University Senate
2 December 2013
3:30 PM
Wang Lecture Hall 2

I. Approval of the Agenda
II. Approval of the November 2013 Minutes
III. Report from the President of the Senate
IV. Election of the Senate President 2014-2016
V. Campus Safety (B. Chernow)
VI. Introduction of the Chief Information Officer (C. Campise)
VII. Introduction of the Dean of Libraries (C. Constantinou)
VIII. Report from the President (S. Stanley)
IX. Report from the Provost (D. Assanis)
X. Report from East Campus (K. Kaushansky)
XI. Report from the UUP (A. Shertzer)
XII. Introduction of the President-Elect
XIII. New Business
XIV. Old Business
XV. Adjourn
Attachments

November Minutes (II)
University Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2013

I. Approval of agenda: approved.

II. Approval of minutes from October 7, 2013: Approved with corrections to IV. Introduction to Research Technologies: add - “Objection was raised that funding has not been secured for project. Graduate students are opposed to funding coming from student fees.” In VII. News from School of Nursing, split last bullet after ...Ph.D. in Nursing. The Largest enrollment…”

III. Report from the Secretary of the Senate (E. Feldman)

- The Executive Committee met with the Chairs of the Senate standing committees for a retreat. It was very productive. Most Senate work is done through the committees. The Provost was also there in the beginning to speak with the group.
- Members of the Executive Committee will be liaisons to each of the Standing Committees in order to maximize communication between the committees and the Executive Committee. The Liaisons need not attend committee meetings but will monitor the activities of each committee and report to the Executive Committee.
- Attendees at the Faculty/Staff Club voted to name the club which will now be called "Club Red." All faculty and professional staff are encouraged to participate.

IV. Nominations for Senate President 2014-2016.

- Dr. Feldman read Article VII.1 of the University Senate By-laws (Election of the Senate President).
- Will receive nominations through November 15th.
- Thanked Rob Kelly and the Administrative Review Committee for the enormous amount of work they put in to the 2013 Survey.

V. 2013 Senate Administrative Review Committee Survey (R. Kelly)

- The survey was done in May, 2013.
- The Administrative Review Committee chief body that reviews and evaluates administrative performance and proposed reorganizations.
- Will be increasing the frequency of surveys to bi-annual or annual.
- There are approximately 100 questions which take about 15-20 minutes to complete.
- Now have a “comments” field.
- The survey is administered by the Center for Survey Research which is funded by the administration.
• Revised question set and screening questions. Previously used grading similar to GPA calculation. Currently use 5, 4, or 2 choices.
• Report will be posted online on the Senate website.
• Comment analysis filtered to remove any identifying information.
• Received 793 responses almost evenly divided between faculty and staff. Most responses than previous surveys.
• Results overall were positive with some areas of concern. Areas of concern: involvement of appropriate faculty/staff in making decisions that affect them, maintenance of buildings, campus parking, faculty/staff dining and COEUS.
• Administrative areas of improvement: President - involvement of faculty and staff in policy decisions and administrative management. Senior Vice President of HSC and Dean of Medicine - involvement of faculty and staff in policy decisions. Provost - involvement of faculty and staff in policy decisions and administrative management.
• General issues in comments: not quantified, perceived favoritism, inadequate staffing levels in administrative service areas and MOOC’s.
• Faculty asked to evaluate their own Dean.
• Results not published for units with fewer than 30 respondents.
• 2014 plans: new questions with the attempt to shift to more outcome data include faculty/staff for Deans’ questions.
• The graduate students would like their Senate representatives to be able to take the survey.

VI. Course Evaluations (P. Aceves)

• The course evaluation questions were developed over 30 years ago. As instructional strategies and technologies have advanced, the need to update the questions and evaluate the institutional use of these data provided the impetus for change.
• The proposed questions were vetted through the Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, Undergraduate Program Directors, Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Organization.
• It has taken nearly two years with a lot of work from the Faculty Course Evaluation Committee to develop the questions. The faculty group recognized that there are a lot of issues that need to be dealt with in terms of ratio response rates.

Ed Feldman made a motion to approve the course evaluation questions as presented: motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report from the 165th Plenary Session (A. Shertzer)

• Teacher Education Preparation Programs: The Board of Trustees passed a resolution aligning SUNY Policies in our schools of education with recommendations as yet to be finalized from the Governor’s New NY Education Reform Committee. The University Faculty Senate passed two resolutions on this issue.
• The legislation was passed by the legislature on Start Up SUNY in June 2013 with only a few days advanced notice. There is an aggressive timeline for implementation with a January 2014 start date.

• Seamless transfer is in the implementation stage and a campus governance issue. Campuses are expected review programs (majors, transfer information) to align with the seamless transfer requirements. Preliminary reports are due by the end of January.

VIII. Report from the President (M. Whelan)

• Middles States reaccreditation continues to move forward. All six working groups have submitted their reports to the steering committee. Dr. William E. Kirwan, Chair of the Middles States Evaluation team, will visit Stony Brook on December 16-17.

• Search committee for Chief Deputy to the President has been formed and charged, and is preparing to review applications.

• James and Robin Herrnstein have donated $3M to establish a Global Health Institute at Stony Brook University’s Centre ValBio.

• Voting has begun for the Pink Glove Dance Video Competition.

• The Faculty Achievement Dinner will take place on November 12th at the Old Field Club.

IX. Report from the Provost (D. Assanis)

• Dean Nancy Squires will be stepping down as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences this year. The Office of the Provost will be initiating a national search for the next Dean. Dr. Lorna Role and Dr. Perry Goldstein will be Co-chairing the search committee.

• SUNY’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has announced the 7th annual Faculty Diversity Program for the 2014-2015 academic year.

• A $1.4M grant was awarded to SBU-BNL to help underrepresented minority graduate students and post doc fellows to advance into stem faculty research careers.

• Stony Brook is one of six recipients of a $5M grant for STEM education.

X. Report from UUP (A. Shertzer)

• Contract pay dates - November 6: %500 on base, pro-rated for PT employees. Retro to July 1st or September 1st.

• Discretionary Salary Awards (not in base) - December 4th or 18th (up to the campus which day).

• Development Rewards - get up to $1,000.

XI. Old Business: no new business.

XII. New Business: no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: