



**KUTZTOWN**  
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**KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES**

**April 6th, 2023**

**4:00-6:00PM**

**IN-PERSON AF 103 & ZOOM**

<https://kutztown.zoom.us/j/92721463918?pwd=am9iSVczRzZZRG55clhXc3hNejhJUT09>

**Present:** Roman Altshuler, Lorin Basden Arnold, Colin Bolger, Mario Cardozo, Janice Chernekoff, Kate Clair, Cara Cotellese, Richard Courtney, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Amanda Garcia, Jen Gehringer, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Kenneth Hawkinson, Shelby Hoppis, Julia Hovanec, Deryl Johnson, Yoon Mi Kim, Pierette Kulpa, Eric Laub, Dannell MacIlwraith, Shawn Riley, Makayla Rocchia, Rick Salafia, Kim Shively, Kayla Sherry, Dan Stafford, Jay Sunsay, Baron Vanderburg, Michelle Vaughn

**Guests:** Mr. Robert Grim, Chairperson of Council of Trustees, Gavin Stone, Jacklyn Downing, Steve Lem, Karen Rauch, Elizabeth Kold, Angela Hernandez, Liam Thuman, Damere Jackson, Brian Kronenthal

**Absent:** Henry Alviani, Ryan Bowers, Kristina Fennelly, Chris Habeck, Daniel Immel, Loriann Irving, Perry Lee, Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Christine Price, Angelo Rodriguez, Wendy Rogers, Marci Scheuing, Michelle Sims, George Sirrakos, Baron Vanderburg, Jill Sober-White, Veronique Vlaun, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- D. Johnson calls meeting to order at 4:05PM

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Approved amended agenda by acclamation.
- Discussed Quorum Vote.
- Approved minutes by acclamation for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, after guest speaker.

- **GUEST SPEAKERS**

- **Mr. Robert Grim, Chairperson of Council of Trustees** – Commonwealth Court approved an appeal for the large warehouse regarding a zoning ruling by Maxatawny Township. He thinks the developers won't pursue the large new warehouses. The ruling requires the developers to go through zoning approval. Airport Warehouse (750,000 square feet) – Today's opinion also affects that warehouse. Spoke about strong relationship with Kutztown University.

- **REPORTS**

- *SENATE PRESIDENT – D. JOHNSON*
  - Next month's meeting will have significant new business... At May meeting, will vote on Shared Governance implementation proposal, major revision to SPRC bylaws, Slate of candidates for graduation, New Gen Ed. Bylaws update.
- *SENATE VICE PRESIDENT – C. COTELLESE*

- Thanked everyone on COC for the work completed this semester. CoC presented slate of appointments for committees beginning August – approved.
- *SENATE SECRETARY REPORT – J. HOVANEK*
  - At-large Senate positions are open now. Thanked everyone who voted for the following positions. The results are below. Whoever received the most votes won the election.
  - Elected to VPA SPRC - Pierette Kulpa
  - Elected to COE SPRC – Catherine McGeehan
  - Elected to COB SPRC – Mostafa Masky
  - Elected to LAS GAB – Anthony Bleach
  - Elected to COB GAB – Muratcan Erkul
  - Elected to COE GAB – Christopher Bloh
  - Tie for COC VPA – Diana Ebersole & Joshua Miller (run-off election coming open only to VPA)
- *UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT REPORT – K. HAWKINSON*
  - Chancellor also asked for an additional 1.2 million.
  - Hopeful to not have a tuition increase for next year.
  - Up 7.3% overall in new students last year, but down in total students.
  - Hopeful to be up in total students next year.
  - Up 4.4% in deposits as of today.
  - Up 35% in transfer students (178 vs 132).
  - Up 26% in international students (54 vs 27).
  - Up 59% in graduate students (103 vs 65).
  - At this point, up 12% from last year.
  - Over past 5 years went from 73% retention rate to just under 80%.
  - Factbook was just released (1600 new freshmen in fall 2022).
  - For first time in many years, graduating class last year < new freshman class.
- *UNIVERSITY PROVOST – L. BASDEN ARNOLD*
  - Ongoing program array planning. Look at number of completions per year, trends, 5-year student average. Four programs to go through process to be put in moratorium. Several programs on the cusp – being asked to collaborate, brainstorm new initiatives, underserved populations, etc.
  - P. Kulpa – can a student still choose to major in a program slated for moratorium? Yes, until final approval by KU and PASSHE.
  - Approaching Middle States accreditation process. Karen Rauch and Greg Shelley will be co-chairs. Will be forming steering committee in next few weeks.
  - Tutoring recruitment is starting for fall (tutor@kutztown.edu)
  - Self-nominations for Chambliss Award are due by April 17th, send to Karen Rauch
  - D. Johnson – scheduled to teach 2 large sections; heard there will be workshops this summer. K. Rauch – announcement will be sent to those instructors soon
- *STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD – K. Sherry*
  - Met with Deans of each college.
  - SGB wrapped up their elections.
  - PASSHE Advocacy Day in Harrisburg (just KU) – April 26th
- *ASSESSMENT OFFICE – K. RAUCH*
  - Due to GEAC Leadership and GEC and collaboration – scheduled a rating party.

- Analytic data as opposed to February 17<sup>th</sup> report was due. Many departments still need to hand this report in.
- Keep assessment at the forefront of everything we are doing.
- General Education Assessment Report – moved to analytical rubrics
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – D. JOHNSON**
  - Course Grading – Undergraduate Students (ACA-048) B. Kronenthal.
    - ASPC recommending adding D+ to grading scale.
    - No A+ → mostly done in high schools, not colleges (most use 4.0 scale); might be looked at negatively in interviews.
    - No C- → would be an issue for many prerequisite reasons (“C or better”).
    - No D- → would just hurt the students (“rub salt in the wound”).
    - M. Roccia (SGB VP) – student feedback.
    - 2/3 of board preferred the C- over D+.
    - D+ would often require student to retake a course, C- would not.
    - B. Kronenthal – 70% is cutoff for C; if add C-, cutoff for C would be 73%.
    - D. Johnson – C- would be under 2.0, so it would affect financial aid.
    - M. Roccia – this is current proposal; it doesn’t mean C- will never happen?  
Correct
    - SGB student – why are we changing the current grading system?
    - B. Kronenthal – this was a proposal put to ASPC for consideration.
    - D. Johnson - originating faculty member wanted all grades to have a + and –.
    - S. Lem – a lot of discussions about how C- would affect “credit bearing course”, transferability of course.
    - K. Hawkinson – He always thought an F was an F and an A was an A; he doesn’t think we should have an A- either; many schools don’t have A-grade.
    - MOTION to accept new policy from ASPC → approved.
  - D. Johnson – reminder that 80-minute classes are moving to 75 minutes effective immediately.
- **NEW BUSINESS – D. JOHNSON**
  - Committee of the Whole – Shared Governance Implementation Taskforce – S. Lem.
    - Presenting work on Recommendation #2 from Shared Governance Task Force
    - Existing structure is 88 committees with three main bodies (APSCUF, Senate, Admin.)
    - Identified three main governance areas: Institutional Sustainability, Academic Excellence and Campus/Student Life.
    - Identified three main reporting areas (primacy responsibility): Faculty, Shared, Admin.
    - Revised Shared Governance statement to be more about the goal of shared governance and what it does.
    - K. Claire – would Academic Exceptions Committee make sense under Academic Excellence.
    - S. Lem – we are still considering best location for each committee.

- K. Rauch – chair of Institutional Effectiveness Team, which is not on the chart.
- S. Lem – that is a “Team” and not a committee.
- Things that report to a role/position/office aren’t represented in Shared Governance.
- S. Lem – there are several links in the chart that will then list the appropriate committees.
- D. Johnson – new structure for Shared Governance lists about 25 committees.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Please try to attend May meeting in person.

- **ADJOURNMENT at 6PM**

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Julia L. Hovanec, Secretary, University Senate**

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