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**University Senate**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 4, 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; Early Childhood Ed., Basanti Chakraborty; Economics, Ivan Steinberg; 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, Rick Lee; Mathematics, Gunhan Caglayan; Media Arts, Martin Ramocki; Dept. of Multicultural Ed., Vesna Radanovic-Kocic; Music, Dance & Theatre, Robert Prowse; Nursing, Gloria Boseman; 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, Aixa Said-Mohand.

**DEPARTMENTS ABSENT:** A. Harry Moore, Harriet Phillip; African/Afro American Studies, Alumni, Jane McClellan; Fire Science, Walter Nugent; Special Education, Zandile Nkabinde.

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

**SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:**

**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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**STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:** Ricky Cruz.

**STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:**

**Draft**

University Senate Meeting

Monday 4, May 2020

2:00PM – ZOOM Online Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Shamburg at 2:05pm

1. **Test Zoom Voting**

* Successfully completed the test

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

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

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

Senate Meeting

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

1. **Announcements**

I’d like to thank the faculty, staff, students, and administration for working through these challenging times.

I’d like to announce some good news…since the last meeting Barbara Hildner’s grandson was born--Jack William Hildner. Congratulations Barbara. And Scott O’Connor’s son Cillian O’Connor Rupert also came into this world. Congratulations Scott.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Vanashri Nargund-Joshi, Associate Professor of Elementary & Secondary Education & Biology and, on being named a New Jersey STEM Educator of the Year 2020 by the Research and Development Council of New Jersey.

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

**I’d like to congratulation the following faculty, librarians, and professional staff members who were promoted at the April Board of Trustees Meeting.**

**To Professor:**

1. Dr. Mary McGriff - Literacy Education

2. Dr. Jeanne Ruggiero - Nursing

**To Associate Professor:**

1. Dr. Vaibhavee Agaskar - Counselor Education

2. Dr. Debananda Chakraborty - Mathematics

3. Dr. Lorraine Chewey - Nursing

4. Dr. Desamparados Fabra Crespo - Music, Dance and Theatre

5. Dr. Wayne Eby - Mathematics

6. Dr. Jean Georgiou - Counselor Education

7. Dr. Ning Liao - Political Science

8. Dr. Frank Nascimento - Psychology

9. Dr. Scott O’Connor - Philosophy & Religion

10. Dr. Grace Wambu - Counselor Education

11. Dr. Caroline Wilkinson--English

**Librarian Promotions**

1. Ms. Jocelyn Castillo

To: Librarian 2

**Professional Staff Promotions**

1. Ms. Alison Maysilles

Assistant Director 1

2. Mr. Daniel Ward

Assistant Director 1

Online Learning

3. Mr. Malvanie Williams

Professional Services Specialist 2

Campus Life

**I would also like to congratulate the new Faculty Emerita**

1. Professor Jane Steuerwald

Media Arts

2. Dr. Lois Weiner

Elementary/Secondary Education

**I’d like to congratulation the following Mini grant Recipients**

1.     Dr. Robert Albrecht, Professor

2.     Dr. Jale Aldemir, Associate Professor

3.     Ms. Min Chou, Librarian I/Associate Professor

4.     Dr. Nava Cohen, Assistant Professor

5.     Dr. Audrey Fisch, Professor

6.     Dr. Sungbeen Park, Assistant Professor

7.     Dr. Sujin Song, Assistant Professor

8.     Dr. Xiaodi Zhu, Assistant Professor

9.     Dr. Jacob Zumoff, Assistant Professor

I want to thank the Provost Dr. Joshi who has been dealing with a lot of issues due to the COVID-19 Shutdown and for getting the promotions and mini grants completed.

**Extra Senate Meeting May 11th, 12PM**

I am going to call an extra Senate meeting on Monday, May 11th at Noon. It should be short, but it will be a chance to finalize the election results and possibly review any programs that are close to final review. There were some snafus with CIM during this last week that can be mitigated with some extra time.

If there is a chance that committees can do a thorough review, and the programs meet their standards, we should hold out that chance. My thought is that we are in for a difficult Fall semester, so I feel that NJCU needs to have as many tools in our toolbox as possible.

**Pre-Shutdown Issues**

For example:

Parking

Academic Freedom

Confucius Institute

Exploring a Tuesday / Thursday schedule option.

And others

The Senate Executive Committee is keeping these issues in mind and will continue reviewing these areas come September for further discussion.

A member then asked about the scheduling of the meeting at noon. He feels that many faculty have class sessions scheduled during this period of time. Usually this meeting would take place at 2pm.

The Senate President stated there seemed to be classes or exams scheduled for that time on Monday 11th, 2020.

Another member asked if the meeting can be scheduled for 12:30pm instead due to their classes doing final presentations.

The Senate President asked if anyone else objected to having the meeting at 12:30pm. There were not objections.

**Motion to Recommend an Amendment to the Graduate Grading Policy for Spring 2020**

Motion to add the underlined phrase:

“A grade below a “B-” (without “NC” designation?) will automatically revert to a grade of “NC” or No Credit unless the student requests to keep the original grade.”

A motion to amend to striking the line ““A grade below a “B-” (without “NC” designation?) will automatically revert to a grade of “NC” or No Credit”.

**Motion was seconded**

**Without objection, the amendment passes.**

The Senate President then asked if there was any objection to the new resolution to strike the first sentence of point 4.

**Without objection, the motion passes.**

* **Report on IRB** from Academic Support and Services Committee ***(Attachment #1)***
* **Policy on Honorary Degrees** from Faculty and Professional Staff Committee

***(Attachment #2)***

* **Curriculum and Instruction Report (*Attachment #3)***

Dr. Michael Rotenberg-Schwartz, Chair

Dr. Rotenberg-Schwartz stated that he appreciates the work of everyone on the committee. The committee looked at 56 course proposals, 9 name changes, 3 changes in credit, and 7 program proposals. They started the year being a little behind on things, but have now gone through a lot and so he appreciates all of the work from the committee.  
  
The committee has approved the program proposal for a Bachelor of Science and Biochemistry. The committee also approved a proposal for an increase in credits for the course in Early Childhood Education called *Reflecting on Knowledge and Practice* which is from two to three credits but no changes in the program though as far as credits. The Committee approved the following proposal for a change in a course number for the English course *Fiction Workshop* from 200 to 300. They then approved a variety of courses, pending some minor edits for *Fitness Exercise and Sports* several *Lifespan Motor Development, Structural Kinesiology, Exercise Testing and Prescription, Adapted Physical Education Motor Control and Learning*. For management, there were *Systems Thinking and Analytics for Community* and also *Restaurant Operations* and *English Topics in the World Literature, Biology, Essential Concepts in Neuroscience and Biology Scientific Reasoning*.

The Senate President said that he appreciates their work and asked if anyone has any questions.

Dr. Boseman asked if everyone will be receiving a report on the temporary courses that have received approval.

The Senate President said yes and that he will have an update on May 11th.

Another member then stated that there is an error in the Biochemistry proposal. She stated that the program documents says that Math 190 and 191, Calc I and II for three credits each would be a requirement. We no longer teach those Calc courses. Our current Calculus courses are 192 and 193, and they're four credits each, so that would add two credits to their program proposal.

The Senate President stated that it isn’t an action item because it has to pass the Planning and Budget Development Committee. It could be an action item during the next meeting.

Another member stated that he is the proposer and that he chose the two courses mentioned because he believes that Biology also requires those two courses Calc I and II so if it’s a mistake then he has to change it to 192 and 193.

Another member said he has been trying to change that information on the catalog for the last three years.

A member of the Senate Executive committee asked if it changes the total number of credits in the proposal, or does it just take a couple credits away from what may have been free electives? The cover sheet of the proposal indicated that there were 79 credits, which raised the conversation in that committee in regard to whether there is a maximum number of credits that can be included in a major, even if that major requires courses from departments outside of that one department? Therefore, can C&I be asked at some point to consider whether there is a maximum? Not to say that we should go back and change something now, but he is asking if there is a change in the total credits in the program wouldn’t C&I have to look at this again?

The Senate President said that the Planning Budget and Development committee will also be reviewing this during the week. He asked if the committee could make the revisions before they review it and before the full Senate can come to a vote about it? The faculty member stated that he can revise it before it gets reviewed again.

Another member stated that it has been on the catalog without the revision for ten years.

The Senate President asked if there were any other questions on the Curriculum and Instruction Report. No one had any questions.

1. **Elections Committee**

* Nominations from the Senate floor

Dr. Gita Sharma, Chairperson

**Elections Committee:**

Prof. Gita Sharma, Chairperson

Dr.  Meriem Bendaoud

Dr. Debananda Chakraborty

Dr. Xiaodi Zhu

**Election Procedures for May 4th Reorganization**

These procedures are in line with the Senate Constitution and the Senate Approved Elections Committee Manual.

**The** **call for nominations for Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and General Education Committees will run from April 24-May 1st.** Nominations should be emailed to the Senate office [senate@njcu.edu](https://webmail.exchange.njcu.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=ubVcpp_qSVPu9Nx3lQNJ-s6xOfXAT0uj8lLu8CuDa86xx4tLROXXCA..&URL=mailto%3asenate%40njcu.edu" \t "_blank). A person can self-nominate or nominate another candidate with the candidate’s permission. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting on May 4th (via Zoom).

**The list of remaining and outgoing members is below.**

The Elections Committee and the Senate President will organize the nominations on May 5th and 6th and then have the elections on May 7th and 8th via Qualtrics--voting will be anonymous and only for Senators.

The list of nominees will be in alphabetical order. A person may be nominated for more than one Standing Committee, but if they win an election, they will be disqualified from subsequent elections. **Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the Senate at the May 4th reorganization meeting (via Zoom) through your Department Senator, Senators-at-Large, and Professional Staff Senators-at-Large.** The call for nominations will formally come to an end at the meeting.

The reorganization will include elections for the Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and the General Education Committees. A person may be on one Standing Committee and the Senate Executive Committee and a General Education Committee.

 The Elections will proceed in this order:

* Senate Executive Committee
* Academic Standards Committee
* Academic Support & Services Committee
* Committee on Instructional Technology
* Curriculum & Instruction Committee
* Elections Committee
* Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs Committee
* Planning, Development & Budget Committee
* Student Affairs Committee
* General Education Committee on Assessment and Policy
* General Education Curriculum Committee

The University Senate Constitution and by-laws establish the following Guidelines regarding the election of committees:

1. Only Senators may nominate
2. Nominations from the floor of the Senate will be accepted
3. No department may have more than one member on any Standing Committee
4. No one may serve on more than one Standing Committee at a time, excluding the Executive Committee.
5. Standing Committees shall ordinarily consist of five members, including one student, except for the Planning, Development & Budget Committee and the Curriculum & Instruction Committee.
6. The terms of committee members will be staggered where practicable.
7. Students shall be elected for a one-year term.
8. Those individuals who have served on a committee for two terms (four years) are not eligible to another term.  However, an individual may again serve on the same committee after an absence of one full term.

**Re-organization Meeting – Names of Remaining and Outgoing Members**

**(2) \*** Indicates member may be re-elected to another term of 2 years.

**\*** Indicates member may be re-elected to another one-year term on Executive committee.

**Constitution of the Senate Page 5, Section 2: Executive Committee**

“a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President the Vice President, the Secretary, **and four Senators, one of whom shall be a student…”**

           “b. …The four non-officers shall be elected at the reorganization meeting and **shall serve a one-year term with the privilege of re-election…”.**

**For a description of responsibilities for each Committee, please log on to the Senate website** [**www.njcu.edu/dept/senate**](http://www.njcu.edu/dept/senate) **(Constitution).**

**University Senate Elections**

**The Senate will elect from its membership** people to serve on the Senate Executive Committee**:**

Four members of the Executive Committee, one of whom must be a student Senator.

The Senate will elect members to the University Senate Standing Committees (see below)

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Each College/School must be represented**

**Outgoing Members:**    Gloria Boseman, Nursing – CPS**\***

                                    Bill Calathes, Criminal Justice – CPS**\***

                                    Joseph Moskowitz, Political Science – CAS\*

                                    Ricky Cruz, Student Rep.

**Remaining Members:**  Christopher Shamburg, President – COE **(3)**

**(Years served)**               Rubina Vohra, Vice President – SOB **(3)**

                                       Cynthia Vazquez, Secretary – PS – CTPP **(1)**

**Senate to Elect:**  **3 full time faculty/professional staff members for a term of 1 year with the privilege of re-election.**

**(CAS and CPS need to be represented)** **1 student**

**NOMINEES:       Meriem Bendaoud, Biology, (CAS)**

**Fran Moran, Political Science, (CAS)**

**Nominations from the Floor**

**Gloria Boseman, Nursing**

**Bill Calathes, Criminal Justice**

***SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES***

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Outgoing Members:**Yi-Yu Chen, Management – SOB (2)\*

**(Years served)**

**Remaining Members:**  Blozen, Nursing – CPS (3)

                                    Vanashri Nargund, Elem./Secondary Ed. – COE (1)

                                    Zhimin Wang, Finance – SOB (3)

**Senate to Elect: 1 full time faculty/full time professional staff member for a term of 2 years. 1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Yi-Yu Chen, Management (SOB)**

**Nava Cohen, Accounting (SOB)**

**Sungbeen Park, Management (SOB)**

**Lijun Ruan, Accounting (SOB)**

**Sujin Sung, Management (SOB)**

**Marcelo Fuentes, Dept. of World Languages & Cultures (CAS)**

**Nomination from the Floor**

**Alison Maysilles**

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Outgoing Members:** Shanda Johnson, Nursing – CPS (4)

**(years served)**              Amit Mokashi, Management – SOB (4)

**Remaining Members:** Erin O’Neill, Health Sciences – CPS (1)

                                    William Westerman, Sociology – CAS (1)

**Senate to Elect:            2 full time faculty/full time professional staff member for a term of 2 years**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Nava Cohen, Accounting (SOB)**

**Nelda Ephraim, Nursing (CPS)**

**Jennifer Musial, Women’s & Gender Studies (CAS)**

**Sungbeen Park, Management (SOB)**

**Lijun Ruan, Accounting (SOB)**

**Sujin Song, Management (SOB)**

**Lin Yung Wei, Dept.  of Counseling Ed. (COE)**

**THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

**Outgoing Members:** Yufeng Wei, Chemistry – CAS (2)\*

**(years served)**

**Remaining Members**:  EunSu Lee, Management – SOB (3)

                                    Donna Ho-Shing, Nursing – CPS (1)

                                    Sevincgul Ulu, Marketing – SOB (1)

**Senate to Elect:            1 full time faculty/full time professional staff member for a term of 2 years**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:            Lijun Ruan, Accounting (SOB)**

**Nominations from the Floor**

**Christine Harrington, Educational Leadership (COE)**

**Amit Mokashi, Management (SOB)**

**Max Herman, Sociology (CAS)**

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE each College/School must have a representative**

**Outgoing Members:**    Michael Rotenberg-Schwartz, English – CAS (2)\*

**(years served)** Joseph Moskowitz, Political Science – CAS

**Remaining Members:** Pablo Garofalo, Economics - SOB (1)

                                    Graig Klein, Professional Security Studies – CPS (1)

                                    Ruth Ortiz, PS – SOB – (1)

                                    Lilliam Rosado, Health Sciences – CPS (1)

**Senate to Elect:           2 full time faculty/full time professional staff member for a term of 2 years**

**(COE and CAS need to represented)**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Sonya Donaldson, English, (CAS)**

**Sungbeen Park, Management (SOB)**

**Ellen Quinn, Art Dept. (CAS)**

**Michael Rotenberg-Schwartz, English (CAS)**

**Sujin Sung, Management (SOB)**

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**Outgoing Members:**     Meriem Bendaoud, Biology - CAS (2)\* **(years served)**

**Remaining Members:** Debananda Chakraborty, Mathematics – CAS (1)

                                    Gita Sharma, Accounting – SOB (1)

                                    Xiaodi Zhu, Finance – SOB (1)

**Senate to Elect:         1 full time faculty/ full time professional staff member for a term of 2 years**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Marcelo Fuentes, Dept. of World Languages & Cultures (CAS)**

**Sungbeen Park, Management (SOB)**

**Lijun Ruan, Accounting (SOB)**

**Sujin Song, Management (SOB)**

**FACULTY and PROFESSIONAL STAFF AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Each College/School must have representative**

**Outgoing Members:** Jason Martinek, History – CAS (2)\*

**(years served)**Jeanette Ramos-Alexander – Accounting – SOB

**Remaining Members:** Tracy Amerman, Ed. Technology – COE (1)

                                    Kathleen Mahoney, Nursing – CPS (1)

                                    Debra McClary, PS – SOB (1)

**Senate to Elect: 2 full time faculty/full time professional staff members for a term of 2 years**

**(CAS needs to represented)**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Nava Cohen, Accounting, (SOB)**

**Sungbeen Park, Management (SOB)**

**Lijun Ruan, Accounting (SOB)**

**Sujin Song, Management (SOB)**

**Nominations from the Floor**

**Min Chou, PS**

A question was asked if its permissible for there to be people on a standing committee where more than one person would come from the same academic department?

The Senate President replied no. The rule is one person per academic department.

It was then asked if in this instance of having three nominees, does that mean only one of them could possibly be elected whoever that person would be?

The Election Committee chair said yes.

No more nominations were made by the floor.

**GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE    Each College/School must have a representative**

**Outgoing Members:** Helen Friedland, Special Education – COE (2)\*

**(years served)** J.D. Jayaraman, Finance – SOB (4)

                                    Freda Robbins, Mathematics (4)

**Remaining Members:** Christopher Carnahan, Ed. Technology – COE (1)

                                    Venessa Garcia, Criminal Justice – CPS (1)

                                    John Melendez, Ed. Leadership – COE (1)

**Senate to Elect:             3 full time faculty/full time professional staff members for a term of 2 years**

**(CAS and SOB need to be represented)**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Helen Friedland, Special Ed. (COE)**

**Gunhan Caglayan, Mathematics (CSA)**

**Amit Mokashi, Management (SOB)**

**Grace Wambu, Counseling Ed. (COE)**

**Nominations from the Floor**

**Li Xu, Finance (SOB)**

**Rick Lee, Marketing (SOB)**

**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEE 8 Members Each College/School must have a representative**

**Outgoing Members:** Max Herman, Sociology – CAS (2)\*

**(years served)** Ira Thor, PS (2)\*

**Remaining Members:** Denise Serpico, PS (1)

Laura Wadenpfuhl, English – CAS (3)

                                    Joyce Wright, Nursing – CPS (3)

                                    Mingshan Zhang, Accounting – SOB (1)

**Senate to Elect:        2 full time faculty/full time professional staff members for a term of 2 years**

**(COE needs to represented)**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Max Herman, Sociology/Anthropology (CAS)**

**Lijun Ruan, Accounting (SOB)**

**Yufeng Wei, Chemistry (CAS)**

**Nomination from the Floor**

**Li Xu, Finance (SOB)**

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Each College/School must have a representative**

**Outgoing Members:** Jeanne Ruggiero, Nursing – CPS (2)\*

**(years served)**             Caroline Wilkinson, English – CAS (2)\*

**Remaining Members:**   Allan DeFina, Literacy Education – COE (1)

                                    Alison Maysilles, PS (1)

                                    Ivan Steinberg, Economics – SOB (1)

**Senate to Elect:            2 full time faculty/full time professional staff members for a term of 2 years**

**(CAS and CPS need to be represented)**

**1 student**

**NOMINEES:              Marcelo Fuentes, Dept. of World Languages & Culture (CAS)**

**Shanda Johnson, Nursing (CPS)**

**Sungbeen Park, Management (SOB)**

**Sujin Song, Management (SOB)**

**Caroline Wilkinson, English (CAS)**

**May 2020 Reorganization – General Education Committees**

**GECAP and GECC**

**General Education Committees:**

"Starting in Fall 2020 the **GECAP** committee is to be composed of 11 members (four from College of Arts and Sciences, two from the College of Professional Studies, two from the College of Education, two from the School of Business, and one at-large member)."

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

**Outgoing Members:**     Debananda Chakraborty, Mathematics – CAS (4)

(years served)               Sonia Donaldson, English – CAS (2)

                                    Marilyn Ettinger – Finance – SOB (4)

**Remaining Members:**

(years served)                Jason Martinek, History – CAS (3)

                                    Alison Maysilles, PS (1)

                                    Jennifer Musial, Women’s & Gender Studies – CAS) (1)

                                    Michelle Rosen, Literacy Education – COE (3)

**Senate to Elect:**            3 faculty members

                                       1 student

**NOMINEES:               Sabine Roehr, Philosophy/Religion (CAS)**

**Yufeng Wei, Chemistry (CAS)**

**Li Xu, Finance (SoB)**

**Nominations from the Floor**

**Manuela Caciula, Fitness, Exercise and Sports (CPS)**

**Redouane Khamar, Dept. of World Lang. & Cultures (CAS)**

The **GECC** will be composed of 10 members:  4 full-time faculty members elected from the College of Arts and Sciences  1 full-time faculty member elected from the College of Professional Studies  1 full-time faculty member elected from the College of Education.  1 full-time faculty member elected from the School of Business.  1 faculty member elected from the University Senate Curriculum and Instruction Committee  The Director of General Education, ex officio and non-voting

**General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC)**

**Outgoing Members:**    Morteza Aabdollah, Computer Science – CAS (4)

(years served)                Anne Mabry, ESL – CAS (2)\*

                                    Patricia Yacobacci, Special - COE (4)

**Remaining Members:** Hanae Haouari, Chemistry - CAS (3)

                                    Ethan Prosen, Biology – CAS (3)

                                    Michael Bell, Accounting – SOB (3)

**Senate to Elect:** 4 faculty members

1 student

**NOMINEES:               Anne Mabry, ESL (CAS)**

**J.D. Jayaraman, Finance (SOB)**

**Nomination from the Floor**

**Manuela Caciula, Fitness, Exercise & Sports (CPS)**

**Joe Moskowitz, Political Science (CAS)**

**Ivan Steinberg, Economics (SOB)**

Dr. Boseman asked the Senate President in the past if you were not elected for one committee, you could go and nominate yourself for another, would you tell the process now as I understand it, is it whatever committee you're elected to first, but you don't have that opportunity if you're not elected to join after today?  
  
The Senate President replied if there any open spots, we will announce it next week. We will fill the spots in September. It's best we can work asynchronously. The election will go in order as we presented which is why we were precise about that. If you win your first committee election, and you're on a subsequent one, you will not be able to win the subsequent one. We’re not going to have time to pull you off because everyone's going to be voting at the same time, but you will stay with the election that you won.

1. **COVID-19 Resolution**

Be it resolved that the University administration will provide to the University Senate and all employees a research-based plan for the opening and operation of the Fall 2020 academic semester, based upon the best medical information available.  This plan should cite the medical authorities upon which the plan is based and have the health and well being of students, staff, and faculty members as its priority.  This plan shall be developed in the consultation with the Senate and with the Unions and should detail any policies regarding the modes of teaching (face-to-face, online, hybrid) and supporting reasons for these policies. Furthermore, the plan shall detail specific procedures for contact in classrooms and contact during the conduct of staff and faculty work activities (e.g. requirements for masks, room maximums, distances among students, faculty, and staff). This plan shall be presented to the University-wide community no later than August 1, 2020. Upon passage, this resolution shall be presented to the President and the Provost within 24 hours.

--The Senate Executive Committee

The Senate President asked if there is any discussion on the resolution.

Someone asked assuming if the Covid 19 virus still exists, what would happen for classes Monday and Wednesday and Monday you walk in with your mask and the Wednesday students are on zoom?

The Senate President stated that those are the types of strategies that are being discussed now amongst faculty.

Dr. Joshi stated that she’d be happy to speak on this issue.

It's on everyone's mind that as we move into the summer months, and our fall semester, I was a little surprised to see this resolution because this institution would never make any decisions, and I would not make any decisions, without the consultation of the faculty in regards to teaching. This has been an exceptional semester, as everyone knows. I just want to thank every single one of you for the professionalism, and the resiliency that got us through the semester. We lost our online director in April to another position he took and we have all had to do this together. I woke up this morning and today was the first reminder that this was the last day of classes. I didn't know how we were going to get through this but you all hung in there. I credit, every single faculty member, every single student for their resiliency, and I know we have more work to do. You know we have grading to do we have finals to do. I'm proud of the work we accomplished.

As far as fall goes, we have a business continuity meeting three times a week. We have been on triage mode for all of these seven weeks. We are constantly talking about the changing guidelines and protocols. Just as Governor Cuomo, he talked about moving forward with the principle that we do the most essential, that poses the less risk. I've talked with the department chairs about how we move forward in the fall but now that we've got some breathing room coming up here after exams and grading, we need to discuss this more thoroughly as a faculty, and as an administration on just how we put these plans in place. If you read the Chronicle, there are articles and declarations made by institutions now about how they're moving forward for the fall. I find it almost foolhardy to even attempt to do that with any clarity right now because this is going to change. I caution us to be as nimble, and as flexible as we can be moving forward. As I look at the calendar in May, I'd certainly like to have another meeting with the Provost council that includes the chairs Council, and I'm happy to include the Senate President, and Barbara Hildner. We can certainly talk this over and plan for how this starts to open back up. We talk about the safety and the risk, every single week. Ron Hurley, for example is on a governor's Task Force on Health and Safety so, we're not oblivious to what's going on. There is no way that the administration would want to put anyone in harm's way. Reading this resolution for the first time I thought, who would think that? We have been doing everything to protect the health and safety of our community and we'll continue to do so. Your input is crucial on how we move forward in terms of teaching and learning. I'd love to hear feedback on how things went in teaching and learning online. We want to make improvements and we are going to use some of the stimulus money to get some additional resources for faculty for teaching online, which is something that has been long overdue. I'm your voice as well and have been talking about this in business continuity meetings. Resolution aside, not withstanding, whatever it is, this is definitely a collaborative effort. I wanted to make that make that clear that I view this as a collaborative effort. Thank you.

A member responded saying he has a two-part question. First, for the SEC, why do you think that this resolution was needed? What was the motivation for this resolution.? The resolution speaks about a plan for the fall, 2020 academic semester and I'm wondering what's so special about the fall given that there's a really non negligible chance that we won't have a vaccine for COVID. The idea that we should be demanding some special plan for the fall and only the fall seems unusual to me. What is the SEC thinking about on why this resolution is needed just for the fall?

The Senate President said I think the situation is changing so fluidly which is why we don't ask for the plan now. By August, we'll have a better understanding of the next few months. One semester at a time seems somewhat reasonable but we're open to discussion. We could do a new resolution in September if things change for spring 2021. My personal feeling why it's important is that the Senate has a responsibility to be overt. I appreciate what the Provost said and I'm very grateful. She's the provost and I’m sure the administration has the best interest of faculty, students, and staff at the forefront. I don't want to look too much in the past but in the last year, A Harry Moore went away in one week, and there was no consultation by the Senate. The budget reserve also went away, after a lack of consultation with the Senate. So consider this--If we don't have a solid plan in September, if there's no input by faculty, staff and students, or if it’s not shared with the whole university community, people will look at us and say “why didn't you ask?” Therefore, I feel we have to ask. We have to keep a reasonable timeline.   
I want to thank the provost for all the work she's done since she's been here, as well as the work she's done during the COVID crisis.

Dr. Max Herman then requested to change the subject to parking. He asked if there was any updates on parking for the fall? The Senate President said people we need to focus on this resolution—as far as the parking question is related to COVID discussions--if people have to park far away and take a shuttle to campus.

Dr. Herman said there was a discussion of short term and long term planning to mitigate the parking situation. The long term planning discussion said that there may be a possibility of building another parking deck which other universities have done. He is curious if there is any follow up and feels that this issue will be valid to discuss considering that social distancing can’t be practiced on a shuttle bus. He asked if we had passed a resolution to ask the administration to develop a parking plan and the administration said that they would create a plan by a certain date.

The Senate President said the topic went off the radar due to the COVID 19 shutdown.

The topic will be re-visited at the next SACC meeting.

He asked if there were any comments or amendments regarding the COVID 19 resolution.

Barbara Hildner supports the resolution and appreciates the provost statement. The union, as well as the Senate, want to support these efforts.

Dr. Boseman agreed with Barbara and the Senate President and said that it would have been irresponsible for the Senate not to have a say in the planning. She appreciates the Provost’s comments and is not saying the Senate would have been left out. However, the Senate has to be pro active and interject themselves into the conversation even if we would have been invited to be part of the discussion. It’s important that the Senate be on the record that we are not ignoring this situation and that we are fully prepared and want to be part of the discussion.

The Senate President asked if there are any other comments on the resolution.

He will have a vote on the general consent. Does anyone object to the motion?

* **Without objection, the motion passes.**

1. **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm

Respectfully submitted by,

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**Attachment #1** – Academic Support & Services Comm. Report (IRB)

**Attachment #2** – Policy on Honorary Degrees (DRAFT)

**Attachment #3** – C&I Committee Report