

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 10, 2016 – 104 GORE HALL

4:00 PM

September 30, 2016

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Mark Parcells, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting October 10, 2016

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m. in room 104 Gore Hall.

The Agenda will be as follows:

AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda**
- II. Approval of the Minutes:** [September 12, 2016](#)
- III. Election of Senate Secretary and COCAN Member at Large** - A slate of nominations prepared by the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Chris Williams, Chairperson) is presented in [Attachment 1](#). Biographies of the nominees are presented in [Attachment 2](#). Senators are reminded that additional nominees may be made from the floor, and that senators making such nominations are responsible for determining that a nominee will serve if elected.
- IV. Remarks:** Provost Domenico Grasso
- V. Announcements:** Senate President Prasad Dhurjati
- VI. Consent Agenda:** None
- VII. Regular Agenda:**

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

Resolutions:

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) and co-sponsors Senator Ackerman, Courtright, Eidelman, Fox, Galileo, Hastings, Keefe, Keeler, McLane for the request to approve a resolution concerning revisions to the Faculty Handbook ([attachment](#))

Whereas, the Faculty Senate functions as the standing executive committee of the Faculty of the University of Delaware and, as such, exercises all the powers vested in the Faculty by the Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, the Faculty Handbook contains the major academic and educational policies and regulations of the University and shall be maintained jointly by the Faculty Senate and the Provost's Office, be it therefore

Resolved, that any changes made to the Faculty Handbook first must be approved by the Faculty Senate as stipulated in Section 3.2.3.2 of the Board of Trustees Bylaws, and be it further

Resolved, that such changes made must be implemented and recorded as specified on the "Form for Approval of Changes to the UD Faculty Handbook," which is [attached](#) and be it further

Resolved, that any changes made without the prior approval of the Faculty Senate shall be removed from the Faculty Handbook (subject to Section 3.2.3.2 of the Board's Bylaws).

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) with the concurrence of the COCAN Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Rules Committee (Mark Parcels, Acting Chair) for the request to revise the Faculty Handbook 1.2 Bylaws and Regulations of the University Faculty Senate, Section 12 Responsibilities and Powers of Officers, concerning the term of the Senate President and Executive Committee ([Attachment 1](#))

Whereas, the term of the University Faculty Senate President and members of the Executive Committee is currently September 1 through August 31; and

Whereas, the President and the Executive Committee members must begin working on business for the Fall Senate Meetings during the summer months while the term of the current President is still in effect, be it therefore

Resolved, that the term of the University Faculty Senate President and members of the Executive Committee shall commence on July 1 through June 30 as stipulated in [Attachment 1](#).

3. Recommendation from Senator Zide for the request to revise the Faculty Handbook Section 4.1.2 Secondary, Joint, Affiliated, and Visiting Faculty Appointments concerning ambiguous explanations of these roles ([Attachment 1](#))

Whereas, the usage of terms in section 4.1.2 of the Faculty Handbook on “Secondary, Joint, Affiliated, and Visiting Faculty Appointments” is sometimes ambiguous and has therefore resulted in confusion, and

Whereas, clear explanations of these roles is critical to ensure that people are appointed correctly, be it therefore

Resolved, that section 4.1.2 of the Faculty Handbook is amended according to the redline document in [Attachment 1](#).

4. Recommendation from the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) with the concurrence of the COCAN Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Rules Committee (Mark Parcels, Acting Chair) for the approval of a resolution to increase the term of the chair of the Committee on Committees and Nominations ([Attachment 1](#))

Whereas, all officers of the Senate except the COCAN chair currently serve at least two years in the Senate Executive Committee, and

Whereas the current term of the COCAN chair is currently only one year, and

Whereas, it is necessary to maintain continuity among the various committees for the COCAN chair to have a longer term, be it therefore

Resolved, that the term of the COCAN chair will be extended to two years effective immediately.

5. Recommendation from the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair)

with the concurrence of the COCAN Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Rules Committee (Mark Parcels, Acting Chair) for the approval of a formal procedure for replacement of Senate Officers who may resign in mid-term ([Attachment 1](#))

Whereas, a Senate officer may need to be replaced during their term due to resignation, change of position or other event, and

Whereas, for most officers of the Senate, except Past President, the procedure for replacement of Senate officers is by the process of an election, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Senate Executive Committee may appoint a temporary replacement to serve as a non-voting "Acting officer" during the period of vacancy until an election is held at the next available Faculty Senate meeting, and be it further

Resolved, that the replacement for the Past President vacancy may be selected by the Academic Priorities Review Committee.

6. Recommendation from the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) with the concurrence of the COCAN Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Rules Committee (Mark Parcels, Acting Chair) for the approval of a resolution to increase the membership of the Academic Priorities Review Committee by two additional past presidents and amend the charge to include the responsibility to appoint a replacement for the Past President if a vacancy occurs ([Attachment 1](#))

Whereas, to improve the diversity and depth of institutional knowledge to increase the effectiveness of the Academic Priorities Review Committee, be it therefore

Resolved, that the membership of the Academic Priorities Review Committee be increased by three additional Faculty Senate Past Presidents, and be it further

Resolved, that the committee shall appoint a replacement for the "Past President" should a vacancy occur on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

VIII.

Presentations:

Community Engagement

Dan Rich, Professor of Public Policy and
Administration, and Director of Community
Engagement

Lynnette Overby, Professor, Department of Theatre,
and Director, Community Engagement Initiative

Parliamentary Procedures of the Faculty Senate

John Jebb, Professor of English

Clicker Testing

Prasad Dhurjati, Senate President

General Education Update

Christopher Knight, Professor of Kinesiology and

Applied Physiology and General Education

Committee Chairperson

Non-Discrimination Policy Update

Sue Groff, Director, Institutional Equity and

University Title IX Coordinator

Jose Riera, Dean of Students

IX. Introduction of New Business:

Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)