

## University Senate meeting

September 14, 2016 – 4:00 pm

The Chair called the meeting to order and began the meeting with introductions of the new Senate Administrative Specialist, Kelly Bogart, as well as the Senior Associate Registrar, Mary DiMura. The chair also asked that each Senator introduce themselves when speaking to familiarize the new AS with the Senators.

It was suggested by the Senate committee chairs that the Senate's first meeting start with business, rather than a typical organizational meeting.

The Chair noted that Chancellor Kent Syverud was unable to attend the first Senate meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but the Chancellor will be at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting and will give his report to the Senate at that time.

The Chair introduced Vice Chancellor and Provost Michele Wheatly to speak to the Senate. [See Provost Wheatly's remarks to the Senate.]

The Provost made her welcoming remarks to the Senate and discussed her commitment to helping the efficiency of the Senate through technology. Provost Wheatly discussed the recent hiring of several key positions, including new deans in the College of Law, College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the Maxwell School.

The Provost addressed her list of priorities for the Provost's office:

- Transparency and communication
- Programmatic review – looking at all programs and usefulness
- Student and faculty diversity
- Elevating research in thematic areas, while maintaining the status of the university
- Faculty (talent) development – provide skills for faculty, student, and staff success
- RCM Model – look at the sustainability of the model

The Provost discussed the university's Academic Strategic Plan. Provost Wheatly thanked the many working groups and task forces. The Provost noted that all ideas from said groups would be looked at and Academic Affairs will identify areas of priority and will work on whatever is possible in order.

The Provost identified the immediate goals as:

- Rebuild the Research Office
- Academic Affairs plans to work with Human Resources for better opportunities to create better learning environments
- Strategy for recruitment of international students and our students abroad
- Continued support and investment in veterans and veterans' families
- Promoting Innovative and Entrepreneurial thinking
  - Students should leave SU with the capability to start their own business
- Faculty Manual amendments
- Agenda Committee/Can Isik – faculty salary development data

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills – What skills should students develop? Delivery formats and curriculum?
- Middle States – Rochelle Ford is leading the self-study accreditation
- Move from a rules-based culture to a value-based culture

The Provost took some questions from the Senate floor.

Senator Tom Sherman asked the Provost about the Office for Research and the Graduate School still being combined and what will happen in the future.

Provost Wheatly indicated that Academic Affairs is looking into whether they'll continue to be combined or separated. Academic Affairs will look at similar institutions for guidance on the issue.

Senator Crystal Bartolovich asked the Provost about her commitment to the Humanities.

The Provost stated that she met with the many Humanities department heads and chairs and is committed to supporting the Humanities, as well as the Sciences.

Senator Sam Gorovitz noted the lack of transparency regarding the new promenade and asked what the project really cost the university? The Chair noted that the Chancellor would address the topic, among others, at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

The Senator then asked about the school's ranking falling to 60<sup>th</sup> (from the mid- to high 40s). There was some discussion from the floor regarding where the ranking had been and that the high 40s ranking was nearly 15 years ago.

Senator Mark Monmonier asked what could be expected to come down the pipeline after the failed travel policy and the VSIP job cuts. What was the actual savings from the VSIP? The Chair indicated the Chancellor would address these questions during the October 12<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

The Chair introduced Emily Duke to present the report from the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns. [Full report of the LGBT Concerns Committee was distributed with the meeting agenda].

A senator asked if the committee was looking into how sexual orientation factors as a part of sexual abuse and relationship violence. Senator Duke indicated the committee hadn't looked at the issue and asked the senator to contact the committee to raise the issue.

The Chair introduced Barbara Stripling to present the report from the Committee on the Library. [ Full report of the Library Committee was distributed with the meeting agenda]

Senator Stripling noted that the library had several updates since publishing its report.

- Facilities – Blackstone Center has launched
- Budget – There has been some improvement in budget projection and the deficit will be less. Senator Stripling noted that every capital improvement increases traffic at the library. There are more improvements planned.

- General – Among the Association of Research Libraries, SU library has moved from being ranked 83<sup>rd</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup>.
- New Site – The proposal for a second site module for Special Collections has been fully funded. The site will break ground in March 2017 and will open in November 2017, and will greatly benefit the library's Special Collections.
- New Dean David Seaman had the best fund raising year ever, raising one million dollars. The 2016-2021 Strategic Plan is being used in current hiring.

Questions:

A senator asked about the open access policy and how it affects copyright and journal publications. Senator Stripling indicated that the library is in conversations with authors and publishers to get pre-approval. Templates are being created to assist with getting approval, although the issue is in flux as a procedure at this time.

Senator Tom Sherman asked if with the creation of the new promenade, the university could expect a new bridge to be constructed from the promenade to the library based on the location of the promenade in relation to the library's second floor. Senator Stripling indicated it was a possibility for future planning.

At the close of the Senate meeting, Senator Bruce Carter invoked personal privilege to bring the matter of the filling of the Senate Administrative Specialist position, previously held by Teresa Gilman. Senator Carter indicated that he felt that the Senate or committee chairs were not fully involved in the decisions to consolidate the Senate Recorder and Curriculum Coordinator positions. He noted that there may be future concerns regarding the viability of the combined position in relation to the responsibilities to the Senate. Furthermore, Senator Carter felt there was a management decision flaw in the hiring process.

The Chair indicated that the matter was closed and not open for debate. The Chair thanked the senators for their attendance and closed the meeting. All new senators were invited to stay for a new senator orientation to be conducted by Chair Can Isik and Senator Bruce Carter.

Attendees:

Bron Adam	Anna Chernobey	Patti Ford
Lois Agnew	John Coggiola	Myrna Garcia-Calderón
Susan Albring	Todd Conover	Martha Garcia-Murillo
P. Arnold	Kim Cook	Prasanta Ghosh
Suzanne Baldwin	Linda Curty	Stefano Giannini
Uday Banerjee	Michael D'Eridira	Bea Gonzalez
Thomas Barkley	Teresa Dahlberg	Samuel Gorovitz
Suzanne Bartlett	John Dannenhoffer	Rahul Goyal
Crystal Bartolovich	Lawrence Davis	Roy Gutterman
Mehrzad Boroujerdi	Christian Day	Marcelle Haddix
Lynn Brann	Susan Dean	Marianne Hanley
Amanda Brown	William DiCosimo	Julie Hasenwinkel
Garrett Bryant	James Duah-Agyeman	M. G. Hemner
John Burdick	Emily Duke	Sharon Hollenback
Harold Burstyn	Craig Dudozak	Kevin Hundelt
Bruce Carter	Fred Easton	Can Isik

Dawn Johnson  
Neil Jasper  
Thomas Keck  
Andrew Kim  
Bruce Kingma  
Norman Kutcher  
Jay Lee  
Jackie Lewis-Frenay  
Adam Labonoski  
Elissa Leathers  
David Lemon  
Carol Liebler  
Andrew London  
Amy Lutz  
S. MacNamara  
Celia Madeoy  
Jose' Marrero  
Nancy McCracken  
Alan Middleton  
Linda Milosky

Chandra Mohanty  
James Molta  
Mark Monmonier  
Sharon Moran  
Laurel Morgan  
Anne Mosher  
Diane Murphy  
Anne Osborne  
Susan Parks  
Deborah Pellow  
James Powers  
Ramesh Raina  
Kumar Rajesh  
Kira Reed  
LaVonda Reed  
Karin Ruhlandt  
Eileen Schell  
Tom Sherman  
Yutaka Sho  
Diksha Shukla

Cedric Solice  
Jeff Stanton  
Emily Stokes-Rees  
Barbara Stripling  
Margaret Thompson  
Maureen Thompson  
Michael Tick  
Francis Tucker  
Robert Van Gulick  
Cecilia Van Hollen  
Peter Vanable  
Padmal Vitharana  
Peter Wilcoxon  
Chris Wildrick  
Jamie Winders  
Amanda Winkler  
Ruth Yanai  
Dan Zacharia

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