

## UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
Maxwell Auditorium, 4:00 pm

The Chair, Ramesh Raina, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and acknowledged the Onondaga Nation, the indigenous people on whose ancestral lands Syracuse University now stands. The Chair reminded attendees that if they wish to speak, they should raise their voting clickers to signify that they are a senator, and they should state their name for the record.

The Chair began with the first order of business - the Approval of the minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting. The Chair called for any questions or corrections. As there were none, the Chair made a motion to approve the minutes, the vote was held and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

The Chair began the next order of business, the Agenda Committee report. The Chair reminded the Senate of the Chancellor's Review that was conducted through the Chancellor's Review Committee in the fall, 2017. The Chair thanked everyone for their participation in the review process. The report was sent to the University's Board of Trustees. After review of the report and the Board's own review, Chairman Steve Barnes has informed the Chair that the Board of Trustees intends to begin the process of renewing the Chancellor's contract, pending continued strong performance and progress on the recommendations that emerged from the review.

The Chair noted that the Senate is exploring providing accessibility accommodations to all during Senate meetings. The Agenda Committee is reviewing providing closed captioning, as well as American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters on the podium during meetings. These accommodations will hopefully start with the March meetings. At the conclusion of his report, the Chair then introduced Chancellor Kent Syverud to give his remarks.

### Chancellor's Remarks

The Chancellor made a brief announcement regarding Provost Wheatly who was not in attendance and who will address several important issues at the next Senate meeting in March.

### Shared University Governance Panel

- Thursday, March 1, from 2:30-4 p.m. in Slocum 214, Senator Crystal Bartolovich will moderate a panel and discussion on shared university governance, featuring Chris Newfield, professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz, and Chancellor Syverud.

Syracuse University gift from University Trustee Dan D'Aniello and his wife, Gayle

- \$20 million gift to support the construction of the National Veterans Resource Center, scheduled to open in 2020

Interest in attending Syracuse growing

- University received a record-setting 34,614 undergraduate applications—a 5.7 percent increase from 2016.
- Undergraduate early decision applications also reached a record level.
  - Applicants are increasingly impressive and diverse
  - Thirty-seven percent of the applications come from students of color

## Recent Appointments

- The University has opened an office of University Ombuds, as of Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The office is headed by Professor Emeritus Samuel Clemence on an interim basis until a permanent Ombuds can be identified by search committee, which should begin this semester.
- Sheila Johnson-Willis was appointed chief equal opportunity and Title IX officer
- William Myhill appointed an interim Americans with Disabilities coordinator
  - Myhill has been the director of legal research and writing at the Burton Blatt Institute

The Ad Hoc Committee on DACA and Undocumented Students continues its important work, which Provost Wheatly will report on at the next meeting.

## Addressing Sexual Assault, Harassment and Relationship Violence

Four areas the University Senate and its standing committees are currently working on or may look at in the near future:

- Relationships between faculty and undergraduate students, and between faculty and graduate students
- Mandatory training for faculty and staff regarding sexual harassment
- Background checks for all new hires (staff *and* faculty)
- Expedite the processing of sexual assault and harassment complaints

The Chancellor suggested that the Senate devote much of its last meeting in April to discussing these issues and particularly any reports and findings from the AFTPE committee.

The Chancellor thanked the Senate membership and concluded his remarks, a full transcript of which can be found at: <https://news.syr.edu/2018/02/chancellor-syverud-addresses-university-senate-at-feb-21-meeting/>.

The Chair introduced Professor Thomas Keck, chair of the Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Professional Ethics (AFTPE) Committee, to deliver the committee's report to the Senate. Professor Keck gave an overview of the existing policies regarding faculty and students.

The Chair then introduced Senator Kira Reed to present the report for the Senate Committee on Curricula. Senator Reed noted that an amended report was distributed prior to the meeting. Senator Reed asked for any questions or edits. As there were none, she made a motion to approve the report. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The report was approved.

The Chair introduced Senator Sinead Mac Namara to present the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs report that was distributed to the Senate membership prior to the meeting. Discussion followed regarding spending and resources of various areas, such as the Department of Public Safety and the Slutzker Center.

The Chair announced that the Agenda Committee had two student senator nominees for a seat on the Agenda Committee. The nominees, Khem Raj Sedhai and Ginger Star Peterman, were presented to the Senate membership. The nominees' biographical information was distributed to the Senate prior to the meeting. Discussion followed regarding the Agenda Committee, meeting times, and voting procedures. The vote was held for the open seat on the Agenda Committee. Ginger Star Peterman was elected by majority to the committee.

The Chair then introduced Michael Morrison from Information Technology Services (ITS) to give a demonstration of the Ally system. Discussion followed regarding system uses and capabilities.

The Chair then announced that the Committee on Honorary Degrees would be presenting the committee's nominees for honorary degrees. The Chair asked all non-senators to kindly depart the auditorium. The Chair introduced Senator Chris Day to announce the committee's nominees. The biographical information of the nominees was sent confidentially to senators prior to the meeting and will not be reproduced for the minutes.

The first nominee was offered. Discussion followed among the Senate membership. A vote was held on the first nominee. The nominee was approved by the Senate membership.

The second nominee was offered. Discussion followed among the Senate membership. A vote was held on the second nominee. The nominee was approved by the Senate membership.

The third nominee was offered. Discussion followed among the Senate membership. A vote was held on the third nominee. The nominee was approved by the Senate membership.

The fourth nominee was offered. Discussion followed among the Senate membership. A vote was held on the fourth nominee. The nominee was approved by the Senate membership.

At the conclusion of the voting, the Senate meeting reconvened and the Chair asked if there was any old business, as there was none, the Chair asked if there was any new business. As there was none, the Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

[Minutes submitted by Krista Carlson on behalf of the Senate Recorder]

## Attendees

Lois Agnew	Eric Lui	Amy Sloane-Garris
Philip Arnold	Melissa Luke	John Slosson
Nodira Azizova	Sinead Mac Namara	Marcene Sonneborn
Suzanne Baldwin	Celia Madeoy	Jeffrey Stanton
Crystal Bartolovich	Eleanor Maine	Timothy Stenson
Paul Bern	Steve Masiclat	Barbara Stripling
Lynn Brann	Nancy McCracken	Chancellor Kent Syverud
Amanda Brown	Katherine McGerr	Hunter Thompson
Pat Burak	Suzette Melendez	Margaret Thompson
Linda Carty	Mark Monmonier	Maureen Thompson
Dana Cloud	Young Moon	Robert Van Gulick
John Coggiola	Laurel Morton	Gianfranco Vidali
Todd Conover	Anne Mosher	Andrew Vogel
Francine D'Amico	Diane Murphy	Jack Wilson
Michael D'Eredita	Tina Nabatchi	Jamie Winders
Teresa Dahlberg	Rob Nassau	
John Dannenhoffer	Amanda Nicholson	
James Duah-Agyeman	Jae Oh	
Chris Day	Jacqueline Orr	
Steven Diaz	Anne Osborne	
Bill DiCosimo	Christine Parsons	
Albrecht Diem	Deborah Pellow	
Emily Duke	Thomas Perreault	
Fred Easton	Ginger Peterman	
Josh Fenton	Tommy Powell	
Patti Ford	Kevin Quinn	
Michael Frasciello	Ramesh Raina	
Rashmi Gangamma	Rafael Ramos	
Myrna Garcia-Calderson	Bredan Reaney	
Tula Goenka	LaVonda Reed	
Bea Gonzalez	Kira Reed	
Samuel Gorovitz	Alex Rouhandeh	
Roy Gutterman	Robert Rubinstein	
Marianne Hanley	Karin Ruhlandt	
Kate Hanson	Mark Rupert	
Brandon Holly	Amanda Sanguiliano	
Azra Hromadzic	Eileen Schell	
Can Isik	Ralf Schneider	
Carrie Jefferson-Smith	Khem Sedhai	
Osamah Khalil	Derek Seward	
Andrew Kim	Brian Sheehan	
Lihong Liang	Tom Sherman	
Andrew London	Ryan Shindler	