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**KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY**  
**Minutes of the University Senate**

**Room 120, Academic Forum Building**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2009**

M. Sanelli called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Present: Andrew Arnold, Nancy Butler, Kate Clair, Joan Davis for Christopher Sacchi, William Donner, Lorri Engstrom, Jack Entriken, Sudarshan Fernando, Todd Folk, Mitch Freed, Manuel Guzman, Jo Cohen Hamilton, Gregory Hanson, Kathleen Hartman, Joshua Heller, Mary Ellen Jackson, Will Jefferson, Andrea Kirshman, Mathias Le Bosse, Inmi Lee, John Lizza, Keith Logan, Susan Mangold, James McNiff, Marilyn Meder, George Muugi, Edwin Nieves, Sylvia Pham, CJ Rhoads, John Riley, Maria Sanelli (President), Steve Schnell, Lisa Schonberger, Joo Tan, Patricia Walsh-Coates, Anke Walz (Secretary), Carol Watson, Carole Wells, and Barth Yeboah.

Absent: Len Barish, Javier Cevallos, Ed Christian, Arifeen Daneshyar, James Delle, Samantha Dennis, Dennis Dietrich, Ted Hickman, Learning Technologies Representative, Joe Lippincott, Mark Mahosky, Management Representative, Marketing Representative, Charles Roth, Trucilla Sabatino, Heather Thomas, and Carlos Vargas.

Also in Attendance: William Dempsey and Paul Sable.

I. Announcements

M. Sanelli announced that President Cevallos is not attending the meeting because the Council of Trustees is meeting at the same time; Provost Vargas is not attending because he is in Harrisburg at a meeting of the PASSHE Chief Academic Officers.

M. Sanelli mentioned that the administration is writing a policy addressing the use of the faculty/staff list serve for personal messages. Until his recent retirement, R. Zera (VP of Information Technology) personally screened all messages that were sent to the list, and addressed the sender of those emails that he found to be inappropriate for campus-wide distribution. C. Watson inquired if there is an alternate way to distribute these announcements to the KU faculty and staff; in response C. Wells stated that there is, and that she will distribute more information to the KU community.

II. Approval of the Agenda

J. Hamilton moved (seconded by K. Logan) to approve the agenda after changing it to move the Approval of the Graduates (New Business) ahead of Old Business. The motion passes.

III. Approval of the Minutes

S. Mangold suggested under I. Announcements, to change the last sentence to read in the past tense 'had to leave the meeting' instead of 'have to leave the meeting'.

J. Hamilton moved (seconded by N. Butler) to approve the amended minutes from the November 5, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.

#### IV. President, Committee and Task Force Reports

##### A. Senate President's Report.

M. Sanelli reported that the final report for the Shared Governance Task Force was approved by the Administrative Council, pending some minor changes. After these changes are made, the report will be presented to the governance bodies before it will be signed by the President.

M. Sanelli reported that the General Education Task Force notified her that they were creating a committee to gather assessment data for the general education committee. When she questioned their authority of a task force to create such a committee, the task force indicated that a focus group was to be created, not a committee.

M. Sanelli reported that the funding requested by the Institutional Climate Task Force has not yet been approved by President Cevallos due to the current budget constraints.

##### B. Committee on Committees

A. Arnold reported that the Admissions Exceptions Committee is examining their future as a committee and the possibility of changing their structure to be an advisory board rather than a governance committee.

#### V. New Business

##### A. Approval of Graduates

A motion was made and approved at the beginning of the Senate meeting to move this item ahead of Old Business. K. Logan moved (seconded by T. Folk) to approve the December graduates for graduation. Motion passed.

#### VI. Old Business

##### A. Senate Officer Elections

The elections were conducted by J. Riley (Chair of the Ad-Hoc Election Committee). No nominations were received by the deadline of November 15 for either the position of Secretary or the position of Vice President, so J. Riley asked for nominations from the floor.

Both T. Folk, SGB Student Representative, and CJ Rhoads, Accounting/Finance Department Representative, nominated themselves for the position of Secretary which is a one-year term. CJ Rhoads won the vote by a simple majority; she will be the Secretary of Senate during the 2010-2011 academic year.

J. Hamilton nominated herself for the position of Vice-President (a two-year term). Since there were no other nominations, she was elected by acclamation, and will be the Vice President of Senate during the 2010-2012 academic years.

B. Restructuring School of Business

W. Dempsey (Dean of COB) reported that President Cevallos held an open forum for the faculty this morning, with Provost Vargas and APSCUF leadership in attendance. The President is planning on another open forum during the final exam week; his decision whether or not to pursue AACSB accreditation will be made by the end of December. While Chancellor Cavanaugh revoked the accreditation mandate by PASSHE during his campus visit on November 18, 2009, the KU Council of Trustees is still mandating the accreditation.

A lively discussion ensued on the advantages as well as the financial repercussions of pursuing the AACSB accreditation, and several members of COB attempted to shed some light on the details of the process.

N. Butler moved (seconded by K. Logan) that

***The Senate requests that President Cevallos conduct a thorough financial cost/ benefit analysis before the next open forum meeting which includes all previous expenses as well as the anticipated future cost of accreditation.***

After a long discussion, N. Butler moved (seconded by J. Riley) to call the question. The vote resulted in 15 Yes and 14 No, since this motion requires a 2/3 majority, it was defeated.

After more discussion, the main motion was voted on and received 20 Yes, 2 No, and 10 abstentions. Motion passed.

N. Butler moved (seconded by W. Donner) that

***The university conducts an on-line referendum for all faculties with respect to the College of Business accreditation process because the financial ramifications will affect the entire university. This referendum is to be done after the cost/benefit analysis is completed, and the votes of the faculty in College of Business should be looked at separately.***

Once again, a long discussion ensued. S. Schnell moved (seconded by J. Riley) to call the question. A vote was taken, the motion to call the question passed.

A vote was taken on the main motion, the motion was defeated.

S. Schnell moved (seconded by J. McNiff) that

***The Senate recommend to the President that all activity towards accreditation cease until the faculty have more information regarding the process.***

J. Riley moved (seconded by T. Folk) to amend the motion to read that

***The Senate recommend to the President that all activity towards accreditation cease until the Shared Governance Bodies have met and approved of a procedure.***

A vote was taken with 16 yes, 8 no, and 6 abstentions. The amendment to the motion passed.

A. Arnold moved (seconded by N. Butler) to call the question on the main motion. The motion passed.

A vote was taken on the main motion, it resulted in 12 Yes, 15 No, and 5 abstention, so the motion is defeated.

VII. Adjournment

K. Logan moved (seconded by N. Butler) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Signed:

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Dr. Maria Sanelli, President

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Dr. Anke Walz, Secretary