THE UNIVERSITY SENATE *of Montclair State University*

Montclair, NJ 07043

Minutes for October 17, 2012

1. Meeting of the University Senate called to order in SC 419 at 3:05pm (S. Collins)

2. Roll Call (Davis)

Present: Allen, Alvares, Benfield, Chang, Chatterjee, Collins (president), Cutler, Davis, Ficke, Gardin, Gaynor, Gill, Gingerich, Hain, Juzdan, Kelshaw, Lal, Lin, Mahadevan, McCann, Meneghin, Mengara (vice president), Morrissey (sub), Nurse, Oluwole, Oosting, Poon, Powell, Rodak, Specchio, Sullivan, Wolfson, Zamanian

Absent: Ambrose, Chapel, Chrite, Dickinson, Gurskis, Howell, Hunt, Lukusta, Pardo, Pennington, Peterman, Prezant, Rubin, Sadowsky (secretary), Wilson, Yu

3. Approval of minutes for September 19, 2012
4. President's Report and Good News (Collins)
    - Welcomed and seated graduate student rep, Padmini Das
    - Offered Navratri greetings to celebrating Senators
    - Announced birth of Emily Lauren on 10/10/12 to Sadowsky
    - Congratulated Dean Prezant (CSAM) on hosting a successful Sokol Science Lecture
    - Acknowledged MSU's increased student advisement initiative
    - Announced fall schedule for Senate's Cross Disciplinary Discourse Lunchtime Series

        - 10/31/12, Dr. Christopher Matthews, "Empowering Communities with Archaeology: Collaborative Research and Cultural Preservation"
        - 11/19/12, Dr. Zoe Burkholder. "A New and Better Social Order: Black Teachers and Lessons on Racial Equality Before 1954"
        - 12/5/12, Dr. Ndidiamaka Amutah, "Rethinking the 'C' in Maternal and Child Health: The Role of the Community in Addressing Health Disparities"

    - Working to confirm spring dates and speakers that include Diana Thomas, and participants from SBUS and CART
    - Noted MSU's initial initiative for faculty to post mid-term grades—10/17 thru 10/24—especially for failing students
    - In response to Admission's outreach efforts to high school students, on 11/27 Collins will host 25 Passaic High School Students
    - Alfred Davis, Jr., DC, of Davis Chiropractic Center in Montclair will serve as Community Member to MSU Campus Tobacco Policy Task Force; undergraduate and graduate representatives still needed
5. Motion
    - Moved by Alvares and seconded by Sullivan to appoint Lori McCann, Pankaj Lal, Betsy Lin as senate representatives, for 2012-2013 to MSU Elections Committee

- Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Rodak to appoint Patrali Chatterjee, Todd Kelshaw, Denise Rodak, Gabriel Rubin as senate representatives, for 2012-2013, to MSU Constitution Committee

6. Representative to the BOT Report—None
7. Provost's Report (Gingerich)
   - Announced Samir Bakane as E.D. for MSU Enterprise Systems Implementation; will see One Montclair from start to finish
   - Enactment of MSU Mandatory advisement for freshmen and transfer students; Urged faculty to be mindful and responsive to students' requests for meetings
   - Working on establishing fixed collateral courses and sequence of GenEd courses; will forward policy information to Senate for consideration
   - Announced NJTV live presidential election day broadcast on 11/6; additional coverage by WNYC radio, already in residence
   - Working with external public relations firm to develop a marketing plan to tell the MSU story which will aid with recruitment and elevation of the Institution on regional and national levels
8. Academic Affairs Council Report (Cutler)
   - Following up with Kirk McDermid regarding GenEd changes/transitions
   - Stated a dedicated email account gened@mail.montclair.edu has been established for MSU community to submit queries and comments
   - Awaiting a response regarding study abroad grade dispute process for MSU students
9. Administrative Affairs Council Report (Oluwole)
   - Lighting for crosswalk and stairs on south side of Normal Ave, leading toward President's House, will be incorporated in the MSU 2014 physical improvement plan which includes lights alongside walkway parallel to Normal Ave; accessibility concerns exiting Lot 31 (formerly T1—tennis courts) will also be addressed during 2014 physical improvement
   - Juzdin announced GSA is sponsoring a campus lighting tour to which everyone is invited
10. Student Affairs Council Report (Allen)
    - Scheduled to meet in November with GSA President Juzdan, to hear about MSU student matters
    - Received graduate culture at MSU report during meeting which included profile of 10 Fulbright Scholars (Ficke)
    - Question from the floor about possible mentoring of and by Fulbrights as International Students
11. Representative to NAL Report (Benfield)
    - Announced ratification of Local 1904 contract
    - Indicated sabbaticals unlikely for SP 2013 but probably in place by FA 2013
    - BOT approved new faculty category to carry large loads—*instructional specialist*, and *clinical/field specialist*; 1-3 year appointment, non-tenured. Gingerich stated that the request for these kinds of positions came from Department Chairs. Additional comments raised included whether hires would require terminal degrees, teach during the summer session, perform administrative tasks such as advising, be

expected to perform research. Hain indicated that it is within BOT authority to move on these positions, that the issue is negotiated, and therefore a contractual matter. It was recommended from the floor that in the spirit of shared governance, that Senate play a role relative in such changes.

12. New Business—None
13. Issues from Campus—None
14. Motion to adjourn at 4:30pm
    - Moved by Wolfson and seconded by Poon

Next Meeting: November 28, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,
Danné E. Davis
10/22/12