I. The October 21, 2015 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:08 pm. (Collins)


III. Approval of September 16, 2015 minutes – motion passed with addition of “motion 3” rather than just “motion” on page 2.

IV. Good News/Announcements
   a. We will prepare a memorial resolution from the Senate to forward to the family members of Fran Greb and Carl Bredlau. We will also prepare something in honor of Carlos Ortiz, who was very resourceful to the Senate student affairs council.
   b. The next cross-disciplinary luncheon will take place in late November along the theme of social justice and race in recognition of the former student killed in the South Carolina massacre.
   c. Congratulations to Professor Jeffrey Miller for discovering the earliest known draft of the King James Bible.

V. Elections Committee Report
   a. Aissa Deebi is the newly elected at-large representative. The committee will put out a call for nominations for the new instructional/clinical specialist seat in the hopes the newly elected member can be seated at the next meeting.

VI. Report from Administration – Provost Gingerich
   a. The search for the Dean of CEHS is launched and moving forward, and we are approaching the final stages of the VPs of finance and facilities searches. We interviewed the last of the candidates for Executive Director of Extended Learning and hope to have a determination on that position soon.
   b. A notice will go out to solicit a current faculty member excited to revive RAUL. There will be a time release for the job. A job description exists and an internal review committee will be formed.
   c. The new Business and CELS buildings opened with great fanfare, and Dean Prezant chaired an excellent conversation between an entrepreneur/scientist and astronaut.
   d. The MiddleStates design is posted on the provost’s website.
   e. Materials for approval of the RN to BSN program will be sent to the state.
   f. The provost requested the official copy of the integrity of course web space resolution
   g. The Provost requested that the Senate put forth a resolution regarding the recommendation of the Tobacco task force. A public health major wrote to President Cole requesting that this be made a smoke-free campus. President Collins stated that the task force had recommended a tobacco-free campus, and there was legislation moving through the state at that time, but it hasn’t gone through. The concerns about the resolution involved implementation and enforcement and the Senate had wanted to consult with the union. We will have something for the November meeting.
   h. There was a brief discussion about adjunct evaluations. The form was developed under RAUL. It is a student attitude questionnaire that departments are free, but not required, to use. The online form is encouraged.

VII. Academic Affairs Council Report – General Education Update
   a. The committee is working on 1) ensuring that the courses in each category legitimately belong there and that the message is being delivered clearly to faculty and students and 2) acquiring direct student assessment to see what the gen ed is doing for them. The committee is asking other colleagues to participate in meaningful dialogue. Departments are asked for faculty liaisons.
   b. It is hoped the bulk of the work will be done for Fall 2016, but there are more than 200 courses to review, and the review and validation should be ongoing.
c. There was brief discussion as to the percentage of faculty vs. adjuncts teaching gen ed courses. The Provost stated that Gen Ed is a fundamental responsibility of the faculty, and our students need it.

VIII. Administrative Affairs Council Report – Kelton
a. University Counsel, Maria Anderson, addressed questions about revisions to the field trip form. Whoever signs the form, even a non-student, is subject to the waiver. Any faculty member going on the trip is entitled to defense by the university.

b. Senator Kelton expressed concern that issues brought to safety committee are not being taken seriously. The sign that was promised for Bond Lot is still not there.

c. The Parker App is an accurate count of parking in garages, but counting of surface lots is a manual process, so the app cannot be a real-time indicator for those lots. Senator Noonan stated that only two lots have signage stating adjuncts can park there, even though many other lots are available to them. He also said the issue of renewable virtual permits is not clear, and that some adjuncts received tickets because they didn’t realize they needed to re-register their car. Senators also mentioned issues of pedestrian safety, especially at night, and near Six Brothers, the Overlook Building, and between the library and College Hall. People also expressed concern about learning more about emergency preparedness, especially an active shooter situation.

d. The Academic Technology Committee has been unable to elect leadership. President Collins will be convening a meeting Monday from 2:30-4:00 to discuss the nature of the committee and have an election.

IX. Student Affairs Council Report – Allen
a. The SGA president requested that the Senate Constitution maintain a student rep, and he will appoint someone to attend the meetings.

b. There are 15 transgender bathrooms on campus (single stall with lock). It is uncertain how they are identified.

c. Shannon Gary will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the Bystander Program. The program involves conflict resolution, leadership, responsibility, and assessing when to step in and when to call for help.

X. NAL Report – Trubatch
a. Senator Trubatch will work to make sure language in the proposed smoking policy does not overlap with terms and conditions. He will also participate in student handbook discussions to make sure the language there does not overlap with terms and conditions.

b. The next statewide negotiation session is this Friday, and there are none scheduled for after that. A full update will be at the general union meeting and be available in the e-bulletin.

XI. Motion to Amend 1995 Constitution
a. Senator Mengara read motion 4 and moved “Given that the function of “Financial Secretary” as defined in ARTICLE IV, Section A of the Constitution has lost its relevance in the University Senate due to the inexistence of the Budget Committee, the Constitution Committee of the University Senate moves that the current title of “Corresponding and Financial Secretary” be changed(updated to “Corresponding Secretary” and the language pertaining to the “Corresponding and Financial Secretary” be amended as proposed in ARTICLE IV, Sections A.1 and C.4.” Senator Kelton seconded the motion.

b. President Collins confirmed that the Senate no longer has a budget and she goes to the provost for minor reimbursements, such as providing lunch for the cross-disciplinary lunch speaker.

c. Senator Kelton called the question. The motion passed with 23 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

d. Senator Murray requested that we take the next meeting to devote to the constitution so that we can finish the business.

XII. New Business – none

XIII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved November 18, 2015
Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Sadowsky, University Senate Recording Secretary