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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

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

Present: Balson, Bass, Berliner, Bhogal, Davidow, Dresner, Eads, Elston, Espinal, Filippi, Finnegan, Firestone, Flannery, Fritz, Gennarelli, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Glasser, Goodman, Hoover, Johnson, Lopez, Maccarrone, Sample, Schmelkin, Silver, Yohn

Absent: Angles, Fincham, Lucito

Guests: Laggan, Miller, K., Nirode

I. Report of the Provost, Herman Berliner

Provost Berliner convened the meeting by reporting that we are exactly where we'd like to be with regard to enrollment. In terms of new freshman and graduate students, we are on our target. It looks to be a very good year and the focus has turned to next year and how we can duplicate these numbers.

Provost Berliner reported that he along with Pat Adamski, Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration, and Stephanie Bushey, Vice President for Institutional Research and Assessment, has met with William Nirode, the Speaker of the Faculty, Stuart Bass, chair of the Senate Executive Committee and Susan Yohn, chair of the Chairs' Caucus about the Five Year Plan. They have also met with the Senate Executive Committee and will meet next with the Planning and Budget Committee for input and suggestions. The plan will then be presented by the President to the Board of Trustees. It is a very good plan and "road map" of what the next five years should look like.

Provost Berliner reported that he along Senior Vice President Adamski, and Senior Vice Provost Schmelkin continue to visit with departments throughout the campus to which they are about 2/3 complete. These visits have been enormously valuable in terms of discussion on areas of potential well as areas of concern. The emphasis continues to be on the recruitment and retention of students. This fall, they are planning to visit the following departments:

- Anthropology
- Comparative Literature and Languages
- English
- Fine Arts
- Geology
- Music

- Philosophy
- Physics
- Religion
- Romance Languages
- Sociology
- Counseling and Mental Health Professions
- Physician Assistant Program
- Speech-Language-Hearing-Sciences
- University Studies

Provost Berliner reported that this year will be very busy in terms of accreditations. There will be a report and a visit in terms of our School of Education accreditation – TEAC (Teacher Education Accreditation Council). Our Journalism Program will have an accreditation visit in November. The self-study is due in October. The Zarb School of Business and the Accounting Program are up for accreditation review this fall and Audiology will be received in February. Both the Psychology Department and Physician Assistant Program will be reviewed in May, and our Middle States periodic review will also take place this year.

Provost Berliner reported a comprehensive renovation of Barnard Hall will take place in the spring. In addition, Adams Hall, the lower level of the Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy building, and parts of Roosevelt Hall will be renovated hopefully within the next year. Parts of the Gallon Wing will also be renovated for the Physician’s Assistant Program. The Sciences are more space intensive than many other disciplines and as these departments grow, within the next five years we may have to address the issue with more construction on campus. In addition, the lower level of Axinn Library, will also be renovated into more collaborative and group study space, which has been a tremendous success in other parts of the library. Senior Vice President Schmelkin reported that three of the five long collaborative rooms in CV Starr Hall, which are Computer Center rooms, will also be renovated to create six smaller rooms, one with a configuration to fit 32 students, and the other fitting 42 students.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Chairperson Stuart Bass

Prof. Bass requests that the University Senate suspend the formal standing committee reports in order to fully discuss the action items on the table. There were no objections.

A. Action Items

1. Prof. Bass presented for action the revisions to Departmental Honors. The item passed unanimously.

2. Prof. Bass presented for action, Revisions to the Environmental Safety Committee bylaws. under the Chemical Hygiene Plan, the University Senate Environmental Safety Committee serves as the Chemical Hygiene Committee so the bylaws needed revision. Dr. Berliner noted that in the comment section it states “There have not currently been any student senators at committee meetings. Do you want this to remain?” William Finnegan, chair of the Student Affairs Committee reported he will find a student interested in serving on this committee. The item passed unanimously.

3. Prof. Bass presented for action, the Board Representation Resolution which was tabled at the last Senate meeting. A slight discussion followed about including staff and students as well. Prof. Silver reported that there was a resolution brought up at the full faculty meeting written by Kathleen Wallace which should have replaced this item. It was suggested to table the motion until Caroline Schreiner can follow up on whether or not the President has approved the resolution that was presented at the full faculty meeting. Prof. Maccarrone suggested that at an appropriate time, the archives of the Hofstra Charter should be checked to see what the authority is for the Board of Trustees and what its composition may be. A motion was passed unanimously to table the resolution.

4. Prof. Bass presented for action, the Academic Credit for Significant Leadership and Service Positions On-Campus Resolution. Prof. Fritz, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee reported that the committee was looking into ways to increase awareness of the opportunities to pursue academic credit for the important work they do on-campus through leadership and service positions. The proposal was originally passed by the Senate Executive Committee and presented to the Senate in September 2012, but the item was sent back to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee to include a conflict of interest policy to preempt any possible conflicts of interest where faculty can unduly pressure students to coerce or suggest positions having anything to do with University policy. The conflict of interest policy includes language that a faculty member providing supervision and grading of a student seeking academic credit for a leadership or service position that is situated within an on-campus official Hofstra University body cannot be an active participant in the same official Hofstra University body. A discussion followed. Provost Berliner reported that if this item is passed, he will send it to Legal

Counsel for review to see if there are any ramifications that were not yet considered. A discussion followed on how soon it will be implemented, after being approved by the President. Provost Berliner reported that it could be implemented as soon as the end of the fall 2013 semester. Prof. Fritz reported that there is nothing keeping students from doing this already as long as they go through an established procedure. Prof. Fritz clarified that “official body” in the policy is defined as anybody that has some sort of impact on university policies. Provost Berliner also suggested building in language that the policy must be reviewed every two years. The item passed with 2 opposed.

IV. New Business

Prof. Silver reported that many students are still violating the smoking ban that took place in the spring 2013 semester and requests an update on how it is being enforced. Provost Berliner reported that he has seen a difference in the smoking in certain areas and faculty have included the smoking ban in there syllabus. In addition, the Provost sent out an email to faculty reminding them of this ban. Prof. Silver reported that he’s noticed that smokers do congregate in particular areas and he feels if Public Safety is not going to enforce it, then why have a smoking ban. Prof. Bass reported the initial discussion and intent behind the policy as it was passed was that the spring 2013 semester would be a “warning period.” He also reported that he had a preliminary conversation with Karen O’Callaghan, Director of Public Safety, who has always indicated hat it was difficult to enforce things like this but agreed that sometime this semester they would sit down and discuss sanctions and policies that would create fines. He hopes to have this meeting soon and work out rules and regulations which will be subject to approval from the University Senate. It was noted that this policy includes faculty, staff and administrators.

Senator Espinal, a student senator, reported that several students have approached him questioning the process for Fall Festival selection of artists and whether or not students can become more involved in the planning process. Sandra Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported that they work with Concerts and Entertainment Unlimited in identifying a list of potential artists but there is no guarantee a particular artist will be booked. Senator Espinal suggests getting word to students how they can become more involved. A discussion followed.

Prof. Silver reported that he has not received the Revisions to University Senate Committee Bylaws or the Resolution on Informational Meetings with President which were passed by the full faculty in May, 2013. Caroline Schreiner will follow up on where these transmittals are.

Prof. Bass reported that the President did not approve the Parking Ban Resolution that was passed by the full faculty in May, 2013. The President believed there was insufficient student input in the final decision making. Prof. Bass reported that since this issue has been belabored for so long, he would like to see a group including the Student Government Association and the Student Affairs Committee meet to resolve this and bring it to the Senate approval.

III. Committee Reports

A. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Fritz reported that the committee discussed clarifying language in its bylaws as well as revising Faculty Policy Series #10 revisions.

B. Graduate Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Davidow reported that the committee will continue working on an information item that will summarize the committee's findings from the focus groups held which focused on a variety of issues relating to diversity. The committee also will continue to work on the recommendations for dissemination of information about campus-related activities and policies to graduate students .

C. Planning & Budget Committee

Chairperson Maccarrone reported that in addition to their regular monthly meeting, the committee will also meet with the Provost and the Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration to discuss a draft of the Five-Year Plan. he along with Prof. Bass, Prof. Nirode and Prof. Yohn had a conference call with Scannell and Kurz regarding certain consulting they did regarding admissions. The committee will address some follow up on the red light situation on California Avenue. He would like to see it expanded with new issues regarding safety issues and traffic overall particularly with regard to Hempstead Turnpike. The committee will also discuss outcomes assessment and the parking task force as well as setting up a Town Hall Meeting in the spring.

D. Student Affairs Committee

Chairperson Finnegan reported that the committee will discuss the Blue Beetle Schedule, a possible smoking ban on North Campus and ID prices for replacement IDs. He will also meet with Dean Libman to brainstorm other ideas for the Student Affairs Committee.

E. Faculty Affairs Committee

Chairperson Giuliani reported that the committee has completed all the items on their agenda and will focus on Chairs Evaluations. The committee will put together a draft to present to the Chairs' Caucus for review.

IV. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.m.