October 8th.

Prof. Maccarrone reported that the committee will begin looking into a North Campus Smoking Ban as soon as the enforcement of the South Campus Smoking Ban is situated and the committee will continue to meet with Provost Berliner and the Catherine Hennessey, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer. In addition, the committee will meet with the Dean of the School of Education. The committee will also look into Student Government Association funding as well as hold discussions on HofTown.

B. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Silver reported that at its last meeting in May, the committee passed a resolution removing the T- designation from the Bulletin. The committee has a number of items left over from last year's agenda including revisions Departmental Honors bulletin wording to make it consistent with current practices on campus, and examining the issue of multiple majors and courses counted toward those majors to ensure there was not a problem with double counted or related issues. The committee will also look into foreign language requirements for international students as well as looking into revising its bylaws.

C. Student Affairs Committee

Chairperson Laggan reported that the committee will continue to focus on the Smoking Ban and parking issues. The committee received some input from students and is looking forward to collaborating with the Planning and Budget Committee on creating some resolutions. The committee is also looking at student representation on various Senate subcommittees. She also reported that the committee is looking into potentially increasing the interaction between students and the Board of Trustees. The committee will also increase its work with the Student Government Association as well as begin planning and advertisement of the Town Hall Meeting.

D. Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Davidow reported that the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee has completed its agenda items from last year but will review its bylaws and make any necessary amendments. He

also reported that he has met with Carol Drummer, Dean of Graduate Admissions, about the possibility of having her give a presentation to the committee. A discussion followed about Graduate Admissions.

E. Faculty Affairs Committee

Chairperson Giuliani reported that the committee has completed its agenda items from last year but will be meeting on September 29th to create an agenda.

IV. New Business

There was no new business.

V. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:33p.m.