

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 18th, 2017
Maxwell Auditorium, 4:00 pm

The Chair opened the meeting welcoming attendees, adding that as an important public occasion he acknowledged the Onondaga Nation, the indigenous people on whose ancestral lands Syracuse University now stands. As the first order of business, the Chair made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6th Senate meeting. There were no amendments to the minutes. The vote was called and the motion was passed. The minutes were accepted.

The Chair made a motion to approve the Summary of the Senate report for the 2016-17 Senate term. The Chair asked for any questions or amendments to the report. As there were none, the vote was called and the report was approved.

The Chair gave a brief overview of the types of senators and their voting rights.

- Ex officio-17 total, including Chancellor and Provost, GSO and SA presidents
 - Ex officio by virtue of their position
 - Senators and ex officio members can vote in the Senate
- Non-senators- either appointed or approved by full Senate
 - Non-senator committee members can vote in their committees, but not in the Senate.
- Guests cannot vote in committee or in the Senate.

*Non-senators that are committee chairs get permission from the Senate to speak in the Senate, other non-senators and guests need permission each time to speak in the Senate. The Chair clarified that attendees at Senate meetings that don't fall into any of the aforementioned categories, the same rules apply regarding speaking in the Senate.

The Chair announced that the new SU Senate website will be launched tomorrow, October 19th at noon. He requested pictures that senators would like to add to their committee pages be sent to the Senate Recorder.

The Chair spoke briefly regarding the Chancellor Review Committee. He thanked the committee for their participation, as well as Libby Barlow from OIRA and Kelly Bogart for administrative support to the committee. The report has been submitted to the secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The Chair raised the issue of the List of Senate Committee membership and he noted that there are still errors. He asked that everyone please review the lists and send corrections to the Senate Recorder. Going forward, all membership information will be on the Senate website and the Senate won't be using pdf or manual documents. The Chair called for a vote on the Standing Committees membership, in general, as they've been distributed. The vote was called and the Standing Committees membership lists were approved as is.

The Chair moved to approve the non-senator chairs, allowing them to speak and present to the Senate. A question of clarity was asked regarding when a non-senator chair could speak and an adjustment was

suggested so the non-senator chairs can speak on the Senate floor at any time, regardless of whether they're presenting a report.

Senator Diane Murphy made a motion to amend the original motion stating that non-senator chairs be allowed to speak at Senate meetings. The motion was seconded. A vote was called on the motion to amend. The motion was passed.

The Chair called for a vote on the original motion as amended. The amended motion passed and non-senator chairs have the right to speak at Senate meeting for the duration of the current Senate term.

The Chair briefly discussed the three new ad hoc committees:

- Bylaws Committee - The Bylaws are a bit confusing and vague and should be reviewed. The committee needs members to work on the committee. Any interested parties should email the Chair.
- Shared Competencies - constituted from members of the committees on Instruction, Curricula, and Academic Affairs. If anyone would like to attend the meeting, if they're not a member, email Senator John Dannenhoffer and he will provide meeting details.
- Foundational Grants - originated from the Research reports from AY 16-17. The Agenda Committee expanded the purview of the ad hoc committee to look beyond the Koch Foundation. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should email the Chair.

The Chair announced the implementation of Agenda Committee liaisons - for better communication between the committees and the Senate, to create a calendar of Senate reporting, and to get a better idea of the work or priorities of the committees. All standing committees need to report each year, the goal is to get everyone on a reporting schedule. Each Agenda Committee member has roughly three committees to connect with.

The Chair raised the issue of the election of a student representative for the Agenda Committee. GSO President, Jack Wilson, is one nominee for a seat on the committee. The Chair called for any nominations from the Senate floor. A nomination was made for student Alex Rouhandeh. The students were given an opportunity to address the Senate body, after which the Chair called for a vote. Jack Wilson was elected to the Agenda Committee.

The Chair introduced Chancellor Kent Syverud to give his report. The Chancellor thanked the Chair and began his remarks noting that this was an amazing week for the University. The Chancellor highlighted the achievements of:

- SU Football team win over defending National Champion Clemson
- Family Weekend welcomed 5,479 parents and family
- Physics Department and Gravitational Wave Project - neutron star collision
- Man Booker Prize awarded to professor of creative writing, George Saunders
- First Annual Giving Day - more than 3,500 people gave more than 1.7 million in one day

The Chancellor expressed his gratitude to the College of Arts and Sciences for its strategic support that made these achievements possible. The Chancellor asked that the colleagues from Arts and Sciences to remain seated, while asking the Senate body to rise and applaud their efforts.

The Chancellor discussed the current mumps cases on campus. There have been 24 diagnosed cases total, however, based on previous evidence, further cases will likely occur. The university has been working in conjunction with the Onondaga County Health Department to educate the campus community regarding prevention, detection, and treatment, but it will take time for the disease to run its course on campus. To keep the campus community informed, information regarding confirmed and probable cases are on the health.syr.edu website.

The Chancellor spoke on the Economic and Community Impact Report regarding significant investments the university has made in the City of Syracuse and Central New York in an effort to reach into the neighborhoods. The data release is scheduled for October 30th.

Workgroups and Committees:

- Ad Hoc Committee on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)/Undocumented students
- Council on Diversity and Inclusion
- Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence
- Campus Facilities Advisory Board (CFAB)

The Ad Hoc Committee on DACA was reactivated this week. Supporting the students is important work and will continue given the current uncertainty. Shell Siple and Jennifer Mathews continue to lead this effort. Membership is being expanded to include more representation.

The Chancellor, along with Dolan Evanovich, senior vice president for enrollment and the student experience, will host one-on-one meetings this semester with all impacted students. Resources and support services can be found through the diversity portal at: diversity.syr.edu.

The Council of Diversity and Inclusion is currently reviewing the status of the short- and long-term recommendations. The council continues to engage with other efforts on campus, including hurricane/natural disaster relief initiatives; the Internationalization Council; and the Ad Hoc Committee on DACA/Undocumented Students.

The Chancellor added that SU News will continue to report on the progress of these workgroups and committees, and urged people to follow these updates and remain engaged in the work happening on campus.

Hendricks Dean Installation- on Tuesday, November 7th, Rev. Brian E. Konkol will be installed as the seventh dean of Hendricks Chapel. The event will be held at 4 p.m. in Hendricks Chapel. A reception will follow in the Milton Atrium in the Life Sciences Complex.

The Chair introduced Provost Michele Wheatly to give her remarks.

- New appointment of Steve Bennett as Senior VP of Academic Operations- November 1st
- Vice President of Research, John Liu - *Big Ideas: Human Security, Smart Cities, etc.*
- School and College Strategic Planning are making progress
- Innovation Orange - new initiative
 - Bi-weekly video stories of faculty and student work and involvement in research - videos run every other week. Nominations should be sent to LaVonda Reed
- The Faculty Salary Committee final report is due later this month

Questions - Senator Sam Gorovitz, in relation to the announcement of Steve Bennett, would like some background regarding the search process to appoint this person to his position.

The Provost indicated that Mr. Bennett had previously worked at Brookings Institution. Senator Gorovitz reiterated that he was specifically asking for a description of the search process. The Provost indicated that there was a search process and Mr. Bennett's hiring was the result of that process.

Another issue was raised regarding a troubling trend of hiring people from think tanks, and not from a prestigious university or academic setting. The Provost was asked if faculty were involved in the search process. After some discussion, the Provost indicated that faculty were involved.

The Provost introduced Assistant Provost Jerry Edmunds, who gave a presentation on Institutional Effectiveness, covering Assessment, Program Review, Strategic Planning, and Accreditation. A copy of the full presentation can be found on the University Senate website at: <http://universitysenate.syr.edu/>. He added that if a committee that would like him to come and report on any part of the process, they can email him.

Senator Mark Monmonier asked for links to reports, outcomes, and consequences from other institutions. Links to the information will be provided to the Senate.

The Chair introduced Chris Day, chair of the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Senator Day asked for nominations for honorary degrees. Nominations should be sent to Chris Day. Anyone who needs the nomination form, should contact Senator Day.

The Chair indicated that the Committee on LGBT Concerns Report that is on the agenda to be presented today by Senator Emily Duke has been tabled to a later date. The accompanying motion from the committee is also tabled to a later meeting.

The Chair asked for any new business, as well as any old business. As there was none, the Chair moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

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Lois Agnew
Barbara Applebaum
Philip Arnold
Marina Artuso
Suzanne Baldwin
Thomas Barkley
Crystal Bartolovich
Tej Bhatia
Lynn Brann
Gail Bulman
Pat Burak
Chris Camesas
Bruce Carter
Matthew Cleary
Dana Cloud

John Coggiola
Francine D'Amico
Michael D'Eredita
John Dannenhoffer
Chris Day
Thom deLara
Steven Diaz
Bill DiCosimo
Albrecht Diem
Craig Dudczak
Emily Duke
Fred Easton
Kathryn Everly
Josh Fenton
Patti Ford
Michael Frasciello

Rashmi Gangamma
Tula Goenka
Bea Gonzalez
Samuel Gorovitz
Roy Gutterman
Marcelle Haddix
Marianne Hanley
Kate Hanson
Nichole Henry
Dusty Herbig
Sharon Hollenback
Jenny Howell
Azra Hromadzic
Rand Hurrele
Can Isik
Carrie Jefferson Smith

Eileen Julian
Osamah Khalil
Norman Kutcher
Andrew London
Melissa Luke
Sinead Mac Namara
Heather Macknik
Jason Markle
Steve Masiclat
Katherine McGerr
Suzette Melendez
Alan Middleton
Mark Monmonier
Young Moon
Laurel Morton
Anne Mosher
Diane Murphy
Rob Nassau
Gabriel Nugent
Peggy O'Connor

Anne Osborne
Thomas Perreault
Tommy Powell
Sarah Pralle
Ramesh Raina
Rafael Ramos
LaVonda Reed
Alex Rouhandeh
Robert Rubinstein
Mark Rupert
Bonnie Ryan
Amanda Sanguiliano
Michelle Scheider
Eileen Schell
Ralf Schneider
Derek Seward
Kirti Sharma
Brian Sheehan
Tom Sherman
Ryan Shindler

John Slosson
Marcene Sonneborn
Timothy Stenson
Emily Stokes-Rees
Chancellor Kent Syverud
Hunter Thompson
Margaret Thompson
Maureen Thompson
Jodi Upton
Robert Van Gulick
Gianfranco Vidali
Padmal Vitharana
Andrew Vogel
Karina von Tippelskirch
Angela Williams
Jack Wilson
Jamie Winders
Robert Wysocki
John Yinger
Dan Zacharia

[Submitted by Kelly J Bogart]