

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

January 17th, 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 December 6th 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 noted that the Senate has a very busy reporting schedule for the semester, with several standing committees still to report and three additional ad hoc committees. The Chair announced that the Agenda Committee had decided to make the February 7th Open Forum meeting, and the March 28th "as needed" meeting, regular business meetings. The Senate committee chairs will be receiving an updated presentation schedule in the coming week.

The Chair announced that the Agenda Committee is still looking to add student committee members. Any nominations should be sent to himself or the Senate Recorder at SUSenate@syr.edu. The Chair then introduced Chancellor Kent Syverud to give his remarks.

Chancellor's Remarks

Winter Message, January 16th - video and Chancellor's remarks are available at news.syr.edu. Any feedback or ideas can be sent to the Chancellor.

Upcoming Chancellor Shaw Events

- April - series of events honoring the former Chancellor and his wife
 - SU Press releasing book "Syracuse University: The Shaw Years"
 - Panel discussion: the book and the impact of the Shaws on SU, Central New York, and higher education
 - Chancellor Shaw and his wife will visit campus for rededication of Shaw Quadrangle
 - Dates and details will be forthcoming

Fundraising

- Update:
 - We have raised \$80.4 million in new gifts and pledges.
 - 57% increase over this time last year
 - More than 50% of the way toward our goal of \$150 million this year
 - 26% increase in donor participation over last year.
 - Focus on achieving this year's goals and fundraising for undergraduate scholarships in support of Invest Syracuse.

Student - Faculty Relationships

- Many recounting their experiences of sexual abuse by those in power
- Appropriate time for the University to re-examine all its programs and policies
- Senate Agenda Committee has charged the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics with reviewing these policies
 - Committee is currently assembling a working group.
 - Group will consist of members of both the AFTPE and Women's Concerns committees
 - Will review the University's policies regarding relationships between faculty and students, such as Section 4.1 of the Faculty Manual
 - Hopes to have recommendation to the Senate by May of this year.
 - Provost and academic deans in close contact on this subject and will be involved in these important conversations.

Conclusion

The Chancellor is looking forward to joining the University community during the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, to take place in the Carrier Dome on Sunday, January 28th, at 4:30 p.m. Information regarding the event can be found at MLK.syr.edu.

At the conclusion of the Chancellor's remarks, the Chair introduced Provost Michele Wheatly to give her remarks to the Senate.

Provost Wheatly provided information regarding Middle States

- Middle States site visit is coming up. An email will be sent to the faculty on January 18th with details regarding the visit.
- There are four key objectives for strategic improvement. Information regarding the objectives, as well as the visit, the external review, and the University's self-study can be found at: <http://middlestates.syr.edu/>.
- The final step will take place March 25th through the 28th. The University should have a decision in June.

At the end of her remarks, Provost Wheatly introduced Associate Provost LaVonda Reed, along with Libby Barlow, Alan Middleton, and Ravi Dharwadkar, to present an overview of the Faculty Salary Review.

The review included the following:

- Salaries were reviewed from the 2013/14 AY to 2016-17 AY
- Includes
 - all full time faculty
- Excludes
 - all part time faculty
 - Staff instructors

- Adjuncts
- Current and former administrators

Discussion followed the panel's presentation. The committee's overview can be found at:

<http://universitysenate.syr.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Faculty-Salary-Committee-Presentation-to-University-Senate-January-17-2018-Final.pdf>

The Chair introduced Senator Kira Reed to present the report for the Senate Committee on Curricula. 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 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 first nominee was not 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 second nominee was approved by majority vote by the Senate membership.

The third nominee was offered. Discussion followed among the Senate membership. A vote was held on the third nominee. The third nominee was not 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 at 5:32 pm.

Attendees

Lois Agnew
Philip Arnold
Suzanne Baldwin
Uday Banerjee
Paul Bern
Lynn Brann
Lori Brown
Amanda Brown
Gail Bulman
Pat Burak
Bruce Carter
David Chandler
Matthew Cleary
Dana Cloud
John Coggiola
Todd Conover
Francine D'Amico
Teresa Dahlberg
John Dannenhoffer
Chris Day
Thom deLara
Steven Diaz
Bill DiCosimo
Albrecht Diem
Emily Duke
Fred Easton
Josh Fenton
Patti Ford
Rochelle Ford
Michael Frasciello
Rashmi Gangamma
Tula Goenka
Bea Gonzalez
Samuel Gorovitz
Roy Gutterman
Marcelle Haddix
Marianne Hanley
Azra Hromadzic
Can Isik
Eileen Julian
Osamah Khalil
Andrew Kim
Jay Kyoon Lee

Carol Liebler
Melissa Luke
Celia Madeoy
Eleanor Maine
Steve Masiclat
Katherine McGerr
Suzette Melendez
Alan Middleton
Linda Milosky
Mark Monmonier
Young Moon
Laurel Morton
Anne Mosher
Diane Murphy
Tina Nabatchi
Cathryn Newton
Amanda Nicholson
Gabriel Nugent
Peggy O'Connor
Jacqueline Orr
Thomas Perreault
Ginger Peterman
Tommy Powell
Sarah Pralle
Ramesh Raina
Rafael Ramos
LaVonda Reed
Kira Reed
Alex Rouhandeh
Robert Rubinstein
Karin Ruhlandt
Mark Rupert
Amanda Sanguiliano
Eileen Schell
Ralf Schneider
Derek Seward
Kirti Sharma
Brian Sheehan
Tom Sherman
Ryan Shindler
Amy Sloane-Garris
John Slosson
Marcene Sonneborn

Jeffrey Stanton
Timothy Stenson
Emily Stokes-Rees
Chancellor Kent Syverud
Margaret Thompson
Maureen Thompson
Laura Troendle
Jodi Upton
Robert Van Gulick
Andrew Vogel
Karina von Tippelskirch
Provost Michele Wheatly
Ryan Williams
Angela Williams
Jack Wilson
Jamie Winders
Ruth Yanai
Dan Zacharia