

**University Senate Meeting**  
**Wednesday May 19th, 2021**

---

1. Call to Order/ University Senate President Welcome

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Alvares, Axelrod, Bal, Bellum, Berisha, Billings, Brater, Brennan, Carr, Collins, Curnutt, Dinosaur, Emery, Fackina, Field, Fleming, Gaynor, Gingerich, Gurskis, Herness, Hollister, Hood, Hresko, Hunt, Jacobson, Judge, Korotkin, Kurze, Lafountain, Lemons, Lin-Cook, Lucas, McCarthy, McKinley, Misra, Peterka-Benton, Sangregorio, Schmidt, Spitz, Sullivan, Temony, Trubatch, Vernon, Wolfson, Woolston.

3. Approval of the April Minutes

**Alvares:** Move to approve minutes.

**Spitz:** Second.

**Jacobson:** Minutes approved by acclamation.

4. Report from the SGA President

No report.

5. Report from the Administration

a. Comments from Provost Gingerich

**Gingerich:** Last meeting for new programs meets Friday. Curriculum protocol recommendation document is in works and will have a response on the document by July 1st. Final CUE meeting of the semester will be May 26th. This will be my final appearance as Provost in the University Senate. I want to thank all of the University Senate Presidents that I worked with: Collins, Trubatch, and Jacobson. I encourage you to keep the important conversations going with the interim Provost and the future permanent Provost.

**Trubatch:** I want to acknowledge all the time the Provost has put into listening to and taking our concerns seriously. Is there any update on when an interim Provost will be appointed?

**Gingerich:** President Cole will make an announcement very soon, possibly next week. There will not be a search committee formed right away for the permanent Provost, perhaps in the Fall semester after the new President is named.

b. Update on Common App Revisions

**Lin-Cook:** We do not have control over the questions that the state asks on the Common App, only those that are specific to Montclair State University.

c. Update on Faculty Advising Development Survey

**Galkin:** Faculty Advising Professional Development Committee (APDC) made up of staff and faculty around campus. The APDC will provide support and resources to the advising community from the title 23 grant over five years.

d. Report on Campus Harassment

**Vernon:** Pulling together a report for the Senate on reports of harassment and bullying, will have that ready for the next Senate meeting.

e. Information Technology Updates

**Fleming:** ODS report updates and it is once again being fed on a daily basis the Banner student information. It is currently not working with Degree Works data but we hope to have that resolved by late July.

6. Voices of the Community

a. Asian Pacific Islander Caucus

**Jacobson:** The four caucuses met recently. The AAPI celebration day went well, as did the World Fair Day. Full report is available on the Senate Canvas.

b. Disability Caucus

**Temoney:** We now have a new Executive Board for the next two years. Full report is available on the Senate Canvas.

c. Land Acknowledgement Committee

**Martini:** We met last week and welcomed new members. We will pay two indigenous consultants to advise on the Land Acknowledgement Statement. We are also thinking of new ways to support and promote Native American Heritage Month in November and other events.

d. Montclair Votes Coalition

**LaFountain:** Mostly looking forward to training MSU students as poll workers for the Gubernatorial election this fall.

e. African American Caucus

**Temoney:** Our biggest accomplishments recently are our new constitution and new executive board. We had our end of year celebration for student leaders who are graduating.

f. Open Floor

7. Negotiations Agent Liaison (NAL) Report

**Curnutt:** The Local is busy with negotiations and grievances. With the change of leadership we hope our issues will change for the better. We hope the BOT has communicated with the new President that we are a unionized workforce and we work with mutually agreed upon contracts.

8. Council Reports

a. Student Affairs

**Lemons:** Updates discussed by Galkin in the earlier report of the Faculty Advising Professional Development Committee.

b. Academic Affairs

**Kurze:** Active business includes a second reading of the Final Grades Recommendation.

**McCarthy:** No Open Access Resources updates yet. If you need any tabs customized in your Canvas classes for summer of fall please reach out to your subject matter Librarian. There is a process for updating obsolete media formats such as VHS to be digitized, there is a process in place that meets copyright laws.

c. Administrative Affairs

**Bellum:** Number one issue was the HR inquiry, and as Dr. Vernon said they are working on that report. All other active business is in the works with the Administrative Affairs Committee.

**LaFountain:** Updates from the Office of Information Technology: the CLSS class scheduling tool is going well, the waitlist system is working. The change of major workflow will be finalized over the next few weeks. Wifi updates happening across campus this summer. 75% of staff, librarians, and instructors have completed the security training. If your computer is up for renewal this fall you can get a head start on renewal over the summer. There are some cases of preferred student names not showing up correctly.

9. Business

a. Voting on Recommendations/Resolutions

- i. Implementation Committee for Performance Evaluations of Senior Administrators First Read  
Vote: 26 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.  
First reading is approved.
- ii. Resolution on Presidential Search 2021 First Read  
Vote: 22 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain.  
First reading is approved.
- iii. Grade Grievance policy changes Second Read  
Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.  
Second reading is approved.
- iv. Final Grades Second Read  
Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain.  
Second reading is approved.
- v. Land Acknowledgement External Consultation Recommendation Second Read  
Vote: 22 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.  
Second reading is approved.

b. New Business

- i. **Bellum:** Report on evaluations of senior administrators by faculty, staff and librarians. Full report is available on the Senate Canvas.

10. Report of the Senate President

**Jacobson:** Thank you to all the outgoing Senators.

11. Adjournment of 2020-2021 Senate Session

**Spitz:** Move to adjourn.

**Bellum:** second.

Adjourned at 3:48pm

---

1. Call to Order, New Senate Session

**Jacobson:** The 2021-2022 AY Senate is now in session.

2. Seating of new Senate members.

**Field:** Welcome to new Senators: Schmidt, Woolston, Sangregorio.

3. New Business

a. Vote for Academic Affairs Chair to fill one year remaining term.

**Field:** Candidates include: Christopher McKinley and Kate Temoney.

Vote: Kate Temoney will be the Academic Affairs Chair.

b. Resolution for appointment to senate standing committees.

**Sullivan:** move to approve.

**Collins:** second.

Resolution approved.

4. Adjournment

**Trubatch:** Move to adjourn.

**Jacobson:** Second.

Adjourned 4:03pm.