

I. The January 22, 2014 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm. (S. Collins)

II. Roll Call (Sadowsky) Present: Alvares, Benfield, Collins, Cutler, Fails, Gardin, Gingerich, Grinberg, Kelshaw, Kelton, Lakusta, Lal, Mengara, Morrissey(Cottrell), Nurse, Pardo, Peterman, Powell, Prezant, Sadowsky, and Sullivan.

III. Approval of November 20, 2013 and December 18 minutes – There was not a quorum to approve the minutes.

IV. Good News/ Announcements

- 1) The SGA president has stepped down. The SGA VP will be replacing him as a Senate Representative
- 2) A moment of silence was held in honor of Sue Weston, former Senator and retired faculty member

V. Elections Committee Report (Alvares) – The call for nominations for six at-large positions will go out tomorrow. The election will be held the week of February 9. The election will conclude by February 19 and the call for constituency representatives will conclude by February 26. The new senators will be seated at the end of the last meeting.

VI. Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees Report - No representative present

VII. Report from Administration (Provost Gingerich)

- 1) The draft of the social media policy, one piece of our overall computer use policy, was circulated to the Senate and the Chairs Council. The policy has been referred to the administrative affairs council. The provost hopes to have a gathering of commentaries by the next meeting. The policy is comparable with policies at peer institutions. In response to a request, the provost will email which comparable institutions' policies were looked at.
- 2) Over break the provost led a delegation of faculty from CEHS and CSAM to a conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to talk about STEM education. The former President of the DR is innovative, visionary, and technologically oriented and he wants to create a new generation of STEM-prepared teachers to prepare a work force that can provide transformational opportunity in economic development. We gave presentations on how to prepare teachers. I spoke with the ministry of Higher Education and they would like to send their students to our programs.
- 3) Jamie Bilella has left the University. We're reconsidering the units that make up Extended Learning, which currently include Summer and Winter sessions, Gifted and Talented, Online Education, Continuing Education.
- 4) Career services is developing nicely. We are starting searches for a Coordinator of Co-op and Internships and a Coordinator for Data Management and Electronic Resources. The second coordinator will collect data about job trends and about what our graduates are doing, and will organize and disseminate this data. This position will also manage the Career Services website and social media. The first position is required because we need a point person to unify and manage co-ops and internships. While the Center is currently understaffed they have been doing an excellent job.
- 5) 39 faculty searches are moving forward nicely, and we've added at least one more. Campus interviews for the CHSS Dean Search should begin mid-February.
- 6) Dr. Robert McCormick passed away recently. He was responsible for the Child Advocacy program. Its graduate program is the largest in CHSS. Consideration of this unit for departmental status will continue and Luis Montesinos will be directing the program. Dr. McCormick's death is a grievous loss to the institution.
- 7) Senator Alvares requested an email about the policy of students who don't pay their bills losing Blackboard access so instructors can put that information on their syllabi.

VII. Academic Affairs Council Report – No report

VII. Administrative Affairs Council Report (Kelton)

1. The council has been charged with commenting on the social media policy, and senators are beginning to discuss it via Canvas. We are looking at sister institutions to see how comparable it is. Some items may appear shocking but are meant with the best interest of the institution and its people. President

Collins mentioned that it is the responsibility of the council to get guidance from people who have an understanding of such matters and senators are invited to provide commentary to the council. If you have issues or concerns or people who might enlighten us, please forward them to the council.

VIII. Student Affairs Council Report - no report

IX. NAL Report (Benfield)

1. Negotiations have been ongoing over the break. We have made a lot of progress in two or three areas, but did not come to a final bargain. Things are looking good.

X. New Business

1. Issues from Campus (CART, CEHS, CHSS, CSAM, SBUS, Librarians, Professional Staff, At-Large)

At Large – It is good the University was closed yesterday at 12:45, but why were the staff kept later than students? This was to make leaving the campus easier so not everyone was leaving at the same time.

2. Voices from the Campus – none

XI. Adjournment at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes Approved February 19, 2014

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Sadowsky, University Senate Recording Secretary