

University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 1:30pm.
2. Roll Call
In attendance: Alvares, Axelrod, Bellum, Berisha, Brater, Brennan, Carr, Coleman-Carter, Collins, Coutras, Curnutt, Dinosaur, Ellis, Fackina, Field, Fleming, Gurskis, Hollister, Hood, Jacobson, Lafountain, Johnson for Landa, Lin-Cook, McCarthy, McDermid, McKinley, Misra, Panorkou, Phillips, Sangregorio, Schmidt, Soufleris, Spitz, Sullivan, Taha, Temoney, Trubatch, Vernon, Wallace, Wolfson, Woolston.
3. University Senate President Welcome
Reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement
4. Approval of the Opening Meeting Minutes
Jacobson: Move to approve the minutes by acclamation.
Spitz: Second.
Meetings from January 26th, 2022 are approved.
5. Report from the SGA
SGA Academic Affairs Director, Mac-C Johnson: Ongoing questions/concerns from the SGA include: parents don't know how to get a hold of their students' advisors; and a request for a report on how often classrooms are being cleaned; suggested cultural sensitivity training for staff and instructors.
Jacobson: The Senate will look into the new questions and get back to the SGA.
Soufleris: Advisors can't give information out to parents because of FERPA. The SGA should reach out to the Dean of Students Office for further guidance.
Lafountain: The Montclair Votes Coalition is ready to support the SGA elections, how are they going?
Johnson: They need to be promoted more.
6. Report from the Administration
Comments from the Provost's Office:
 - a. Graduation and Commencement
Hollister: In the process of putting together a policy and procedures for students to be able to walk at May commencement if they are short a course or two, if they are registered for the courses in the summer.
 - b. Attendance Verification Process
Working with Enrollment Management and OIT for solutions to streamline the attendance verification process, including a pilot with the School of Nursing.
 - c. Sustainability Taskforce
Creating a standing Sustainability Taskforce to address current and new campus-wide initiatives.
7. Voices of the Community
Reports from the:
 - a. African American Caucus

Hill: Upcoming events to celebrate Black History Month, event details available on the caucus website. The gallery opening for Black Wall Street: A Case for Reparations opens tomorrow, 2/17.

b. Disability Caucus

Broderick: Our first brown bag event was successful, our second one starts after this meeting at 4-5pm titled, Don't Call Me Special, open to the entire community. Details on upcoming events can be found on the caucus website.

c. Land Acknowledgement Committee

Jacobson: no report.

d. Latinx/a/o Caucus

Fuentes: An open inquiry with the President about representation of Latinx members on the Board of Trustees. Listening sessions coming up with Latinx faculty to see how the caucus can best support them. Upcoming events available on the caucus website.

8. Report from the Board of Trustees Faculty Representative

Saundra: Deputy Chief of Staff hired, and created a program on campus safety infrastructure.

9. Negotiations Agent Liaison (NAL) Report

Curnutt: The Local is in the middle of elections for the Executive Board and Delegates. The upcoming cost of living adjustments for staff are on track for April 15th; for 12 month employees they will happen in June; Specialists should reach out to Laura Field with questions. Major grievance settlement this week but still many to resolve. Scholarships for students are now open for applications.

10. Standing Committees

Council Reports

a. Academic Affairs Council

Temoney: Active business includes doctoral program structure recommendation draft with an April first read; and issues around GNED 199. Full report available on the Senate Canvas page.

b. Administrative Affairs Council

Bellum: We will have a response from HR on our two open inquiries by the end of the month. Working on best practices to calling meetings to be accessible, as Alicia Broderik mentioned in her report. Looking at socially just business processes and coming up with a new name for the committee. Admin eval committee is working on developing procedures for evaluations.

c. Student Affairs Council

Brater: Continuing conversations with Dean Carter and Soufleris. Looking for an update on food insecurity on campus. Developing a list of policies and procedures around student registration holds. Full report available on the Senate Canvas page.

d. Elections Committee

Lafountain: At-large elections open on Friday, constituency elections will open after spring break.

11. Business

a. Recommendations

i. AV Surveillance Policy

Bellum: First read of the AV Surveillance Policy Recommendation.

Sullivan: Are there cameras in classrooms?

Bellum: We do not know where the cameras are, we would like to have more information on where they are.

Wolfson: The cameras in classrooms are not for surveillance purposes.
Move to approve the first read.
Second.

12. Report of the Senate President

Jacobson: Invitation to the campus to participate in the various Senate committees which are also open to those who are not in the Senate.

13. Adjournment

Spitz: Move to adjourn.

Trubatch: Second.

Adjourned at 3:23pm