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UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

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Thursday, February 2, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

Academic Forum 102

PRESENT: A. Arnold, G. Bamberger, C. Bloh, J. Cevallos, E. Christian, J. C. Hamilton (Vice President), J. Delle, S. Fernando, K. Gardi, J. Gehringer, R. Grapsy, H. Hamlet, E. Hanna, D. Immel, L. Irving, J. Jackson, D. Johnson (President), Y. Kim, A. Kirshman, J. Laskoski, M. Le Bosse, S. Lem, J. Lizza, M. Mahosky, S. Mangold (Secretary), K. McCloskey, C. Nordlund, S. Pham, P. Reed, C. Rutherford, C. Sacchi, J. Schlegel, M. Sims, R. L. Smith, C. Vargas, P. Walsh-Coates, A. Walz, C. Watson, C. Wells, G. Zelleke

ABSENT: A. Awadallah, L. Barish, N. Butler, P. Dewey, R. Fliszar, M. Freed, R. Gross, J. Heller, J. Kremser, K. Logan, T. Maskulka, G. Schaper

GUESTS ATTENDING: P. Keldsen, D. Slack

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

II. Announcements

- Senators were reminded to sign the sign-in sheet at meetings to avoid being marked absent.
- Josh Leiboff and/or John Green will be coming to the next meeting to explain details of the new university website.

III. Approval of the Agenda

- There were no objections to the agenda as presented. Agenda approved.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from December 1, 2011

- There were no corrections to the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting. There were no objections to the motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

V. President, Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Senate President's Report – D. Johnson

- a. On behalf of Senate, D. Johnson expressed condolences to President Cevallos for the recent loss of his mother. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of all parents.
- b. Thomas McNally and student Cara Liebowitz have been added as members to the Commission on Human Diversity as advocates for students/individuals with disabilities. The

Commission already includes disabilities in its goals and therefore it may be unnecessary to put the motion presented on this issue at December's meeting back on the table. D. Johnson expressed thanks to Heather Fountain, the chair of the committee, who reviewed the missions and goals of each group to make sure the Commission on Human Diversity encompasses the needs of the proposed group.

- c. Enrollment Management has met twice since the last meeting. The Admissions Director and the two co-chairs will be invited to May's meeting to provide a report to Senate.
- d. The new co-chairs for the Campus Climate Committee have met. Although they may not meet the March 1 deadline, the final report with the mission, by-laws, membership, etc. will be submitted by the end of the semester.

B. Committee on Committees Report – J. Cohen Hamilton

- a. The Vice President/COC report was presented.
- b. J. Cohen Hamilton expressed thanks to Leah Cassellia, who has KUnited up and running for Senate nominations and elections. She clarified that the at-large positions are open to both faculty and professional staff, not just faculty. Elections for senators and three governance committees will be completed by the end of February. The Willingness-to-Serve process will open in March. She asked senators to encourage colleagues in their colleges to serve.
- c. Department election results were presented; some are pending.
- d. The COC moved to approve the Library Committee's operational guidelines. Motion passed with one abstention.
- e. Based on meetings held regarding the request for a Commission for Students with Disabilities, COC presented a motion to establish a disabilities advocate position (faculty or professional staff with that experience) on the Commission on Human Diversity. Motion passed.

COC presented a motion that the disability advocate will appoint a student advocate to serve on the Commission on Human Diversity. It was clarified that there are student representatives from other diverse groups serving on the Commission, and that this student position would be different from the position appointed by the ADA Coordinator. Motion passed.

COC presented a motion to appoint Thomas McNally as the disability advocate to the Commission on Human Diversity for the next 2.5 years, to begin in the current semester and continue for the first full term of two years. Motion passed.

D. Johnson clarified that these recommendations will be forwarded to Administration Council.

C. Comments from President Cevallos' Office—President Cevallos

The President has been working with Cabinet on the strategic planning process. The completed document will hopefully be available for the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting and

placed on the website for the university community to view. The Board of Governors have decided to not act on the Governor's 5% budget freeze until after his budget proposal is presented next week. Information will be posted regarding the Governor's broadcast so the campus community can tune in on Tuesday, February 7 at 11:30. The President will be talking with the Chancellor after the broadcast. He will also meet with the heads of the unions, Strategic Planning, and the Budget Review Committee to review the situation. He will then schedule open meetings with the campus community. Communications will remain open as the budget process moves forward next week.

VI. Old Business

A. Committee on the Status of Disabled Students.

The motion was not removed from the table.

VII. New Business

A. Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Assessment of Shared Governance

D. Johnson expressed his desire to establish an ad-hoc committee that will gather information about how to assess the shared governance process at Kutztown University. The current model has not been assessed since 1994, and a systemic review of the structure, committees, etc. of Senate fits into the strategic plan of the university. He asked for volunteers to serve on a small (5-8 member) ad-hoc committee to look at how such an assessment should be done; the committee would not do the actual assessment. He is tentatively reserving a date in October to provide an opportunity for a larger group to gather to discuss shared governance, should it be determined beneficial to the assessment process. J. Cohen Hamilton indicated there will be a meeting March 2 of governance committee chairs and representatives from APSCUF to begin to review the value of Senate governance, the significance of service, etc. Committees need to be reviewed in terms of mission, membership, and functioning. Some committees haven't met, even when those committees are supposed to review policies before they are adopted. A motion was made by J. Delle, seconded by A. Kirshman, to endorse the formation of an ad hoc committee that will explore how to assess our shared governance structure. Motion passed. Senators who are interested in serving on the committee should send their self-nomination to senate@kutztown.edu.

VIII. As May Arise

IX. Adjournment

There were no objections to D. Johnson's motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.