

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 – 104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

**Members Present:** B. Ackerman, E. Atekwana, W. Bellion, E. Benson, J. Bernstein, A. Bhat, M. Buell, D. Buttrey, J. Coughenour, R. Coulter, J. Custer, J. Daniel, C. Dybowski, S. Eidelman, J. Erickson, J. Firestone, A. Fox, A. Friedman, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, D. Grasson, M. Grotti, A. Hestvik, P. Inguito, J. Jebb, A. Johnson, M. Keefe, C. Keeler, S. Koshari, M. Laberge, W. Lewis, L. Liao, S. Lu, D. Maisson, I. Masmoudi, J. McGee, D.C. Moore, J. Morrison, S. Mortenson, E. Orsega-Smith, L. Overby, A. Poorani, M. Rieger, M. Santare, K. Schell, S. Shabo, D. Stevens, S. Sundaram, K. Takacs Haynes, D. Thompson, D. Veron, C. Vukelich, G. Watson, B. Weber, C. Williams, J. Zide

**Members Excused:** D. Assanis, C. Boncelet, M. Carothers, K. Cranker, D. Green, C. Knight, K. Matt, B. Ogunnaike, L. Okagaki, M. Parcels, C. Riordan, I. Shah, S. Walpole

**Members Absent:** None

## Minutes

- I. Moment of Silence for 9/11
- II. Introduction to the Senate
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
  - A. Discussion
    1. Amendment: add resolution to affirm letters written by President and Provost re: DACA
  - B. Vote 49-0
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: [May 1 2017](#)
  - A. No Discussion
  - B. Vote 41-0-3
- V. Remarks: Provost Domenico Grasso

- A. Welcome back**
- B. Lessons of 9/11**
  - 1. We came together as a nation, still urgent
  - 2. Start a narrative with students, for whom this is just history
- C. Farewell to Dawn Thompson, VP for Student Life**
- D. New buildings, train station,**
- E. Thanks to those who attended the twilight induction ceremony**
- F. Advance team open forum on faculty climate**
- G. Michigan Center for Teaching Players coming**
- H. Banner year for diversity team**
  - 1. Excellence in diversity award
  - 2. Co-winner of Delaware Human Resource Management Award
  - 3. New web page for University Values
- I. Record breaking number of students**
- J. Council of Graduate Schools visited issued report re: Graduate College**
  - 1. Posted on web site
  - 2. Listening sessions will be scheduled
- K. Honors APR Response Team formed**
- L. Provost Group to study student long term success**
- M. Questions**
  - 1. Jim Morrison: new budget model?
    - Latest iteration is a number of committees staffed to issue report by December
  - 2. Chris Williams
    - What were the twelve Universities?
    - Provost listed them
  - 3. John Gizis: concerns about larger classes
    - Larger class size will not affect quality
  - 4. Deni Galileo: is the plan to match faculty increase to student increase?
    - Yes

**VI. Announcements:** [Senate President Martha Buell](#)

- A. General Faculty Meeting Oct. 2**
- B. Tenure Track Commission report will be released at Oct Senate meeting**
  - 1. Open hearing on Oct. 9 4pm
- C. UD Advance climate survey panel on Sept 20**
- D. Acad Anal Open Hearing sometime in November or Dec**
- E. Curriculog is up and running**
- F. ADA Website audit**
- G. Biden Institute and Community Engagement**
- H. Data Governance Framework**

1. Presentation at next meeting
- I. John Jebb: [Parliamentary Procedures](#)

**VII. Consent Agenda:** None

**VIII. Regular Agenda:** None

**A. Unfinished Business:** None

**B. New Business:**

1. [Affirming our Commitments to All Students](#)
  - Vote 43-0-1
2. Recommendation from Senator Firestone regarding renewable energy commitments.
  - Discussion
    - Jeremy Firestone
      - Slightly reworked version of resolution from last year
      - Purpose is to have UD consider procuring electricity as renewable energy
      - Worked with Administration last year to craft the proposal
      - Was debated last spring, failed
      - Two concerns were addressed in this resolution
        - Fiscal implications re: Educational Programs
        - Need to explore economic feasibility
        - Budget committee will look at it
    - John Gizis: thanks for addressing my concerns, I now support
    - Deni G: thanks for allowing budget cte to look at it
      - Still don't support because limit to what budget committee can do (language of "in any event...")
    - Zide: in any event is subordinate to if so
      - Just sense of senate
    - Calvin Keeler recognizes John Morgan
      - Better to invest in solar rather than credits
    - Chris Williams: friendly amendment to edit long sentence to clarify
    - Firestone: we think its clear
    - Kinservik: Johnsonian in clarity and complexity
  - Vote 32-10-1
3. Presentation by John Sawyer re: Academic Analytics
  - Chris Williams: questions about protection of data quality
4. Introduction of New Business
  - Zide: rules committee to consider voice vote or acclamation vote for non-controversial votes
  - Provost Grasso: draft non-discrimination policy to be considered by Faculty Senate : <https://sites.udel.edu/oei/files/2017/08/2017->

[08-11-Non-DiscrimPolicyFINALupdated120170829-1hadrs1.pdf](#)

- Galileo: exec cte to examine composition of senate in particular non-elected senate

5. Adjourned 5:41

Shah and Senator Zide, Co-sponsors for the approval of a resolution concerning 100 Percent Renewable and Carbon-free Electricity to Power UD

- WHEREAS, 2016 was globally the hottest year on human record, followed by 2015 and 2014, with data indicating that temperatures in 2016 were approximately 1.2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels and approximately 1°C above the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century mean; and
- WHEREAS, the combustion of fossil fuels results in the release of carbon dioxide a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change and ocean acidification and other pollutants that cause morbidity and mortality; and
- WHEREAS, electricity customers such as the University of Delaware do not pay for the climate change, health and other environmental damages caused by their use of fossil fuels when purchasing electricity; and
- WHEREAS, communities have already begun to relocate as a result of climate change, including communities in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Delaware is a low-lying coastal state that is heavily dependent on coastal tourism and is at threat from sea level rise; and
- WHEREAS, the United States is a Party to the Paris Agreement that includes the following benchmarks: that global emissions should peak as soon as possible and there should be worldwide zero net emissions by 2050; that the global temperature should be held well below 2°C, and that efforts should be made to limit the temperature to 1.5°C; and
- WHEREAS, action is required not only at the national level, but at the subnational level as well, including states, cities, universities and corporations; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Delaware is a party to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, and a signatory to the Talloires Declaration, which is a statement made by the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Delaware is committed to “building a sustainable future” and “innovating energy and environmental solutions”; and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware recently formed a Sustainability, Energy and Engineering (SEE) Group to focus on campus sustainability; and

WHEREAS, leading cities, corporations and universities are committing to a 100% renewable future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate applauds the University for its establishment of the Sustainability, Energy and Engineering (SEE) Group and in the spirit of advancing the mission of the SEE Group, states that it is the sense and wish of the Faculty Senate that the University of Delaware examine the fiscal implications, including to the academic program, share its analysis with the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, and, in light of any comment by the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, determine whether it is economically practicable, and if so, work with the City of Newark and the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC), and other entities as appropriate at other campuses and University installations to forthwith, and in any event, no later than January 1, 2020, power its campuses and installations with 100% renewable energy, with such powering to be accomplished through a mixture of (a) wind and solar on-campus self-generation and holding of associated renewable energy credits (RECs); (b) power purchase agreements for the purchase of wind or solar power and associated RECs; and (c) purchase of wind and/or solar RECs.

**IX. Presentations:**

Academic Analytics

John Sawyer, Associate Provost, Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

**X. 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.)