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**University Senate**

**Professional Studies Building, 203A rm. 3**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 11, 2020 – Via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Presiding:** Dr. Christopher Shamburg, University Senate President

**DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:** Accounting, Lukas Helikum; Art, Brian Gustafson; Biology, Ethan Prosen; Chemistry, Chitra Narayanan; Computer Science, Mort Aabdollah ; Counseling Education, Grace Wambu; Criminal Justice, Bill Calathes; Educational Leadership, Christine Harrington; Educational Technology, Tracy Amerman; Elementary/Secondary, Vanashri Nargund; English, Barbara Hildner; ESL, Anne Mabry; Finance, Zhimin Wang; Dept. of Earth & Environmental Science, Hun Bok Jung; Fitness, Exercise and Sports, Manuela Caciula; Health Sciences, Erin O’Neill; History, Jacob Zumoff; Latin American Studies, Virginia Ochoa-Winemiller; Library, Min Chou; Literacy Education, Michelle Rosen; Management, EunSu Lee; Marketing, Serdar Yayla; Mathematics, Gunhan Caglayan; Media Arts, Martin Ramocki; Dept. of Multicultural Ed., Vesna Radanovic-Kocic; Music, Dance & Theatre, Robert Prowse; Nursing, Donna Ho; Philosophy/Religion, Scott O’Connor; Physics, Chris Herbert; Political Science, Joseph Moskowitz; Professional Security Studies, Richard Cosgrove; Psychology, Peri Yuksel; Sociology/Anthropology, Max Herman; Women’s & Gender Studies, Jennifer Musial; Dept. of World Languages & Cultures, Redouane Khamar.

**DEPARTMENTS ABSENT:** A. Harry Moore, Harriet Phillip; African/Afro American Studies, Alumni, Jane McClellan; Early Childhood Ed., Basanti Chakraborty; Economics, Ivan Steinberg; Fire Science, Walter Nugent; Special Education, Zandile Nkabinde.

**SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:** Meriem Bendaoud, Deborah Bennett, Gloria Boseman, Marilyn Ettinger, Venessa Garcia, Fran Moran, Christopher Shamburg, Carol Shansky, Rubina Vohra, Yufeng Wei.

**SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:** Hanae Haouari;

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:** Alison Maysilles, Debra McClary, Ruth Ortiz, Cynthia Vazquez.

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:** none.

**STUDENT SENATORS PRESENT:**

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University Senate Meeting

Monday 11, May 2020

12:00PM – ZOOM Online Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Shamburg at 12:00pm

**I. Test Zoom Voting**

* Successfully completed the test

**II. Motion to Approve** the University Senate Agenda

* + - Motion to approve the agenda by Senate President
    - Without objection, the motion passes

**III. Motion to Approve** the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the April 20,2020

Senate Meeting ***(attached/action item)***

* + - Motion to approve the minutes by Senate President
    - Without objection, the motion passes

**IV.**  **Announcements**

The Senate president stated that there will be a final farewell to Dr. Karen Morgan Ivy. The Senate President Thanked Dr. Morgan for her service to NJCU and wished her well on her new position.

**V. University Senate President’s Report**

Dr. Christopher Shamburg

The Senate President shared the results of the reorganization election:

**Senate Executive Committee:**

* Dr. Meriem Bendaoud
* Dr. Fran Moran

**Academic Standards Committee:**

* Dr. Marcelo Fuentes

**Academic Support and Services committee**

* Dr. Jennifer Musial
* Dr. Lin Yung Wei

**Committee on Instructional Technology**

* Dr. Christine Harrington

**Curriculum and Instruction Committee**

* Dr. Ellen Quinn
* Dr. Michael Rothenberg-Schwartz

**Election Committee**

* Dr. Sunbeen Park

**Professional Staff Affairs Committee**

* Dr. Min Chou
* Dr. Nava Cohen

**Graduate Studies Committee**

* Dr. Gunhan Caglayan
* Dr. Amit Mokashi
* Dr. Grace Wambu

**Planning, Development and Budget**

* Dr. Max Herman
* Dr. Yufeng Wei

**Student Affairs Committee**

* Dr. Shanda Johnson
* Dr. Caroline Wilkinson

**General Education Committee on Assessment and Policy (GECAP)**

* Dr. Manuel Caciula,
* Dr. Redouane Khamar,
* Dr. Sabine Roehr,
* Dr. Yufeng Wei
* Dr. Li Xu

**General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC):**

* Dr. Manuela Caciula,
* Dr. J.D. Jayaraman,
* Dr. Anne Mabry,
* Dr. Joseph Moskowitz
* Dr. Ivan Steinberg

**VI.  Graduate Studies Committee Report – Dr. Carnahan *(attachment #1)***

The committee approved the MBA in Health Care Management.

The Senate President stated that the MBA programs are an action item but will wait to vote on it until after the Planning Budget Committee provides their report.

**VII. Planning and Budget Committee – Dr. Wright (attachment #2)**

**MBA Specialization in Healthcare Management**: Dr. Wright stated that they were able to obtain additional information to support some of the requested items for the MBA Specialization in Healthcare Management. After review of the additional information, the committee did vote to move this forward and felt it would be very well received in our healthcare environment in this area. **They approved Master of Business Administration MBA with specialization in healthcare management.**

**BS in Biochemistry:** They had questions about the student numbers to support tuition and revenue such as: Will the major draw students from other science majors? How were student estimates concluded? Some of the tables were our older tuition rates.

**The Certificate in Financial Education**: Members were questioning if there is data to support the numbers of schools or districts that will utilize an individual with a certificate in financial education. There was a discussion on the floor and the Dean of the School of Business described the background of the certificate—that it was in response to new State legislation and that NJCU is the first to fill this need. There was a quorum of committee members and they discussed additional clarifications that were made on the Senate floor. Dr. Wright asked the committee to approve it. The committee said yes. The Senate President stated that he will amend the report to reflect that there was an impromptu vote to reflect that the proposal for Financial Literacy passes.

The Dean of the School of Business asked if there can be a brief discussion on the MS Business Information Proposal. There was a discussion on the Senate floor and several issues were raised.

**Honors Program**: Dr. Wright discussed the Honors Program. The committee requested detailed information on the budget.

The Senate President thanked the PBD committee for the report especially working under such stressful times. Dr. Wright responded that moving forward they will work with the administration on improvements for the CIM system.

Senate President thanked him for the report.

**First item to vote on is the MBA Specialization in Healthcare Management**:

**Without objection, the Motion passes to Approve the MBA Specialization in Healthcare Management**:

**The Financial Literacy Certificate:**

The Senate President asked if there are any objections to approve the certificate program.

**One member of the Senate objected**

The Senate President then called for a vote based on the objection. He asked if there is any more discussion on the topic.

No discussion was requested, so he asked that only Senators vote.

**The motion passes: 71% Yes 29% No**

**The Financial Literacy Certificate is Approved**

**VIII. Amendment to the COVID resolution:**

The Senate President reminded everyone that because it is a motion to amend a resolution that was already passed, he will need a two-thirds vote to pass the amended resolution.

**Motion:**

The following sentence appears in a motion passed at the May 4th meeting concerning development plan for the fall 2020, “This plan shall be developed in consultation with the Senate and with the unions and should detail any policies regarding the modes of teaching, face to face online Hybrid supporting reasons for these policies.” This is motion to replace that sentence. The sentence shall be “The leadership of the Senate and the Unions shall be included in all meetings regarding the development of a plan that should, in part, detail any policies regarding the modes of teaching (face-to-face, online, hybrid) and supporting reasons for these policies.”

The Senate President asked if there is a second to this motion.

Dr. Max Herman seconds the motion.

The Senate President asked if there is any discussion.

A member stated that consultation with the Senate and the unions is too vague and that what they want is that the Senate and the unions be included in all deliberations. The Provost is having a meeting with the chairs on Wednesday in which opening in the fall is going to come up and the Union and the Senate have been invited to that meeting. This this amendment is not offered in opposition or in the spirit that the administration will oppose it or but in the spirit that the Senate needs to formally have a voice. This amendment is more precise.

The Senate President then asked if there is any more discussion.

A member said that when those meetings take place he hopes that the people participating will be cognizant of the following considerations stated by some faculty members who have expressed concern that because they're elderly or they have health conditions or other types of considerations that they may not feel comfortable as individuals, and that they may wish to use some of the sick time that they have acquired and accumulated over the years, rather than come back, even if the University at large is coming back. Further discussions related to the future of Senate meetings. The Senate President said he agrees and doesn’t see a large Senate meeting happening in person if we return in the Fall.

**Motion to amend the Covid Motion from**

“This plan shall be developed in consultation with the Senate and with the unions and should detail any policies regarding the modes of teaching, face to face online Hybrid supporting reasons for these policies.”

to

“The leadership of the Senate and the Unions shall be included in all meetings regarding the development of a plan that should, in part, detail any policies regarding the modes of teaching (face-to-face, online, hybrid) and supporting reasons for these policies.”

The vote passes 97% YES 3% NO

**X. New Business**

There was a reminded everyone that the AFT union will be meeting at 2pm to further discuss the COVID 19 Plan.

Dr. Moskowitz wanted to also applaud the Senate President Dr. Shamburg for managing the Senate so well in the midst of the crisis and getting us through a lot of important work. He feels it speaks to his skills and hopes the entire Senate applauds him. Applause ensued.

The Senate President thanked him and was appreciative of his service.

The Senate President requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded

Meeting adjourned at 1:42PM

***Attachment #1: Graduate Studies Committee Report***

***Attachment #2: PD&B Committee Report***