

- I. The September 6, 2016 meeting of the University Senate was called to order.
- II. **Roll Call** – Present: Abrams, Allen, Alo, Alvares, Bellum, Brook, Coleman-Carter, Collins, Curnutt, Cutler, Dacey, Dinour, Domine, Ficke, Field, Flemming, Friedman, Gainor, Gingerich, Higgins, Hunt, Jacobson, Lal, Lucas, McDermid, Murray, Nurse, Panorkou, Parashar, Pemberton, Pennington, Powell, Prezant, Rubin, Sadowsky, Sammuels,, Specchio, Sullivan, Trubatch, Wolfson.
- III. The minutes were distributed during the meeting, thus no vote to approve was held.
- IV. President Trubatch called the meeting to order, introduced the new executive board, and appealed to the senate to be active and engaged “ the quality of the senate depends upon the members”. Senator Trubatch then introduced President Cole who invited questions from the assembly.
  - a. In response to acknowledgment of the new Digital Repository President Cole mentioned the hard work and advocacy of Dr. Hunt, Dean of the Library, who informed the group that over 400 institutions are currently part of the repository and encouraged everyone to explore, learn more, and provide feedback.
  - b. Senator Alvares asked about the current plans for university branding. President Cole informed the senate that University Advancement was already conducting research to replace It’s All Here with a new branding effort.
  - c. Dr. Wolfson asked about renovation plans for Dickson Hall and Calcia Hall. President Cole said the only current facilities plan was to redo the Dixon Hall HVAC overtime.
  - d. Senator Dacey raised a question about excess lab space that could serve as a Praxis testing center and revenue generator. President Cole said this has been studied in the past but that space is tight, this is not easily accomplished, and the revenue potential is small.
  - e. Senator Curnutt asked if there would be opportunities for the senate and wider community to become more involved in the Middle States Accreditation effort. President Cole said there would be public meetings and drafts published for the community asking for comments. Provost Gingerich said there would be two public forums in October. President Trubatch indicated he has already discussed this with with Dr. Cote-Bonanno towards that end.
  - f. Senator Samuels asked about standards for shared governance. Dr. Cote-Bonanno replied that standards are set institutionally.
  - g. Senator Sullivan raised the point of standards for student probation and the issue of meeting certain GPA standards as a basis for graduation. President Cole agreed and believes that department/major “gates” should be set early for entry into the major as opposed to a barrier to graduation at the end of the program.

- h. Senator Brook raised three issues of concern, as revealed by his analysis of ANTH majors: males are not doing as well academically as female students particularly in minority populations, transfer students with 60 credits take longer to graduate than incoming freshman, and that statistically a student having a semester with a D, F, W, or I is 50% more likely to do even worse in the subsequent semester. President Cole agreed that male to female performance is a university and nationwide issue. Males seem to enter school with higher confidence than their performance justifies. The answer to the transfer student question is a close examination of the individual transcripts and that departments must honor the credit transfer agreements to give 60 credits useful to successful matriculation.

#### IV

- a. A reorganizational meeting for the Academic Technology Committee has been scheduled by interim Committee Chairperson Erik Jacobson for September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00PM, location to be determined.
- b. Senator Gainor raised the issue of the, to date, inability of Banner and NEST to interface. The Provost is aware of this issue and efforts are underway to resolve this.

#### V Provost Report

- a. Email notices regarding NEST has been sent to faculty and students on 9/7.
- b. Parking memo went out to the campus community
- c. The Provost together with VP Rosenheim sent a memorandum of reply to a report forwarded by the Deans regarding issues in administration of grants. The Provost will encourage Deans to forward this memorandum within their schools and colleges.

#### VI New Business

- a. The senate voted by acclamation to reappoint Senator Mark Korlie to the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- b. Senator Trubatch encouraged each senator to fill out their council preferences
- c. The following committees were formed and approved by acclamation:

##### Constitution Committee:

Charity Dacey  
Shannon Bellum  
Jack Samuels

##### Election Committee:

Pankaj Lal  
Clement Alo  
Nicole Panorkou

Meeting adjourned 5:00PM

Respectfully Submitted by Douglas W. Murray, University Senate Vice President.