

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

October 10, 2016

104 GORE HALL

Official Minutes

Members Present: B. Ackerman, M. Badiey, J. Bernstein, M. Buell, M. Carothers, K. Cranker, J. Courtright, J. Custer, J. Daniel, E. Davis, P. Dhurjati, C. Dybowski, S. Eidelman, A. Everard, J. Firestone, A. Fox, A. Friedman, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, B. Glass, D. Grasso, D. Green, M. Grotti, S. Hastings, A. Hestvik, J. Jung, M. Keefe, C. Knight, S. Koshari, M. Laberge, L. Liao, I. Masmoudi, K. Matt, S. McGear, J. McGee, M. McLane, D.C. Moore, J. Morrison, C. Mouza, L. Okagaki, R. Opila, Y. Ou, L. Overby, M. Parcels, A. Poorani, C. Riordan, V. Rujivacharakul, K. Schell, M. Seymour-Green, I. Shah, D. Stevens, S. Sundaram, C. Swanik, D. Thompson, C. Vukelich, B. Weber, C. Williams, J. Zide,

Members Excused: D. Assanis, C. Boncelet, R. Bowers, M. Chajes, J. Coughenour, C. Keeler, B. Ogunnaike, M. Rieger, G. Watson, L. Worden,

Members Absent: None

The meeting convened at 4:00 PM with opening remarks by Senate President Prasad Dhurjati.

I. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted on motion.

II. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved on motion.

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.

Initial Results: Alan Fox voted to be Senate Secretary.

Run-off election between Bob Opila and Matt Robinson for COCAN Member-at-large.

On run-off election, Bob Opila won

IV. Remarks: Provost Domenico Grasso

The provost discussed upcoming UD speakers, one, the controversial Milo Yiannopoulos, invited by the Campus Republican RSO, Monday, October 24 (Mitchell). The Provost reinforced UD's commitment to Free Speech issues.

Another speaker Dr. Jackson Katz, will present "More than a few good men, the state of American manhood." October 27, 7:30 PM (Trabant)

<https://goo.gl/forms/gxBaYiHNqPEe1Twp1>

Comments on Academic Analytics, subscription under Provost Tom Apple. Re-authorized down to the Dept Chair level. Next year, President Assanis wants to increase incoming class target 4600. (increase the student population by 1,000).

Re-establishment of a Graduate College. A committee will be convened. Comments - Question about advantages? Would aid in the development of multidisciplinary graduate programs.

V. Announcements: Senate President Prasad Dhurjati

Emily Davis, Chair on Senate Committee of Diversity and Inclusion ([presentation here](#)). Faculty workshop on following day.

Additional Announcements by Faculty 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).

Discussion:

Deni Galileo and Matt Kinservik - voiced strong support for resolution

Provost Grasso - asked that resolution be amended to include the input of the Provost's or Administrations approval.

Senator Zide - requested amendment to remove first and second Whereas clauses

Senator Galileo - requested to vote down amendment

Zide amendment voted down 32 - 8

Main resolution vote - question called by Steve Hastings

Vote: Resolution approved 44 - 0, no abstentions

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-elect and incoming 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](#).

Discussion:

Senator Galileo - supported

Passed unanimously

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](#).

Discussion:

Changes explained by Senator Zide in joint, affiliated and visiting faculty positions

Moved and seconded

VP Konservik

Additional discussion, friendly amendment to address subject/verb agreement in written, specifics defining role needs to be more explicitly described.

Motion to return to committee

Vote: 40 - 2 to vote to return to committee

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 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.

Vote: unanimous support

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.

Discussion: no discussion

Vote: unanimous support

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.

Discussion: no discussion

Vote: unanimous support

VIII. Presentations:

Clicker Testing,

Prasad Dhurjati, Senate President

Community Engagement, UD-Engage

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

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

([presentation here](#))

Questions: There were questions regarding the overlap of this organization with Cooperative Extension. The idea is that this would include Extension, but be more comprehensive

Parliamentary Procedures of the Faculty Senate:

John Jebb, Professor of English (former Senate parliamentarian)

General Education Update,

Christopher Knight, Professor of Kinesiology and Applied Physiology and General Education Committee Chairperson

([presentation here](#))

Non-Discrimination Policy Update,

Sue Groff, Director, Institutional Equity and University Title IX Coordinator

Jose Riera, Dean of Students

([presentation here](#))

Question: How is success measured for this program?

IX. Introduction of New Business:

No new business was introduced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion at 5:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark S. Parcels

Vice President and Acting Secretary

UD Faculty Senate