

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

SENATE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 – 104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

## MINUTES

- Members Present:** V. Alexander, D. Assanis, J. Barker, E. Benson, A. Bhat, A. Biddle, C. Boncelet, M. Buell, M. Bush, D. Buttrey, D. Cha, J. Coughenour, H. Doty, C. Dybowski, S. Eidelman, J. Erickson, A. Fichtelberg, A. Fox, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, M. Greene, A. Harding, A. Hestvik, J. Hill, F. Hofstetter, J. Jebb, A. Johnson, M. Laberge, W. Lewis, L. Liao, S. Lu, N. Makos, R. Marquez, J. McGee, M. Melby, T. Melvin, R. Morgan, B. Morling, J. Morrison, S. Mortenson, B. Ogunnaike, E. Orsega-Smith, L. Overby, J. Pelesko, J. Riera, M. Robinson, M. Santare, K. Schell, I. Shah, S. Sundaram, J. Sutherland, D. Veron, B. Weber, C. Williams
- Members Excused:** E. Atekwana, K. Cranker, P. Inguito, C. Knight, I. Masmoudi, K. Matt, D. C. Moore, L. Okagaki, J. Pizzuto, A. Poorani, M. Rieger, C. Riordan, J. Russ, K. Takacs Haynes, C. Vukelich
- Members Absent:** C. Bogan, M. Khan,

- I. Adoption of the Agenda
  - A. Discussion
    - One change: President Assanis will speak at the end
  - B. Vote
    - Approved unanimously
  
- II. Approval of the Minutes: [May 7, 2018](#)
  - A. No Discussion
  - B. Vote
    - Approved unanimously

- III. Remarks: President Dennis Assanis**
- A.** Welcome to academic year
  - B.** Size of student body is increasing slowly while resources are taken into consideration
  - C.** Diversity of new class is encouraging
  - D.** Working with development team
    - Spectrum scholars program funded by JP Morgan Chase
      - For students on autism spectrum
  - E.** Looking forward to developments in the Honors Program
  - F.** Food issues:
    - Assanis endorses the proposal in New Business item 1
      - Aramark contract is coming up in three years
    - Local food was used at tailgate
  - G.** \$23 million grant for sustainability
  - H.** Improved graduation rates
  - I.** SAT scores going up
  - J.** National Ranking dropped, but we are not driven by outside rankings
  - K.** \$650 million raised so far in capital campaign
  - L.** McKinley needs to be rebuilt
  - M.** Questions
    - John Morgan
      - UD image is being used to advertise alcohol, this is inappropriate
      - Assanis will look into it
- IV. Remarks: Provost Robin Morgan**
- A.** Admissions
    - 4254 first year students
      - Slightly above goal
      - 1378 first year students from Delaware
    - More instate than ever
    - Thanks to those at Twilight
    - 18221 Newark undergrads
    - 4164 grads
  - B.** Pay attention to students at risk
  - C.** Student Course evaluations working group will follow up on Tenure Track Commission report
    - The study group has two tasks: new language for how to consider evaluations in P&T matter, and new questions to assess student learning

**D. Budget model**

- Plan is to have report ready by December
- To go into effect July 2019

**E. Operational efficiency**

- Communications is first
  - College offices will report to OCM
- This is not downsizing
- Looking for balance between centralization and decentralization
- If you have ideas about combining resources, tell the Provost or your Dean or OCM

**F. Cluster hiring update**

- Pilot cluster search in data management went well
  - Seven faculty hired
  - Plus disciplinary hires
- Three new searches
- Lunches will be held to review rejected proposals, improve them

**G. Questions**

- John Jebb
  - Study on adjunct faculty update?
  - The Provost will find out for next time
- Deni Galileo
  - What are plans for undergraduate expansion
    - In areas of high demand and impact
- LLC
  - Rooms are at a premium – is there a reason for that?
    - Provost Morgan and Chris Lucier will look into that
- Dorm rooms also a problem.
  - there are too many triples
    - But student satisfaction is still high
- John Gizis
  - Provost's reaction to #1 party school story
    - Not happy
    - Not all students are even happy about that
    - Any ideas for changing the culture is welcome
    - Data acquisition is questionable

**V. Announcements:** Senate President Chris Williams  
Senate Parliamentarian John Jebb

- Introduction to new senators
  - Thanks for serving
  - 20 committees do the heavy lifting
- Introduce exec committee
- John Jebb speaks on Robert's Rules of Order
- Faculty senate newsletter coming out soon
- Resolutions coming in October
  - Constitutional amendment re: non-elected senators in the body

- Three resolutions from TT Commission
  - Appeals process
  - Reporting workload
  - Expedited tenure
- Resolution coming to clarify handbook regarding enrollment and grading
- Graduate College update
  - Vision statement draft
  - Mission statement draft
- Honors Town Hall October 1 3:30-5

**VI. Consent Agenda:** None

**VII. Regular Agenda:**

**A. Unfinished Business:** None

**B. New Business:**

1. Recommendation from Senator Chris Williams for the approval of a resolution concerning sustainability programs. Seconded by Senator Alan Fox.

WHEREAS, The University of Delaware has deep faculty and student resources committed to studying and implementing the growth of sustainable food systems; and

WHEREAS, The University has engaged in considerable research, education, and outreach in restoring and nurturing sustainable land use, including the restoration of local forests, native plants, and habitats for native flora and fauna, and

WHEREAS, Publicly visible institutional commitments are excellent complements to the sustainability research and teaching occurring every day in classrooms and laboratories all over campus, and

WHEREAS, New Castle County signed into law Executive Order 2018-10 on May 3, 2018 where the county will only plant native plant species in all public lands and facilities, be it therefore

RESOLVED, The senate formally urges the administration to more fully explore the possibility of two foundational sustainability components of the university's institutional life, including:

- i. encourage the university's corporate food provider ARAMARK to enter formal discussions with the university's own food systems faculty and organic farm in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to encourage the production and distribution of student-grown organic food within the university's own food

system, including its dining halls, farmer's market, and a possible future on-campus Food Pantry; and

- ii. encourage the developers and builders of the STAR campus to commit themselves – perhaps with faculty and student experts from the departments of Plant and Soil Science and Entomology and Wildlife Ecology – to planting large numbers of ecologically beneficial native trees and plants rather than the exotic and non-native species that dominate traditional horticultural plantings.

2. Vote: 52-1-1

**VIII. Presentations:** Technology Accessibility Compliance – Sarah Meadows,  
Project Manager, Information Technologies

**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.)

adjournment at 5:38