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University Senate – P336

Meeting #1

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING September 19, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Presiding: Dr. Joseph Riotto, President University Senate

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT: A. Harry Moore, Darlene Britt; Alumni, Jane McClellan; Art Department, Dennis Raverty; Biology, Ethan Prosen; Business Administration, Michael Cole; Chemistry, Ken Yamaguchi; Computer Science, Thomas Liu; Criminal Justice, Bill Calathes; Early Childhood Ed., Regina Adesanya; Economics, Ivan Steinberg; Educational Leadership & Counseling, Jane Webber; Educational Technology, Cordelia Twomey; Elementary/Secondary Ed., Roselynn Obi; English, Alina Gharabegian; ESL, Anne Mabry; Fire Science, Kevin Malley; Fitness, Exercise and Sports Dept., Cheryl Swider; Geography/Geoscience, Deborah Freile; Health Sciences, Lilliam Rosado; Library, Min Chou; Literacy Ed., Jeanette Parsons; Mathematics, Richard Riggs; Modern Languages, Aisa Said-Mohand; Dept. of Multicultural Education, Donna Farina; Music, Dance & Theater, Marc Dalio; Nursing, Denise Branchizio; Philosophy/Religion, Sabine Roehr; Physics, Alberto Pinkas; Political Science, Joseph Moskowitz; Professional Security Studies, Bill Soo Hoo; Psychology, Patrice Dow-Nelson; Sociology/Anthropology, Max Herman; Special Education, Zandile Nkabinde; Women's & Gender Studies, Catherine Raissiguier.

DEPARTMENTS ABSENT: African/Afro American Studies, David Mulumba; History, Jason Martinek; Latin American Studies; Media Arts, Vera Dika.

SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:

Deborah Bennett, Basanti Chakraborty, John Collins, Christopher Cunningham, Marilyn Ettinger, Robert Golinski, Rosamond Hooper-Hamersley, Karen Ivy, Joseph Riotto, Rubina Vohra, Patricia Yacobacci.

SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT: None

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT: Martha Behman, Betty Gerena, Bette Goldstein, Cynthia Vazquez.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT: None.

STUDENT SENATORS PRESENT: Students will be appointed as soon as names are received in the Senate office

STUDENT SENATORS ABSENT:

STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT: Michael Faivush

STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:

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Monday, September 19, 2011, Margaret Williams Theatre

The President, Dr. Joseph Riotto, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Riotto asked for a moment of silence for two former employees: Dr. William Maxwell, former president of New Jersey City University; Carl Robbins, who was an Assistant to the President and served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees under four presidents. Also remembered were Michael J. Herbert, father of Dr. Christopher Herbert of the Physics Department who was an alumnus of Jersey City State College, and Megan Outlaw, the daughter of Mr. Willis Outlaw of the Public Safety Department.

President Joseph Riotto and the Senate Executive Committee thanked the NJCU President's office and Vice President of Academic Affairs office for making arrangements so that the University Senate meeting could take place immediately after the All-University meeting. President Riotto thanked Joe Musco for working with the Senate to facilitate this event.

I. Motion to approve the Senate Parliamentarian

A motion was made to approve Dr. Rosilyn Overton as the Senate Parliamentarian. The motion was seconded and approved.

President Riotto introduced the Senate Executive Committee present at the meeting:

Rubina Vohra, Vice President, College of Arts and Sciences
Bette Goldstein, Secretary, PS
Marilyn Ettinger, College of Professional Studies
Robert Golinski, College of Education
Michael Faivush, SGO president and student representative

Dr. Riotto, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, thanked Dr. Jo Ann Juncker and Dr. Ethan Prosen for their service on the Senate Executive Committee, and thanked Ms. Fatima Terry, who served as SGO President and student representative. He also thanked Donna Piscopo for her work and dedication to the Senate.

II. Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Acceptance of the Senate Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 2nd Senate meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Carlos Hernandez welcomed everyone to the new academic year. Dr. Hernandez will request the Board of Trustees to form a committee to plan the presidential succession process to have a new president in place by July 1, 2012. If a new president is not in place by that date, he will recommend to the Board that Dr. Joanne Bruno be named as interim president.

IV. Announcements:

President Riotto read the following announcements:

- 1) The NJCU 2011-2012 University Lecture Series is being launched and will feature four guest speakers on Monday afternoons. The initial lecture will highlight speaker Frederick S. Lane and will be held on October 17 at 4:00 pm in the Gothic Lounge (H202.) For further information call extension 3425.
- 2) NJCU is pleased to announce that due to the recent support from the NJCU SGO, NJCU's Study India Program (SIP) will increase the number of students selected to participate in this 12-day travel program from 10 to 15. The selected students will visit Mumbai and participate in a cultural enrichment program organized by our partner school, the HR College of Commerce and Economics (HRCCE). The deadline for applications has been extended to Monday, September 26th. For more information, you may visit the website as identified http://web.njcu.edu/dept/oissa/Content/Study_india_program.asp.
- 3) Congratulations to two NJCU students: A logo designed by Joseph Domalewski, a senior majoring in art and a poster designed by Filipe Barros, also a senior majoring in art, have been selected to for use in commemorative materials for the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. "The logos and poster created by NJCU students in various communication design classes show the creativity and talent that NJCU has to offer," said the Statue of Liberty National Monument Superintendent David Luchisinger. Everyone is also invited to the October 3rd lecture "The Statue of Liberty, the First 125 Years" by Barry Moreno, preeminent historian for the Statue of Liberty. The event will take place in the Gothic Lounge at 3:00 PM.
- 4) Save the Date: Fall University Open House will be held on Saturday, October 22nd for information, please call Jose Balda at extension 3234.
- 5) Another Save the Date: Scholarship Benefit Dinner Honoring Professor Emeritus Ben Jones will be held on Friday, October 28 at 6:00 pm in the Michal B. Gilligan Student Union Building for more information you may call extension 3489.
- 6) NJCU proudly presents La Boheme at the West Side Theatre for more information please contact Kate Peet Sarmiento, at X3280.

See the back of the meeting agenda for these and additional announcements.

V. University Senate President's Report

Seven new tenure track faculty members were welcomed to the Senate:

- Dr. Mary McGriff in Literacy Education,
- Dr. Tracey Duncan in Educational Leadership and Counseling

- Dr. Yumiko Ogawa in Educational Leadership and Counseling
- Dr. Corey Frost in English
- Mr. Bernard McSherry in Business Administration (Finance)
- Dr. Erin O'Neill in Health Sciences (Community Health)
- Dr. Cheryl Swider in Fitness, Exercise and Sport.

The Senate web site is under construction and is targeted to be completed by the end of the week.

State of the Senate, a selective high level summary of Senate Activities that took place in the previous academic year (2010-2011) and represent an added-value level that the senate body has contributed to New Jersey City University:

- 1) Many presentations by faculty, administrators, staff and guests which kept the NJCU community informed and abreast of current events.
- 2) Approved and updated a countless number of courses, programs and new majors and launched itself into a new area. NJCU passed its first two Doctoral Programs. In addition, Graduate Studies and the Senate body approved 26 courses and 2 doctoral programs with the C&I Committee having received and reviewed 30 courses, of which 15 were approved.
 - Ad Hoc Committees were established to facilitate items of concern if not within the purview of standing committees.
- 3) Developed Senate Tracking Report to be available on the Senate web site.
- 4) Updated Forms and Procedures such as:
 - a) Permanent Course Approval Form (11-14-10);
 - b) Procedures for Creation of Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs (SACC approved 2-10-11).
- 5) In concert with Dr. Hernandez and Dr. Bruno, continued the combination of All University Meeting and Senate Meeting as one meeting to launch the Academic Year.
- 6) Updated various Senate Standing Committees by filling vacancies and filled a vacancy in Professional Staff Senator At Large;
- 7) Provided a forum to surface and communicate academic concerns;
- 8) Provided Senate representation on various university committees including the University Strategic Planning Steering Committee;
- 9) Provided a forum for updates on programs such as the new General Education program;
- 10) Senate presence and report covering the various SACC meetings (Feb 10, 2011 and April 7, 2011).
- 11) Time and effort on Senate standing committees, which provide the true life blood of the Senate, and whose work is truly appreciated.

The Strategic Planning Council will present a report of the start-up activities at the next Senate meeting.

President Riotto also offered congratulations to Dr. Deborah Woo, who has been appointed Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Standing committees have been requested to meet and elect a chair. Notify Donna Piscopo in the Senate office as soon as possible with the results. The new Senate office is located in the Professional Studies Building in room 336 (in Literacy Education.) Students will be added to the committees as soon as the names are provided from SGO.

VI. Campus Climate and Academic Collegiality

Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno, Vice President for Academic Affairs noted that although the university is under a difficult budgetary climate, no positions were lost and the number of full time faculty has increased, demonstrating our commitment to the academic core. Dr. Bruno requested that the university community continue to embrace its mission and keep the following values at the forefront:

- Share commitment and vision
- Mutual respect
- Openness and transparency
- Cooperation and teamwork
- Embrace of continuous change.

Dr. Bruno also noted that while there is shared governance, decisions have to be made. The appropriate processes can be followed when there are disagreements. Dr. Bruno welcomed continued discussion with the university community.

VII. New Business

There were no new business items raised. The comment was made that there were old business items that should have been on the agenda. President Riotto stated that there were no outstanding items that were updated that could have been placed on the agenda other than those in standing committees.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Goldstein