

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SENATE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

2011-12

In accordance with the **Bylaws of the Senate of Syracuse University**, Article IV, Section 6, that the Agenda Committee submit to the Senate a summary of its work during the preceding academic year, this report is submitted to the Senate.

During academic 2010-11, the University Senate met on the following dates:

14 September 2011
12 October 2011
9 November 2011
7 December 2011
18 January 2012
15 February 2012
21 March 2012
18 April 2012

On the following pages is a summary of the action taken by the Senate and a brief abstract of the work of its committees. Full committee reports are on file in the Senate Recorder's office.

I. ANNUAL MATTERS

The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees the conferring of appropriate degrees on May 13th and 20th, 2012 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 11th, 2012 or May 18th, 2012 at 12:00 noon, and upon those students who would complete requirements for degrees at the end of the various summer terms and the fall semester of the 2012-13 academic year.

The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees that the list of persons approved by the Senate be honored with an honorary degree. The nominees included: Angela Davis, human rights activist, teacher, writer; Richard Edelman, public relations executive, entrepreneur, business leader; Yoko Ono, artist, musician, peace and human rights activist; Roy Simmons, Jr., artist, educator, head lacross coach; Gregg Smith, composer, conductor, choral musician, teacher; Aaron Sorkin, screenwriter, playwright, producer, actor, SU alumnus.

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The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees of Syracuse University that the following retiring faculty members be honored with the title *Emeritus*, to be added to the rank at which they retired:

Douglas R. Anderson, Professor of mathematics
Aiyalam Balachandran, Professor of physics
Jose Benardete, Professor of philosophy
Mark A. Brown, Associate Professor of philosophy
John Orentlicher, Professor of transmedia
J. David Richardson, Professor of economics
Michael Sickler, Associate Professor of art and art history
Mark E. Watkins, Professor of mathematics
Peter Moller, Professor of television, radio, and film
Ernest Sibert, Professor of computer and information science

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The Senate recommended that the following be honored with the designation *Emeritus*, as indicated:

Dorcas MacDonald, Librarian

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In April, the Senate **Committee on Appointment and Promotions** and the promotions committees of the schools and colleges of Syracuse University recommended to the University Senate for transmittal to the Board of Trustees that the members of the faculty listed below be promoted as indicated:

Architecture

to Professor

Julia Czerniak

Arts and Sciences

to Professor

Linda Ivany

to Associate Professor

Theo Cateforis
Jason Fridley
Romika Kapoor
Laura Lautz
Farhana Sultana
Michael Ebner
Junko Takeda

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Promotions, cont;d

Education

to Associate Professor

Benjamin H. Dotger
Keith C. DeRuisseau

Engineering and Computer Science

to Professor

Wenliang (Kevin) Du

to Associate Professor

Dacheng Ren

Information Studies

to Associate Professor

Megan Oakleaf

Management

to Associate Professor

Scott Fay
J. Michael Haynie

Public Communications

to Professor

Dennis Kinsey

to Associate Professor

Harriet Brown

Sport and Human Dynamics

to Professor

Brooks B. Gump

to Associate Professor

Katherine E. McDonald

(more)

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Visual and Performing Arts

to Associate Professor

Yasser Aggour
Dusty Herbig
Cynthia Gordon
James Ransome
Christopher Wildrick

In November, the Senate concurred in the Committee on Appointment and Promotions's recommendation that the following member of the faculty be promoted as indicated that this be transmitted to the Board of Trustees:

Arts and Sciences

to Professor

Randall S. Jorgensen

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2011-12:

College of Arts and Sciences

Cert., Iroquois Linguistics for Language Learners; B.A., B.S., Ethics; M.S., Computational Linguistics; B.A., Modern Judaic Studies; B.A., B.S., Energy and its Impact; B.A., Citizenship and Civic Engagement; B.A., B.S., Neuroscience; B.A., B.S., M.S., Forensic Science; minor, Global Security Studies; revisions in Ph.D., Audiology, Ph.D., Speech-language Pathology; Ph.D., Mathematics; Au.D./Ph.D., Audiology

School of Education

Ph.D., Literacy Education; title change from C.A.S., eScience to C.A.S. in Data Science

College of Sport and Human Dynamics

M.S., Sport Venue and Event Management; M.S.W./M.A., Marriage & Family Therapy

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Minors: Textiles; Jewelry and Metalsmithing; Ceramics; Sculpture; Painting; revisions in the B.S. in Drama B.F.A., Fashion Design

SUNY-ESF

Minors for S.U. students: Bioprocess Science; Renewable Energy; Recreation Resource and Protected Area Management; Sustainable Construction Management

III. MOTIONS

Committee on Academic Affairs

The Senate approved changing the name of the Department of Public Administration in the Maxwell School to **Department of Public Administration and International Affairs**. (11/9/11)

Agenda Committee

The Senate approved a motion to form an ad hoc committee to investigate administrative policies and practices, comprised of 5 faculty members and one librarian. The committee was asked to present a final report during the fall 2012 semester. (1/18/12)

Ad Hoc Committee on Enrollment

The Senate approved a resolution requesting the Office of Academic Affairs to report within one year of the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Enrollment, in response to the recommendations therein. (4/18/12)

IV. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committees reported on their work. Full reports are on file in the Senate Recorder's office.

The **Committee on Academic Affairs** brought a motion re: changing the name of the Department of Public Administration to **Department of Public Administration and International Affairs**. (11/9/11)

In April, the committee reported the following names of students who had been selected as SU Scholars for 2011:

Laura Beachy (Public Communications)
Marc Mason (Visual and Performing Arts)
Tsubasa Morioka (Information Studies)
William Weigand (Architecture)
Bailey Fitzgerald (Arts and Sciences)
Oriana Fuentes (Management)
Christina Levin (Public Communications)
Vivian Yu (Arts and Sciences)
Stephen Barton (Arts and Sciences)
Griffin Kearney (Engineering and Computer Science)
Robert Solonic (Arts and Sciences)
Alexandra Lipezker (Architecture)

The **Committee on Administrative Operations** reported on its work for the year, which included visits from various administrators to discuss matters of concern to the University Senate and the community at large, including: Tim Sweet, Director of Energy Systems and Sustainability (SU's Climate Action Plan, a greenhouse gas inventory to determine SU's emissions baseline, infrastructure improvement efforts); Peter Sala, Senior Associate Athletic Director (Carrier Dome use, facilities, and maintenance); Jena McWha, Vice President for Business Operations (human resources, wellness program, plans for employee appreciation and recognition programs, future plans); Eric Beattie, Director of Campus Planning, Design, and Construction (Connective Corridor project, accessibility to Carnegie and Archbold, apartment complex west of campus, SUNY-ESF projects, Center of Excellence, offsite library storage facility); Tony Callisto, Director of Public Safety (increased serious crime in the area, new DPS Emergency Communication Center, SU's Crisis Alert Notification Committee, campus-wide video security and monitoring system, online crime reporting system, incident data statistics).

The **Committee on Athletic Policy** reported on matters such as: the Office of Athletic Compliance; admissions; Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act annual report; budget; FOC; academic support and monitoring; the director's view of the state of SU athletics; continued efforts to collaborate with Academic Affairs to ensure student athletes continued support, Title IX issues.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported in February with the recommendations for increases in undergraduate tuition (3.6%), room and board (3%), faculty salaries (2% with 1% targeted to address disparities; plus \$0.6 million to the faculty development fund), support staff salaries(2%) and graduate assistant stipends (3%). The committee also reported recommendations on efforts to counteract changing demographics in the Northeast region of the U.S. by expanding into other geographic areas; a long-term strategy from academic units and the central administration to develop college set-up funds, library collections, and computing services for new faculty; reported on the responsibility centers, the schools and colleges's fiscal expectations; SU Press; recommendation that administrative pool expenses continue to be monitored; rethinking of categorization and clustering of support units in each indirect cost pool (especially, location of the library as a sub-category of Academic Affairs). In April, the committee reported on the major University initiatives, i.e., the Near West side and Connective Corridor, Say Yes to Education program, and the Center of Excellence. It also presented recommendations on: athletics and the dome; the library; construction, debt, and maintenance; fundraising and the endowment; fringe benefits; faculty salary inequities.

The **Committee on Instruction** reported on its 2011-12 activities, including changes in the academic integrity policy, administrative "drop" for unacceptable behavior, a proposal for a special rate for summer internship credit, a religious observance statement on the class syllabus, and grade appeals. In the future, the committee intends to focus on the matter of whether it is appropriate for faculty to hold office hours only online, the problem of widespread plagiarism on campus, and how the University evaluates and determines English language competence for incoming international students.

The **Committee on the Library** reported on its activity for 2010-11 and 2011-12, which included a summary of the overall theme of “how to become a better research library”, including: SURFACE, a repository site for research by faculty and scholars; implementation of a research floor in Bird; funding. Their work during 2011-12 included: the question of how to increase the resources allocated to the library and bring SU in line with its comparison schools, and how the library can best serve the demands of faculty and students at a time when publishing and dissemination of scholarly work is changing. The committee also looked at: visual resources; strengths and weaknesses of the collections; and copyrights.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** report included their joint statement with the Committee on Athletic Policy on Sexual Abuse and our Community, that had been endorsed by the Senate in December 2011, as well as goals and activities during 2010-11 (child and dependent care, revision of the Staff Complaint Process, monitoring the progress of the Senate’s ad hoc committee on inappropriate conduct by faculty). The committee further reported that in 2011-12 it mainly focused on activities concerning the merging of Early Education and Child Care Centers.

V. AD HOC COMMITTEES

In March, the Senate instituted an Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Administrative Policies and Practices, and seated 5 faculty members and one librarian, which were tasked to report out by the end of the 2012-13 academic year.

Also in March, the Ad Hoc Committee on Inappropriate Faculty Conduct presented its final report to the Senate.

In April, the Ad Hoc Committee on Enrollment reported, with a resolution asking the Academic Affairs office to respond to the committees recommendations within a year.

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