

## **THE UNIVERSITY SENATE of *Montclair State University***

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*Montclair, NJ 07043*

1. The February 16 2011 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Senate President Dr. Saundra Collins.

2. Recording Secretary Dr. David Benfield called the roll. Present at the meeting were the following members: Adarkar, Allen, Alvares, Benfield, Chang, Chapel, Chatterjee, Chrite, Collins, Cutler, Cutler J, Dickinson, Ficke, Gaynor, Gill, Gingerich, Hain, Howell, Kelshaw, Lakusta, Lemesianou, Lin, Mengara, Meneghin, Morrissey (Montesinos), Nurse, Oluwole, Oosting, Pardo, Pennington, Poon, Powell, Prezant, Roberts, Rodak, Specchio, Topic, Wilson, & Wolfson.

3. The Minutes of the 1/19/11 meeting of the University Senate were approved.

4. President Collins welcomed new senators and congratulated the recently elected at-large senators: Benfield, Collins, Kelshaw, & Yu. Senator Meneghin's son is coming to MSU in the Fall.

5. Senate elections will be held from 8 – 11 of March.

6. Provost Gingerich provided the report from the administration. An IACUC has been established. The about to be hired Compliance Officer will work with the IACUC and the IRB.

The GenEd will be the focus of conversations at upcoming college and school meetings. The new Finley Center of Language and Linguistics is well underway. The new third floor of Finley Hall will house the MSU Math Emporium. The Provost discussed snow day problems and how they will lead to some form of makeup procedures yet to be arranged.

The Provost discussed whether the OPDT needed a faculty advisory group. Online program development is progressing well; at this time the Provost believes that having faculty serve on an advisory board to an operational committee would not be a good use of faculty time. Instructional designers are being hired to make sure that the sequence of courses in a given online program fit together. In marketing an online only program, MSU has learned that a short response time, retention counselors, and 24-7 support are all essential.

Senator Lemesianou proposed that there be University-wide procedures for curriculum approval, evaluation, and assessment. Vice Provost Joanne Cote-B pointed out that curriculum gets a start-up pass.

Dean Cutler addressed issues raised by the US News college ranking report. The Deans from all of the New Jersey Education School got together and decided not to participate in the ranking. This same group of deans and a Star-Ledger reporter met with Brian Kelly, head of US News & World Report to explain their decision. The main issue is that wealth is what correlates most closely with SAT scores. Dean Cutler noted that is an excellent New Yorker article in the 2/14 issue. The editors of the U.S. edition threaten an estimated ranking.

The Provost and Dean Cutler were praised for e-mails dealing with weather-related closings.

7. As part of the Academic Affairs Council report, Council president Jason Dickinson invited Coordinator of Student Conduct Jerry Collins to speak. Mr. Collins noted that Academic dishonesty is in faculty hands. Each Faculty member controls the process. However, Faculty member is not required to report. Faculty members should check with their Dept Chair. Here is what actually happens. When a student is reported for academic dishonesty, Mr. Collins' office sends the student a letter. A second offense will result in the student's status at the university possibly changing. Overwhelming Majority of cases are one time offenders.

Most of the cases Mr. Collins handles have to do with conduct and not with academic dishonesty.

Senator Meneghin called attention to the week long program on bullying. She then wondered whether persons who report ever find out what happens once their report is filed?

In the CEHS it is up to the individual faculty member as to the exact course consequences of being caught cheating but the student must be reported to both the CEHS Dean's Office and to Mr. Collins' University Office. Council Chair Senator Dickinson thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation.

Senator Dickinson then announced that the Academic Affairs Council and the GenEd Committee have sent a letter to the Deans and there will be discussions in March and April of issues surrounding the implementation of GenEd2002.

8. Senator Topic provided Administrative Affairs Council updates. In a memo of 1/19/11 from Dean Pennington, it is explained that the Red Bulls are sponsors of the Dickson Hall construction. The Council is busy with the serious issue of how to improve the Normal Avenue crossing by Lot 2.

9. The proposed Student Affairs Council motion will add chewing tobacco and snuff to the list of prohibited items. Dominick Petrazelli asked about residence halls. Senators Oosting and Alvares seconded the motion. Substance-free is not the same as smoke-free. Sen. Oluwole raised privacy issue.

Senate President Collins asked Senator Oosting to prohibit use of chewing tobacco and snuff in classrooms. A discussion ensued. Rewrite? Academic public areas could be chewing tobacco and snuff free. Motion was withdrawn.

10. Senator Poon brought up the question of Lot 26 being an adjunct only when Lot 26 utilization is only at 60 %. He favors making it a full-time faculty lot. Senator Wilson noted that adjunct faculty arriving in the afternoon will need access to a convenient parking facility.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. David Benfield

Recording Secretary