

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING, MAY 3, 2021
THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Present: Abraham, Berliner, Boston-Hill, Burnett, Caniano, Cassar, Chowdhury, Craig, Dimes, Dippel, Dougharty, Eads, Eliot, Elkis-Abuhoff, Ghorayeb, Heiss, Hernandez, Huang, Kinney, Hirsch, Lopez, Lotier, McFadden, Santangelo, Schlegel, Seirup, Tompkins, Valerius, Welch

Absent: DiStefano, Ciani, Gounelas, Jasterzenski, Miller, McElroy, Ortiz-Jimenez, Osner, Sunik, Stark, Tarson, Tomei

Guests: Ploran

I. The April 12, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Report of the Provost, Provost, Herman Berliner

Provost Berliner convened the meeting by introducing Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management who reported that it's been a strange year with regard to recruitment. There were no test scores, they couldn't travel to visit high schools, nor could they have visitors on campus in the ways that they typically do. It was a huge uncertain time for enrollment, but they are grateful that May 1 came and have exceeded budget and hit their targets. However, there is still so much uncertainty. She reported that they will probably be more aggressive than before to hold onto students.

III. Report of the Senate Executive Committee, William Caniano

Prof. Caniano reported that they will be rerunning the senatorial election for the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, as there were some questions about vagueness in the University Senate bylaws and government documents. These issues will be addressed in the fall.

For Action

1. Prof. Caniano presented for action the Athletic Policy Committee Preregistration Initiative. Rick Cole Jr, Vice President and Director of Athletics, reported that Rachel Peel-Macandrew, Associate Dean for the Center for University Advisement, and Jayne Ellinger, Faculty Athletic Representative and chair of the Athletic Policy Committee attended the April 12 Senate meeting to discuss this item and answer any questions. It is now being voted on. Prof. Burnett commented that he would like to see it amended so that athletes are only receiving one year's advanced registration, which strikes a nice balance. The item passed with 62% in favor 38% opposed, and no abstentions.
2. Prof. Caniano presented for action, revisions to the Student Affairs Committee bylaws. The committee wants to represent students better and felt they would like to act as a liaison from all governing bodies on campus, that are recognized by OSLE and the Division of Student Affairs. The item passed unanimously.
3. Prof. Caniano presented for action, the Special Committee on Educational and Information Technology Bylaws. This committee was created in April 2020 from the Academic Computing subcommittee of the Planning and Budget Committee and made into a Special committee of the University Senate, they needed to create bylaws. The item passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Christopher Eliot, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that faculty across the university will have received this week the committee's document on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and the idea of culturally responsive teaching as ways of reaching out to faculty to help teach online better. The committee is also gathering names from the directors of graduate programs of graduate students that they are interviewing about graduate student academic support and ways the university can do better. He also reported that the committee is working together with the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, Educational Technology, and the Honor Board to continue to think about online exam security best practices.
- B. Michael Heiss, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee confirmed some Emeritus Status this semester and will be considering the digital tool for evaluation in the future. The committee will also look into recognition systems regarding adjunct faculty on campus and their excellence, as well as a separate recognition system for innovation on campus.
- C. Kaylor Dimes, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that she is working on transition documents for the next chair of the SAC.
- D. Craig Burnett, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee met with Jessica Eads, Vice President for Enrollment Management at their last meeting, which was before the May 1 deadline.
- E. Kevin Boston-Hill, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has developed some new language with regards to the completion ratio status and will be moving it along to the Senate Executive Committee. The committee is also working with the Student Affairs Committee regarding the *Race and Ethnicity in America* Course to see where they could lend their support. The committee is also working alongside Educational Technology with regards to *Readyscope* to see how they can make it more accessible to the faculty on campus as well as working with the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, Educational Technology, and the Honor Board to continue to think about online exam security best practices.

VI. Adjournment

The 2020-2021 University Senate was adjourned at 3:15p.m. The Provost then asked the members of the 2021-2022 Senate to elect a chair for the committee they serve on. The 2021-2022 chairs are as follows:

- UAAC Kevin Boston-Hill
- GAAC Christopher Eliot
- P&B Craig Burnett
- FAC TBD (election to be held after Zarb Senate election)
- SAC TBD (election to be held at a later date)

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.