



## UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

March 7, 2024,

4:00-6:00 PM, AF 202

**Present:** Roman Altshuler, Lorin Basden Arnold, Colin Bolger, Mario Cardozo, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Kristina Fennelly, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Amanda Garcia, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Angela Hernandez, Shelby Hoppis, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Anthony Jefferson, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Pierette Kulpa, Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Dannell Macllwraith, Pdraig McLoughlin, Megan Rutter, Shawn Riley, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Kim Shively, George Sirrakos, Myung Song, Dan Stafford, Gavin Stone, Jay Sunsay, Veronique Vlaun

**Absent:** Cheryl Brattley, Kate Clair, Joanne Cohen, Cara Cotellese, Jen Gehringer, Kenneth Hawkinson, Tracy Keyes, Christine Price, Angelo Rodriguez, Wendy Rogers, Marci Scheuing, Norm Sigmond, Jill Sober-White, Todd Walker, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

**Guests:** Jacklyn Downing, Alex Hernandez, Andrea Kirshman, Elizabeth Kolb, Karen Rauch, Mary Rita Weller, Gabby Wilson

**I. Call to Order** - Lisa Frye

**II. Announcements** - None

**III. Guest Speakers**

A. GEPAC – Alex Hernandez, Co-chair - Established committee with three faculty members in leadership positions, Alex Hernandex, Megan O’Byrne, and Meganlyn Norris. The report for Spring 2023 is complete and the instructors who are assessing SLO 6 were emailed. They are organizing all materials submitted for SLO 1 and SLO 1b. Rating Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to attend. They are working to revise SLO 7 which pertains to FYS. The 5-year

program for GEC is out. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be two external reviewers. Currently they are working on the webpage to align with the merger.

#### **IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 1, 2024 - Accepted**

#### **V. Reports**

A. Senate President – Lisa Frye - Old Main signage is still in progress. APSCUF brought up that they were not aware of what was going on with Middle States. Please be sure to report back. Discussed SGB and breaks as a time to be used for wellness and not as a time to get caught up on work.

B. Senate Vice President – Cara Cotellese - by Lisa Frye - COC met and considered changes to Events Advisory Committee bylaws; returned to committee for revision. There are 53 total positions with 25 still to fill. Reach out to Cara if you are interested in serving on committees.

C. Senate Secretary – Julia Hovanec - We had three people submit their names for the professional staff senators and we will run the election next week.

D. University President – Ken Hawkinson – Absent (out of town on university business)

E. University Provost – Lorin Basden Arnold - Work on planning for Fall in terms of temporary hiring and FTEs. Defined as “squishy” since enrollment is down (due to FASFA and other deadline changes). Onesis/Banner/NewMYKU is under control of the company called Ellucian. Still working out glitches. Bound by decisions made previously. Troy asked all folks who are having any kind of trouble to submit tickets. Be sure to do the training. There is a plan to clean it all up, so it is easier for students and faculty.

F. Student Government Board – Gavin Stone - Approved new student activity fee. It is now 193 dollars. Waiting for final approval. Sent ten members to the Board of Student Governments conference. The board is passionate about mental health for students. More details to come. Safety is another priority. Planning Advocacy Day to Capital. Please do not assign new material right before break. Asked about the number one barrier to student success. The answer was going to class.

G. Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch - Almost 100 percent of the program reviews are in. Assessment fellows will do written feedback in NUVENTIVE. Middle states - Half of the self-study document before the actual self-study is in draft form. Opened it up to feedback. It is a planning document. Because there is a new VP from Middle States now assigned to KU, they are not sure if there will be a Middle States visit on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Waiting to

see. Tasks for working group - Create an outline for chapter due on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Evidence working group was added to collect 1400 pieces of evidence.

H. Student Success – Andrea Kirshman - Student support fair, Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8-2 in MSU 218 and 250. Prizes, challenges, etc.

## **VI. Standing Committee Reports**

A. Events Advisory Council – see written report in March folder.

B. Enrollment Management Committee – no report currently.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

A. Senate Constitution Task Force – Kate Clair, Dan Stafford, Veronique Vlaun - Went through and then approved the rest of the constitution. Pdraig McLoughlin does not agree with the Vice-President Elect stepping up if president cannot finish term. More of a by-law and not part of a constitution. Will make one change so there will always be a paper ballot vote. Motion made by Steve Lem and seconded by Mike Gabriel. Motion from taskforce to approve. Abstain, Jennifer Schlegel

B. Shared Governance Implementation – Lisa Frye - Merge Undergraduate Exceptions Committee and Graduate Exceptions Committee (tabled at December meeting). Motion to take off the table made by Jennifer Schlegel and seconded by George Sirrakos. Discussion then the motion passes and all are in favor.

## **VIII. New Business**

A. Policy Update ACA-055 – Mary Rita Weller - ASPC motion to update this policy. Undergraduate academic forgiveness. Currently C or better for transcripts. PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) updated their policy to accept D for transfer courses, so policy updated to align with them - any passing grade. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Good of the Order** - Reminder to sign in and have a good spring break! Motion made to adjourn by Pdraig McLoughlin and seconded by Steve Lem.

**X. Adjournment** - 5:04

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Julia L. Hovanec*

*Supporting materials can be found here...*

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