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KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the University Senate

McFarland Student Union Building, Room 223
Thursday, February 4, 2010

M. Sanelli called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Len Barish, Bobbie Berry, Javier Cevallos, Kate Clair, Arifeen Daneshyar, James Delle, Samantha Dennis, Patricia Derr for Andrew Arnold, William Donner, Lorri Engstrom, Sudarshan Fernando, Todd Folk, Mitch Freed, Manuel Guzman, Jo Cohen Hamilton, Ed Hanna for Barth Yeboah, Gregory Hanson, Joshua Heller, Mary Ellen Jackson, Will Jefferson, Andrea Kirshman, Mathias Le Bosse, Inmi Lee, Joe Lippincott, John Lizza, Keith Logan, Mark Mahosky, Susan Mangold, Thomas McNally, Marilyn Meder, Edwin Nieves, Sylvia Pham, CJ Rhoads, John Riley, Charles Roth, Trucilla Sabatino, Christopher Sacchi, Rennie Sacco, Maria Sanelli (President), Steven Schnell, Lisa Schonberger, Joo Tan, Patricia Walsh-Coates, Anke Walz (Secretary), and Carole Wells.

ABSENT: Nancy Butler, Ed Christian, Dennis Dietrich, Kathleen Hartman, Ted Hickman (Vice-President), Learning Technologies Representative, James McNiff, George Muugi, Professional Studies Representative, and Carlos Vargas.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James Hubbard, Britny Kondravy, Kenneth Long, Gerald Silberman, and Drew Simonovich.

I. Announcements

President Cevallos invited all KU faculty, staff and students to attend a budget presentation on February 11 at 11 a.m. in 100 DeFrancesco. Administrators will be present to answer questions.

President Cevallos announced that the contract for Blackboard will expire in June 2010, and PASSHE has decided to adopt D2L (Desire to Learn) as a replacement for all the schools. The PASSHE Presidents have yet to decide when the transition will take place, but it seems likely that the new system will be implemented by the first summer session 2010. In response to questions, President Cevallos pointed out that the change will primarily affect the faculty and not the students. While it is unclear whether textbook publishers support the new software, Will Jefferson reassured the senators that any problems in this area will be worked out locally.

President Cevallos announced that PASSHE is planning to adopt a Haitian School in an effort to offer long term support to Haiti; he further pointed out that this measure does not replace immediate help to Haiti. Monetary contributions can be made to KUSI, all donations will be channeled through the Chancellor's Office.

II. Approval of Agenda

T. Folk (seconded by K. Logan) moved to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the Minutes from December 3, 2009

T. Folk (seconded by L. Barish) moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

M. Sanelli presented the minutes from the University Senate Special Meeting (held on December 10, 2009) for the Senators' consideration. Approval of the minutes was not required.

IV. President, Committee, and Task Force Reports

A. Senate President's Report

M. Sanelli reported that the University Senate Special Meeting held on December 10, 2009, did not reach a quorum. Discussions took place, but no decisions could be made.

Regarding the minutes from the meeting, C.J. Rhoads pointed out that the first sentence on page 2, paragraph 3, should read: *When discussing a plan with the Dean of the College of Business, it was decided that they would take the **four** departments and divide them into two instead.*

B. Committee on Committees Report

M. Sanelli reported that the Willingness-to-Serve Forms for the Governance Committees will be available through Profs Online from Wednesday, March 3, through Friday, March 26, 2010. All faculty, staff, and administrators are encouraged to submit the form electronically, indicating the committee(s) they want to join.

At its last meeting, the Committee on Committees appointed Joleen Greenwood (Department of Anthropology/Sociology) to serve as an At-Large Representative to serve on the University Traffic Bureau.

M. Sanelli moved:

That the University Senate endorses the appointment of Joleen Greenwood to serve as an At-Large Faculty Representative on the University Traffic Bureau.

The motion passed.

The Committee on Committees approved a bylaws change at their last meeting, a handout describing the change and the rationale was distributed to the Senators for their approval.

M. Sanelli moved to approve the change.

During the ensuing discussion, Senators found that the document lacked clarity and needed editing. J. Hamilton offered to suggest specific changes in wording that the Committee on Committees should consider incorporating.

J. Riley (seconded by T. Folk) moved:

That the University Senate tables the motion to approve the bylaws change, and that the Senate send the document back to the Committee on Committees with the changes that Jo Cohen Hamilton suggested.

The motion passed.

C. Institutional Climate Task Force Update

M. Sanelli reported that President Cevallos approved the Task Force's recommendation to hire an outside consultant. At this point the Council of Trustees need to approve as well. She further noted that the PASSHE Social Equity Group is considering an institutional climate study for the entire system.

D. Shared Governance Task Force Update

M. Sanelli reported that the Final Report was sent to Administrative Council who approved the report and suggested to add an appendix. At their last meeting, APSCUF Representative Council resolved to add a paragraph to the report, naming the Council of Trustees as a part of the shared governance process. The University Senate will revisit the report in their next meeting and take a vote on approval.

V. Old Business

A. General Education Update

J. Delle reported that the University Curriculum Committee submitted their recommendations on February 1, 2010. The Task Force had one meeting and will continue to meet to discuss and incorporate the suggested changes; the final draft of the new GenEd Model can be expected by the end of the month.

He further announced that Dr. Ernest (Gil) Clary, the newly hired Director of Assessment, was added as a member to the task force.

B. College of Business Update

The discussion about the restructuring of the College of Business was continued. The Council of Trustees has renewed its mandate to pursue the AACSB accreditation and the reorganization of the college into two departments took place with the start of the spring semester 2010. The cost-benefit analysis that the University Senate had requested in their last meeting has not been done due to a lack of time, but it will happen at a later time.

VI. New Business

A. Budget Update: Ken Long

Ken Long, Assistant Vice President of Administration & Finance, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current and future finances of KU (see handout). The university is projecting a \$4 million deficit for the coming academic year, therefore budget cuts are inevitable. No decisions have been made at this time.

VII. Adjournment

J. Riley (seconded by L. Barish) moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Signed:

Dr. Maria Sanelli, President

Dr. Anke Walz, Secretary