

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

MITCHELL HALL AUDITORIUM

Official Minutes

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Members Present: B. Ackerman, D. Assanis, M. Badiey, J. Bernstein, R. Bowers, M. Buell, M. Carothers, M. Chajes, J. Coughenour, 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, S. Hastings, A. Hestvik, J. Jung, S. Kaufman, M. Keefe, C. Keeler, C. Knight, S. Koshari, M. Laberge, L. Liao, I. Masmoudi, K. Matt, S. McGeary, J. McGee, M. McLane, D.C. Moore, C. Mouza, B. Ogunnaike, L. Okagaki, B. Opila, Y.Ou, L. Overby, M. Parcels, A. Poorani, M. Rieger, C. Riordan, V. Rujivacharakul, K. Schell, M. Seymour-Green, I. Shah, D. Stevens, C. Swanik, S. Sundaram, D. Thompson, C. Vukelich, G. Watson, B. Weber, C. Williams, L. Worden, J. Zide

Members Excused: C. Boncelet, M. Grotti, K. Cranker

Members Absent: None

The meeting convened at 4:30 PM, following the General Faculty Meeting, with opening remarks by Senate President Prasad Dhurjati.

I. Adoption of the [Agenda](#)

The agenda was adopted on motion.

II. Approval of the Minutes: [May 2, 2016](#)

Senator Deni Galileo raised the point that one of the links was dead in the May 2nd minutes and furthermore, that the minutes of the April 4, 2016 contained a parenthetical phrase requiring the insertion of link. It was agreed that these typographical issues would be addressed and the minutes were approved on motion.

III. Remarks: Provost Domenico Grasso

Provost Grasso thanked the faculty for their participation in the Welcome Weekend and welcomed all faculty and administrators back to campus. He then acknowledged the promoted faculty and presented the admission numbers for Fall 2016 which had the highest minority enrollment since 2013. The incoming class included 68 World Scholars and represented 49 US States and 29 countries. He pointed out that this year students applying from Delaware would have the option of not including SAT scores with their applications. Provost Grasso also presented data on a survey regarding the acceptance of the full week off for Thanksgiving [\(attached\)](#), with a majority of students (77%) and faculty (70.2%) supporting the week-off decision.

Provost Grasso presented his Commission on Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, reporting on the Charge to the Commission as well as reporting on the composition of the committee. At this point, the Provost fielded a question regarding the search process for the new Dean of the College of Earth, Ocean and the Environment as to whether this would be an open or confidential process. The Provost stated that the process would be confidential up to the point that finalists would be brought to campus for presentations. The Provost also announced a Multicultural Affairs Position (Vice Provost for Student Diversity and Inclusion) for which three candidates had been interviewed over the summer.

IV. Announcements: Senate President Prasad Dhurjati

Senate President Dhurjati introduced the members of the Executive Committee and reviewed the rules of Senate conduct and participation. He announced the resignation of Secretary, Dr. Mia Papas, and a election of her replacement. The incoming Secretary will also chair the Rules committee. President Dhurjati's presentation is provided here: [\(attached\)](#).

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Regular Agenda: None

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business: None

VII. Presentations:

UD ADVANCE – Faculty Advancing Faculty, Associate Dean of Engineering made a presentation regarding UD ADVANCE, and NSF-supported program with a major focus on STEM education and institutional transformation [\(attached\)](#).

Pam Cook, UNID

VII. 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.)

Two items of New Business were introduced at the meeting. The first New Business resolution was introduced by Joshua Zide ([attached](#)) ([Attachment 1](#)) and the second item of New Business was introduced by Chris Williams ([attached](#)) ([Attachment 1](#))

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion at 5:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark S. Parcels
Vice President and Acting Secretary
UD Faculty Senate