



University Senate  
Professional Studies Building, Room 203A Rm. 3; Extension 3459

**University Senate Meeting Minutes October 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Meeting #2)**

**Dr. Fran Moran Presiding**

**Meeting called to order at 2:02pm by President Fran Moran**

**I. Test Zoom Voting  
Zoom Test Successful**

**II. Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Agenda**

**Discussion: Request for update of the name change on Health Sciences**

**III. Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2023 Meeting**

**Motion Approved**

**IV. University Senate President's Report** (all documents are in the link below)  
[2023 October Senate Mtg docs](#)

**V. SGA Update (See Attached Report)**

**VI. Senate Committee Reports:**

**a) Academic Standards Committee (Report Attached)**

Ms. Theresa Spataro, Chairperson

**Motion to Revise NJCU Transfer Grading Policy**

Whereas the current NJCU policy does not align with the NJCU state where statewide transfer agreement, Point 9 page 3, the committee advises the university make us necessary changes to the catalog and websites and to eliminate language to the contrary of this policy with a deadline of the spring, 2024 implementation.

**Discussion:** This motion will allow the transfer of D grades in Gen Ed to align with our internal policy. The policies of other schools might be worth considering. It seems that we are out of compliance with State law regarding transfer credits. The issue of how this will be enforced and communicated came up. The focus of the motion was to raise awareness and try to ensure compliance. It was noted that the SoB and Nursing programs have a C minimum in their programs, and this will not change. The focus is to be consistent with the way we treat native NJCU students and transfer students.

**Motion Passed**

**b) Elections Committee (Report Attached)**

Dr. Lijun Ruan, Co-Chair  
Dr. Wei Zhang, Co-Chair

**Discussion:** Senate President clarified that Adjunct Senators should be able to serve on Senate committees.

**c) General Education Committee (Report Attached with supporting documents: General Education Assessment AY22-23 and General Education Program Fall 2024 )**

Dr. Scott O'Connor, Chairperson

**d) Graduate Studies Committee (Report Attached)**

Dr. Xiaodi Zhu, Co-Chair  
Dr. Martha Mooke, Co-Chair

Approved merger of Multicultural Education and Educational Leadership to the Department of Multicultural Leadership but need PDB Committee Approval before Senate vote.

**e) Planning, Development & Budget Committee (Report Attached)**

Dr. Hanae Haouari, Co-Chair  
Dr. Yufeng Wei, Co-Chair

Motion to approve merger of Multicultural Education and Educational Leadership to the Department of Multicultural Leadership.

**Motion Passed**

**VII. New Business**

The asynchronous Town Hall was brought up. There were questions about origin and communication about it. The Provost explained that it was developed so people can provide robust feedback at convenient times. There will be an asynchronous face-to-face gallery walk and then a synchronous face-to-face workshop.

Venessa Garcia Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Shamburg, November 7, 2023