

- I. The March 26, 2014 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:07 pm. (S. Collins)
- II. Roll Call (Sadowsky) Present: Allen, Alvares, Ambrose, Benfield, Chang, Chapel, Chrite, Collins, Cutler, Cutler, Fails, Gardin, Gill, Gingerich, Grinberg, Hunt, Kelshaw, Kelton, Lakusta, Lal, Lin, McCann, Mengara, Morrissey, Nurse, Pardo, Peterman (Jenkins), Poon, Powell, Prezant, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, and Wolfson.
- III. Approval of February 19, 2014 minutes – approved with the addition of the issue of academic freedom needing to be addressed in the committee of the whole discussion on the social media policy draft.
- IV. Good News/ Announcements
- 1) Congratulations to Jonathan Cutler and his wife on the birth of their son, William
 - 2) Congratulations to Padmini Das, the graduate student rep, who successfully defended her dissertation
 - 3) Congratulations to Dean Chrite who will become Dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver
 - 4) We are looking for a 1 year replacement for a Senate rep to the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and reps for the Institutional Repository Task force and the Academic Technology Committee
 - 5) President Collins noted she is looking for information for a faculty handbook for adjuncts, as there is no organized adjunct handbook. Bob Noonan has started to put some things together.
 - 6) The Emerging Learning Design Conference will take place May 30. Only \$58 for MSU attendees
- V. Elections Committee Report (Alvares) – The election has concluded and all constituency posts have been filled. The elected senators are Eric Jacobson (CEHS), Pankaj Lal (CSAM), Jack Samuels and Chiao Chang (SBUS)
- VI. Report from Administration (Provost Gingerich)
- 1) This year's faculty hiring cycle was very successful. We had 42 positions and only 4 failed searches because we were able to attract candidates with other opportunities. We can compete with almost anyone. The provost was uncertain how many of these 42 lines were new and how many were replacements. When we look at line approval we look at the current need of the department. The provost was also unsure how many instructional specialists we are searching for, but it is more than last year as there is a clear need. The provost hasn't seen that faculty numbers are declining each year. The number fluctuates from year to year, and 42 is the biggest number of searches in several years. IR will have an official number when the process is complete.
 - 2) We are in the negotiating process with a final candidate for the Dean of CHSS and will be launching a search for the Dean of SBUS shortly. The search for the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education is underway and some positions in the Career Center are being filled as well.
 - 3) We welcome Jerry Cutler who joined us almost two months ago as the new VP of Human Resources.
 - 4) Update: Student Account Transition from Webmail to Gmail - Vice President Ed Chapel
 - a. This is a part of our overall participation in the Google Apps for Education program. Gmail provides more storage which students need. Their Netid will remain the same. The transition is taking some time because we are looking to transfer webmail contents to gmail. The full transition will take place over the summer so that in the fall all students will be gmail account holders. Only students will be making the transition. Alumni will have a gmail account address of @alumni.monntclair.edu. Current students' addresses will be @montclair.edu. We are making the switch so we will no longer need to monitor tens of thousands of student email accounts, students will get more storage, and this is where students want to do their email. Faculty will not get as much new storage as you might think due to this switch, but we have doubled storage for the last three years. Use available free internet storage for non-sensitive items and Montclair storage for things you want to keep secure
 - b. Please be prepared for the change to Canvas. Lots of training opportunities are available. Bob Noonan mentioned that adjuncts would be more likely to spend time on training if they knew in advance whether they would be teaching in the fall, and which courses.
- VII. Academic Affairs Council Report – (Cutler)

- 1) Update: Change in Undergraduate Course Proposal Form – the new online form had a new section named “course requirements” which must include how the grade is calculated. Associate Provost Cote-Bonanno came to the council meeting last week, was receptive to comments and removed that portion from the form. They are working on the issues that arose from this removal and appreciate her help.

VIII. Administrative Affairs Council Report (Kelton)

- 1) Update: summary comments on social media policy draft – The council has been gathering data since January, including last meeting’s conversation. They have put together concrete suggestions the administration can apply to the next version of the policy. They encourage that the next draft be returned to the council and community for review. The administration was sincerely looking for our feedback and it was good to see the community talk about the issue.
- 2) Update: institutional repository task force – The task force will have a report by the Senate’s last meeting. They need use case scenarios – what would you use the repository for? Please ask your colleagues.
- 3) Follow up:
 - a. Charging stations for electric vehicles – Tim Carey stated they are looking at this as a critical issue, but wondering about a convenient location and how to charge or pay for the electricity
 - b. Access to lot 17 – Tim Carey’s response was that there is so much foot traffic in the area that it is dangerous to pedestrians to have cars access the lot more directly. The University Safety Committee is also looking at the issue as there is also a lot of foot traffic near Car Parc Diem. Please send comments to the Senate Rep on the Safety Committee or Senators Lin or Specchio. There will also be an open forum in April.
 - c. The Health Center pays for the Medical Personnel spaces in Lots 19 and 20.

IX. Student Affairs Council Report - (Allen) – The advertisement for the Senate Book Award has gone out to students. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the bookstore which is good for books. The winner should show financial need and be in good standing with the University. The deadline for submission is April 15.

X. NAL Report (Benfield)

- 1) Ratification of tentative agreements is coming up. It will be an up or down vote on the whole package.
- 2) If you are interested in running for union office, petitions are available on the website.
- 3) The Statewide Council of College and University Unions was concerned about procedures set up to hire faculty with no probationary period. The Council will be filing a failure to negotiate agreement.
- 4) The Union would like to work with the Senate on issues surrounding the Joseph Cryan legislative package. One item states that institutions should be required to provide free ebooks to students. We don’t have the full language of the bills, just the outline. We need the details.
- 5) Please vote for Krystal Woolston for a national AFT everyday hero award.

XI. New Business

1) Voices from Senators:

- a. The provost inquired as to the status of the review of the student handbook he had requested regarding students’ rights and responsibilities. Senator Cutler stated the Academic Affairs Council is starting to take up the issue now
- b. Senator Benfield wanted to thank Tim Carey for all the work he has done, but hopes when his replacement comes in we can continue to look at the dangerous crossing of Normal Ave from Lot 1. President Collins asked reps to take this issue back to the safety committee meeting and provide a follow-up at the next senate meeting.
- c. The Day of Equity is March 27. Chris Cottle is our University Senate Rep to the affirmative action committee.

2) Voices from Campus Community

- a. Bob Noonan, president of the adjunct union, stated that that union will hold its 3rd annual awards dinner on May 2 honoring longstanding adjuncts. It awarded two scholarships to members’ children and 3 stipends to adjuncts in MSU certificate or degree programs.

XII. Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved September 2, 2014

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Sadowsky, University Senate Recording Secretary