

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Boston-Hill, Burnett, Caniano, DeTora, Dippel, Dougharty, Eads, Ellinger, Elkis-Abuhoff, Fritz, Ghorayeb, Giuliani, Hirsch, Houck, Maccarrone, McElory, Miller, Normandin, Santangelo, Seirup, Shapiro, Simmons, Ward-Ciesielski

Absent: Basile, Doan, Hinson, Hoovort, Gershman, Kurtz, Ramirez, Schlegel, Wallace

The May 7, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

I. Report of the Provost, Provost Gail Simmons

The Provost convened the meeting by reporting on Middle States

- spent a lot of time over the summer reading and revising drafts and are now in the process of consolidating them between the steering committee, the core committee, faculty and administrative representatives
- a meeting with the full steering committee on October 9
- another meeting will follow in November
- the committee chair, the President of Syracuse University, will be on campus in early December
- there will be an opportunity for the whole report to be available to the campus committee
- site visit dates are March 30 until April 3

Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, reported on a new leadership program.

- yearlong leadership pilot
- three administrators applied
- fifteen faculty members applied but three were chosen
- monthly group coaching sessions

The Provost reported that enrollment for the graduate levels are still down, particularly in business, but many of our graduate programs in other areas of the university did very well. There has been better coordination between the Office Enrollment Management graduate recruiters, graduate directors, deans, and the Provost's Office. The decline in graduate enrollment for the Frank G. Zarb School of Business is due to a drop in international student enrollment.

The Provost reported that we have gotten permission from the state to kick off a new graduate program in Cardiovascular Sciences and Perfusion Medicine which is a program that is a collaboration with Northwell for a very specific type of master's program for people who aren't doctors but who work during certain kinds of surgical procedures. It will be a small program but there are very few like it in the country. The Provost also reported that we are looking at the possibility of initiating a doctor program in Physical Therapy. More information will be available as the year goes on.

The Provost reported that Subin Anthony, Hofstra's first full time Environmental Health and Safety Officer has left the university in June. Therefore, Michelle Glover-Brown has taken his place,

starting on September 4. She has a wide career having most recently done environmental health and safety for the Feinstein Institute.

The Provost reported on Internationalization. Many units of the university have spoken to the Provost on the fact that they would like to be doing more with study abroad opportunity with exchange programs of various kinds but we didn't really have the resources to do so. After discussions this summer with Ben Rifkin, dean of the Hofstra College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the nature of Maria Fixell's position has been changed and she is now the Assistant Provost for Study Abroad and Internationalization. She will be working with any and all units of the university who are interested in internationalizing curriculum, developing study abroad opportunities, and developing exchange programs. We have developed several exchange partners over the summer, particularly in the United Kingdom. We now have an exchange partner in Roehampton University in London, University of North Umbria in Newcastle, and expanded a partnership which had been just for the Law School, in Aberdeen but is now something that students from across the university can participate in.

The Provost reported that Hofstra University will mark the 25th anniversary of its oldest international student exchange program with the University of Amsterdam with a symposium, *New Netherland, New Amsterdam: A Celebration of Dutch Heritage and Transatlantic Exchange*. The keynote address will be given by bestselling author, historian and journalist Russell Shorto.

The Provost reported that there may be a possible partnership with a corporation called INTO Higher Education for a pathway program. Pathway programs allow students who meet our overall academic requirements but do not quite meet our English language requirements to take language courses while also taking a limited number of carefully selected credit bearing courses during their language training. The university spent a lot of time over the summer exploring what it would mean to develop such a partnership. A contract has not been signed just yet. Site visits to two schools (Drew University and Suffolk University) who currently have partnerships with this corporation have been completed. The Provost and Robert Brinkmann, Vice Provost for Scholarship and Research, and Dean of Graduate Studies, are going to start setting up opportunities to have open information sessions for faculty, administrators and staff who would like to learn more about what the partnership will look like and what the advantages are for Hofstra.

II. Report of the Senate Executive Committee George Giuliani

Prof. Giuliani reported that the Senate Executive Committee met on September 4 to discuss where things are within the Senate and its membership. Representation is needed for the following schools:

- One-year term for the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication
- Two-year term for the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication
- Three-year term for the School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts
- Three-year term for the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs
- Three-year term for the Adjunct Professors.

The SEC has reached out to the deans of these schools for assistance in filling these vacant spots.

Prof. Giuliani pointed out that the next Senate meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 8.

III. New Business

There was no new business.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Kevin Boston-Hill, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has elected a new chair and approved a recommendation for Emeritus Status. There was also a slight discussion on Peer Evaluation for online courses.
- B. Nicholas Santangelo, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will meet on Thursday, September 20. Robert Brinkmann, Vice Provost for Scholarship and Research, and Dean of Graduate Studies, will talk to the committee more about the pathway's program.
- C. Caroline Schreiner reported for the Student Affairs Committee, that Carissa Ramirez was officially elected as the Student Affairs Committee chair for the year. There are a lot of new faces and everyone has ideas for new initiatives. The new senators are excited to potentially work in conjunction with other committees on the University Senate.
- D. Paul Fritz, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met today and spoke about UNIV001 and received an update on how the changes in policy towards eliminating UNIV001. The committee also started a discussion on the mid semester advisory policy.
- E. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that Joseph Barkwill, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, has agreed to attend P&B meetings regularly so the committee can get regular updates on construction on campus. Highlights include:
 - new building next to CV Starr will be open by the end of the semester
 - Starbucks will be moving into the Student Center

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19p.m.