

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 – 104 GORE HALL

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: B. Ackerman, T. Angell, Deputy Provost Brickhouse, M. Buell, N. Carver, L. Claessens, R. Cole, J. Courtright, J. Daniel, N. Donofrio, P. Dhurjati, P. Duker, R. Dyer, D. Ford, M. Gaffney, D. Galileo, T. Gill, Provost Grasso, S. Hansen, B. Hanson, E. Hayes, G. Hermon, F. Hofstetter, S. Isenstadt, J. Jebb, M. Kernan, P. Laux, Dean Matt, M. McLane, M. McLeod, D. Miklitz, J. Morgan, J. Morrison, A. Muenchow, Dean Ogunnaike, Dean Okagaki, B. Orzada, S. Pollack, D. Reisman, M. Rieger, C. Riordan, T. Rocek, D. Satran, E. Selva, S. Shabo, H. Tanner, Dean Targett, D. Thompson, E. Tranby, T. Vermeer, Dean Watson, C. Williams, R. Wool

Members Excused: S. Eidelman, B. Settles, C. Shen, K. Turkell, L. Winn, R. Wisser

Members Absent: A. Donovan, C. Dybowski, J. Gillespie, S. Goodwin, T. Hsu, S. McGearry, P. Penix-Tadsen, Dean Weber, G. Wolf

August 27, 2013

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Martha Buell, Vice President  
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting September 9, 2013

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in room 104 Gore Hall.

I certify that hard copies of the approval page for each undergraduate and graduate studies academic item on the agenda are filed in the Faculty Senate Office with the appropriate signatures of approval up through the Chair of the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education. The Agenda will be as follows:

## AGENDA

### **I. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Unanimous consent to adopt agenda and to renumber agenda in the correct Roman numeral order**

### **II. Approval of the Minutes: [May 6, 2013](#)**

**Unanimous approval**

### **IV. Remarks: Provost Domenico Grasso**

Provost Grasso spoke of what attracted him to Delaware: the “latent heat” and the “hidden gems” to be uncovered at UD. He spoke of the key recommendations of a recent report from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences entitled “The Heart of the Matter. He stated “as important as STEM education is, it is equally important to have a strong and vibrant humanities and social sciences program”. He mentioned that he had asked John Sawyer to do an analysis on the top 100 research universities and then take out those who have medical schools. If you just analyze research expenses per faculty member, UD ranks ahead of Michigan, Yale, Columbia and Duke as they have large medical schools that drive their research. This shows that our faculty is just as productive. When asked about his “two wishes” for UD regardless of costs, he said that he would (1) like to see faculty, staff and students all work together (2) like all to be equally committed to the highest level of excellence. When asked about charging differential tuition for different majors, he said that it does cost more to educate students in some majors like engineering compared to some other majors. Do we want to transfer the additional costs to the students or do we want to distribute it internally?

### **V. Announcements: Senate President Deni Galileo**

See [attached slides](#) from the presentation. Senator Galileo described the Board of Trustees Bylaws that give certain responsibilities and privileges to the Faculty of the University. He spoke of the responsibilities outlined in Section 3.2.1, Sections

3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.12. He also spoke of the faculty privileges outlined in Sections 3.2.5.1 through 3.2.5.3. He reminded Senators that there are 21 Standing Senate Committees and encouraged Senators and their faculty colleagues to be involved in these committees. He also mentioned that there were eight research projects conducted last year that received waivers from the “Open Research Policy”. More details of the announcements can be found in the attached slides.

**VI. Consent Agenda:** None

**VII. Regular Agenda:** None

**1. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Resolutions:**

1. Recommendation from the Executive Committee (Sheldon Pollack, Chair) with the concurrence of the Promotion and Tenure Committee (Tom Kaminski, Chair) for the revision to the Faculty Handbook section 4.1.2 regarding Promotion and Tenure “Secondary, Joint, Adjunct, And Visiting Faculty Appointments” ([attachment 1](#)) ([attachment 2](#))

WHEREAS, Section 4.1.2 (“Secondary, Joint, Adjunct, and Visiting Faculty Appointments”) of the Faculty Handbook of the University of Delaware uses the title “adjunct faculty” to apply to those “members of the academic staff who are appointed for a limited period of time during the year(s) in which they are actively involved in the teaching and research program of the University,” are paid no stipend, and whose appointments “are annual only;” and

WHEREAS, such use of the title “adjunct faculty” is unique to the University and does not conform with that of most other universities, who generally apply the title “adjunct faculty” to part-time

faculty who teach courses on short-term contracts; and

WHEREAS, to avoid confusion and bring the University's usage of the title "adjunct faculty" in conformance with common usage in the academic world as well as common practice at the University itself; be it therefore

RESOLVED,

that Section 4.1.2 of the Faculty Handbook shall be amended to provide that the title “adjunct faculty” be given to those persons who teach a course or courses on a supplemental contract and who are not otherwise fulltime faculty of the University, and at the same time, those faculty who are presently given the title “adjunct faculty” shall henceforth be given the title “affiliated faculty” (Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or Instructor).

During the discussion period, it was requested that the minutes state explicitly that the expected date for the implementation is January 1, 2014

Resolution passes unanimously

**III. New Business: None**

**IV. 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.)

Senator Morgan suggested two items for the executive committee to consider: (1) how did the data breach occur? Need to address faculty concerns in a private manner and understand how to prevent such breaches in the future. (2) Concern about the larger power plant on the Star Campus. Suggested that the executive committee organize an open meeting so faculty could express concerns.

Senator Angell introduced a motion, with a second, asking for appropriate committees to take up consideration of whether undergraduate credit should be offered for MOOCs not constructed by UD faculty. Deni stated that the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the University Faculty Senate is the appropriate committee to consider the motion.