



## UNIVERSITY SENATE AGENDA

May 4, 2023

4:00-6:00 P.M.

AF 103 & Zoom

<http://www.kutztown.edu/about-ku/administration/university-senate.htm>

*\*Light refreshments were available before the meeting at 3:30 in AF 103 courtesy of President Hawkinson.*

Present: Roman Altshuler, Lorin Basden Arnold, Colin Bolger, Mario Cardozo, Janice Chernenkoff, 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: B. McCree, M. Hollenbach, Steve Lem, Karen Rauch

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 at 4PM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Wendy Pursell** video discussing Non-PA resident tuition pricing and more. *\*Available on the Senate website.*
- **Guest Speaker B. McCree - Financial Aid Office** - Discussed summer financial aid. Pointed out students have to take 6 credits and they can't get financial aid if on probation. PA grant looks at credits and not GPA. 2.0 baseline for out of state and PA and 24 credits. Talked about scholarships and what they require. Elizabeth Kolb asked a question with regard to internships and The Washington Center question during summer. Currently there is no financial aid for these students available.

- **M. Hollenbach - DSO** - Currently there are 802 students registered or 11 percent. Consistent with national standards. There is a faculty guide and trainings are available. Upcoming Faculty Training opportunities will be announced. Summer Self-paced course available all summer on Universal Design. Open office hours. 8 to 11 since pandemic. See presentation and handbook for more information.
- **Approval of Candidates for Graduation Spring 2023**

## REPORTS

- **Senate President Report - D. Johnson** - Discussed the merger of GEAC and Gen. Ed. and the signage in Old Main misdirecting folks - update by M. Delaney. Carol working with Academic Affairs with changes which should be addressed over the summer - in Stratton as well. S. Lem - question with a chance for chairs to review and the answer was yes.
- **Senate Vice President Report - C. Cotellese** - Gift for D. Johnson to thank him for serving as president this semester.
- **Senate Secretary Report - J. Hovanec** - Senate at large positions results - M. Song and M. Khondaker were elected. At large professional staff election is moved to the Fall.
- **University President Report - K. Hawkinson** - Great April and great year. Will-Rapp Percussion Center opening event was extraordinary. There is a punch list at DeFran. Building. Visitor Center in planning phase. Keystone Hall planning and budget in good shape. Things are going well here with projected enrollment. Maintaining retention rate would be good. Success is because of faculty and student leaders and executive board. Thanked Senate.
- **University Provost Report - L. Basden Arnold** - Not a lot to report - update emailed the fourth or fifth of May. Chat GPT and AI was discussed; there will be no university policy regarding ChatGPT to not stifle its beneficial use. Providing some examples of statements to go in syllabi. Academic Reboot in its second year; over 90% of students participating last year ended with satisfactory progress so can start fall with financial aid. Program health. News as well as events. Thanks to Senate!
- **Student Government Report - K. Sherry** - Not too much to report - advocacy day was a positive experience at legislature - special funding priority list and thanks to Senate.
- **Assessment/Middle States - K. Rauch** - Self Study season - introduction was yesterday - up to 10 can go to plenary session, one-on-one workshops with the Middle States VP. Creation of a budget for accreditation, communication and marketing plan. Setting us up for success. Small working groups. New standards going into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> - same seven but they have revised them with guiding principles. Looking at alignment reflecting on mission and DEI. They are on the website.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Shared Governance Implementation - S. Lem - Motion by Steve Lem to accept the recommendations from the Shared Governance Implementation Task Force. Seconded by Chris Habeck - Motion passed

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- SPRC Bylaws Revisions - C. Cotellese then C. McGeehan - Reviewed the changes to SPRC bylaws. Motion by CoC to accept changes and it passed.
- University Senate Constitution Task Force - D. Johnson - Looking for a couple of folks to work on this during the summer. Would like to have changes for discussion at September meeting.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- L. Frye - Senate meetings for the 2023-2024 school year will be in-person.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- D. Johnson adjourned meeting at 5:32

Respectfully submitted,

Julia L. Hovanec, Secretary, University Senate

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