University Senate Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid Meeting – Wang Center Theater & Zoom Meeting)

Meeting called to order by Dr. Richard Larson, the University Senate President, at 3:30 PM. Meeting recording can be viewed <u>here</u>. A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from February 6, 2023 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the March 2023 Senate meeting.
- Announced changes in University Senate Agenda.
- Mentioned President is sick with COVID and wished her a speedy recovery.
- L. Zacarese and Kendra Violet will have presentation on the full MAPS proposal in next Senate meeting.
- "Policing Free Speech" will be held on March 23rd.

Report from Thomas Wilson, Chair University Environment Committee

- Full written report can be viewed here.
- Presented a video about history of Ashley Schiff Memorial preserve.
- Mentioned this preserve is very important to our students and researchers.
- Looking forward to having a formal, written, permanent, and non-reversible protection of this preserve from the President.
- The graduate and undergraduate student governances are in favor of passing legal protections for this preserve.

Report from Suzanne Velasquez, Bylaws committee

- Full written report can be viewed here.
- Introduced the committee members.
- We're proposing:
 - expanding the membership of the Senate to include both full and part-time members.
 - refinement of the definition of faculty.
 - future reduction and redistribution of the Senate electoral seats.
 - having a few new standing committees.
 - an example of an interdisciplinary coordinating curriculum council.
 - defining the relationship with administration.

UFS Winter Plenary Report, Ed Quinn

- Full written report can be viewed here.
- Briefly discussed:
 - An internal resolution honoring Norm Goodman.
 - Chancellor's comments under the Friday's meeting calls for more resources for the campuses.
 - Having best practices for the searches of Administrators.
 - Modifying the representation from this campus as well as buffalo.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed here.
- President won't be able to attend Senate meeting today.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed here.
- We encourage our assistant professors to take advantage of Faculty Pathways website not only to learn about resources and best practices but also to connect with peers.
- Mentioned the SUNY Distinguished Professors' name.
- Deadline for Outstanding Mentor Awards is March 15, 2023.
- CELT Celebration of Teaching Awards nomination information will be available later this month.
- Andrew Singer was named dean of CEAS, with a start date of July 3, 2023.
- Other Executive Searches still in progress.
- Leadership review has started by reviewing deans.
- As of next year we will start both leadership feedback, five-year reviews and formative, for everyone in the Provost's office, including the Provost and the Vice Provost.
- IDEA fellows search is now fully complete.

Report from Health Sciences Senior VP, Hal Paz

- Full written report can be viewed here.
- No presentation.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube East campus President
 - Encouraged members to participate in elections.
 - There will be a membership meeting in HSC this Thursday and will discuss the parking proposal.
 - Negotiation updates are posted on the website.
 - IDA awards are being evaluated and we should be sending out letters regarding the acceptance or denial of the projects that were submitted.
- A. Solar-Greco West Campus President:
 - Negotiations Bulletin published; see latest Happy Pay Day.
 - Chapter Elections:
 - Ballots mailed around 3/14
 - Candidates Forum: March 21 at noon, SAC 302 and Zoom
 - Parking:
 - Article 38 subject to negotiation. Negotiations will be underway soon.
 - Had 2 town halls. Reviewing all feedback, as well as feedback from our survey.
 - Putting together teams to help out on our end with negotiations, research, and organizing.

- Wishnia Award:
 - Deadline is 3/24.
 - Annual award for academic UUP member who has served UUP with distinction and made significant contributions.
 - Email president@uupsbu.org to nominate an academic member.
- The UUP Academic Council is open to all faculty to discuss issues and concerns. The next meeting will be March 23 at 2 PM on Zoom.
- "Getting to Tenure" March 30 at 1 PM.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business:

- University Environment Committee's proposed Resolution was discussed.
- Vote: Resolution passed by %87.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.