

- I. The May 11, 2016 meeting of the University Senate was **called to order** at 2:37 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** - Present: Abrams, Allen, Alvares, Brook, Collins, Curnutt, Jerry Cutler, Jonathan Cutler, Field, Fleming, Friedman, Gainor, Gardin, Gaynor, Gingerich, Gurskis(Sharps), Higgins, Jacobson, Kelton, Lal, Lucas, Mengara, Misra, Murray, Noonan, Nurse, Oosting, Parashar, Pemberton, Pennington, Powell, Sadowsky, Salzman, Samuels, Specchio, Sullivan, Trubatch, and Wolfson.
- III. Senator Wolfson asked for a senator to move that discussion of the Constitution take place when the 2016-2017 Senate convenes, and that discussion on computers be limited to 40 minutes and discussion on course policy be limited to 20 minutes. Senator Samuels made the motion and Senator Sullivan seconded. Those speaking in favor of the motion were concerned there would not be enough time to seat the new Senate otherwise. Those speaking against the motion felt that discussion should take place when the Senators who had worked on it and taken part in the discussion remained Senators. The question was called, 14 were in favor, 9 opposed and 3 abstentions. The motion passed.
- IV. **Approval of April 27, 2016 minutes** –motion passed
- V. **Good News/Announcements**
 - a. Dr. Cascarano and Dr. Ragin will be pursuing a grant opportunity through the American Cancer Society for colleges looking to go tobacco-free. A survey of 100 students showed 59% in favor of becoming a tobacco-free campus
 - b. The Senate has been operating with a shortage of representatives from CEHS (there are supposed to be 4) since at least 2006. President Collins asked the elections committee to conduct an additional election for a representative to serve a term from 2016-2019
 - c. President Collins asked Senator Alvares to serve in the one-year at-large position vacated by Aissa Deebi. Appointments such as this have been done before for 1-year absences.
 - d. Nyieta Charlot has resigned from the Senate.
- VI. **Elections Committee Report**
 - a. The winners of the at-large election are John Specchio, Jeff Strickland, and Nicole Panorkou
 - b. The winners of the constituency elections are:
 - i. Professional Staff: Shannon Bellum, Charity Dacey, Kathy Sadowsky
 - ii. College of the Arts: Vanessa Domine
 - iii. College of Education and Human Services: Lauren Dinour, Douglas Murray
 - iv. College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Kirk McDermid, Daniel Mengara
 - v. College of Science and Math: Clement Alo
- VII. **Report from Administration – no report**
- VIII. **Academic Affairs Council Report** (Cutler)
 - a. The Provost proposed a change to the policy on repeated courses, stating that students will need to request permission from the dean to repeat a course after taking it twice, rather than three times. The council requested data from the provost on how many students this policy affects. They would also like to examine the issue in the context of graduation rates, grade inflation, etc.
- IX. **Administrative Affairs Council Report** – (Kelton)
 - a. The Academic Technology Committee is in the process of being reconvened. At that time, the provost will meet with them about the Institutional Repository, which was not funded, and the web course integrity statement.
- X. **Student Affairs Council Report**– (Allen)
 - a. Two essays have been submitted so far for the Senate Book Award contest
- XI. **NAL Report** – (Trubatch)
 - a. New officers will be in place soon. No progress was made at the most recent negotiation session.

XII. New Business

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION, May 11, 2016:

WHEREAS, membership in the University Senate is a significant measure of commitment to Montclair State University, and

WHEREAS, those Senators retiring from the Senate this year have given generously of their time, talent and energy, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the University and the Senate have been significantly furthered by their individual and collective efforts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of The University Senate extend its appreciation and sentiment of WELL DONE to **Jonathan Cutler, AJ Kelton, Fred Gardin, Steven Oosting**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of thanks be noted in the minutes of The University Senate.

- a. Senator Abrams recognized Senator Oosting who is retiring, and thanked him for his years of service.
- b. Senator Sullivan brought forward an at-large issue. He is concerned about a student who was skateboarding in University Hall. He inquired if safety is discussed during New Student Orientation.

XIII. Adjournment – 3:06 p.m.

Convening of the 20216-2017 University Senate

I. Call to Order – 3:07 p.m.

II. Seating of New Senators – Nicole Pankourou, Jeff Strickland, Vanessa Domine, Lauren Dinour, Kirk McDermid, Clement Alo, Shannon Bellum, Charity Dacey

III. Elections Committee – Jean Alvares

- a. All Executive Board Positions are open. Nominations were submitted for Saundra Collins for President and Daniel Mengara for Vice President. Senator Alvares opened the floor for other nominations for President. Senator Gaynor nominated Senator Trubatch, who accepted.
- b. Senator Trubatch gave a statement: I would like to see the Senate have a strong voice in shared governance, collect information, make specific and clear policy recommendations, and get a response. I would like to see the Senate get ahead of changes coming with assessment and IT. The accreditation process will come with recommendations, which will be a good starting point. I would like to see the Senate work in a systematic organized way.
- c. Senator Collins gave a statement: Thank you for the opportunity to have served as President over the years. We have made a lot of headway updating the 20 –year-old Constitution. The purpose of the Senate is to provide a forum, to engage in dialogue, to provide advice on issues, and open the dialogue to the campus. We have done that despite starting with no records. We established the cross-disciplinary lunch and hosted 16 presentations. We have made recommendations on the course withdrawal policy, centennial activities, and established the Senate book award. We have dealt with the non-academic withdrawal policy, Latin honors, transcript notations, Gen Ed interdisciplinary core initiatives, and advisement policies. We have discussed an institutional repository, a social media policy, the financial aid verification issue, student rights within an instructional context, and established a tobacco task force. We have been visible across campus.
- d. Dr. Bonato counted the votes. David Trubatch won with 20 votes, Saundra Collins had 10.
- e. Senator Specchio nominated Douglas Murray for vice president. He accepted the nomination and made the following statement: As an organizational management professor, I believe in periodic change so organizations can grow and thrive. I look forward to working with David, being proactive, looking at shared governance, and increasing our voice. I am up for the challenge.
- f. Senator Mengara gave the following statement: Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am running to finish the job I started. We have been working hard at revising the Constitution for 3 years. My hope is to leave the Senate with the job done. Thank you to members of the Constitution Committee: Todd Kelshaw, Petrali Chatterjee, Gabriel Rubin, Nyieta Charlot, Douglas Murray.
- g. Douglas Murray won with 24 votes, Daniel Mengara had 7.
- h. Senator Sullivan nominated Senator Nurse for recording secretary. She declined.
- i. Senator Murray nominated Senator Field for corresponding secretary. Senator Alvares moved to elect her by acclamation. The motion passed.
- j. Senator Field, as the new corresponding secretary, conducted the remaining elections.

- k. Senator Sullivan nominated Vanessa Domine for chair of the academic affairs council. She accepted and was elected by acclamation.
- l. Senator Sullivan nominated Anthony Pemberton for chair of the administrative affairs council. He accepted and was elected by acclamation.
- m. Senator Alvares nominated Kirk McDermid for chair of the student affairs council. He accepted and was elected by acclamation.
- n. Senator Wolfson asked that Hugh Curnutt be considered as a nominee for the NAL rep. Senator Pemberton nominated him. He accepted and was elected by acclamation.

IV. Report from Administration – Provost Gingerich

- a. The Provost introduced the new Dean of the School of Nursing: Dr. Janice Smolowitz. Senator Wolfson stated that the Constitution needs to be changed to add this dean as another ex officio member.
- b. The provost read a resolution that was read in the NJ senate, honoring Montclair State for earning the Doctoral University classification. As a result of this designation, we have a new set of peer institutions. We need 20 research graduates to maintain this designation. The pipeline needs to remain robust. Senators expressed concern about lack of financial support for graduate students and how the new designation might impact undergraduate education.
- c. Vice President Pennington stated that a straw poll conducted by the SGA about the proposed smoking policy showed nearly a 50 50 split. They will pose the question more broadly and hold student forums in September.
- d. Vice President Fleming listened to concerns about the University's computer use policy, requiring justification and approval from the dean from faculty and staff requesting a Mac rather than a PC due to the price differential. Senators expressed frustration that this decision was made without discussion and without faculty input. They were concerned that it would affect their productivity. They suggested other alternatives, such as a 5 or 6 year replacement span or negotiating a better deal with Apple, and stated that fewer helpdesk calls were generated by mac users. VP Fleming stated that she listened to deans' recommendations when justifications were made. She stated that she understood that more communication was needed, but that the lack of an ATC made that more difficult. President Trubatch urged all those affected to submit a strong justification, and stated in the fall the new eboard would reach out to the administration to make a plan for dialogue.

V. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Sadowsky, University Senate Recording Secretary (through May, 2016)