

**University Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, 21 April 2025**

- 1) Test Zoom Voting—Zoom Voting Successful**
- 2) Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Agenda Passed**
- 3) Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup> Passed**  
[01aSM Minutes March 2025.pdf](#)
- 4) University Senate President's Report**

Greetings and welcome to the April meeting. First, I want to thank everyone for adjusting the start time. Our meeting was already scheduled for today when MSCHE announced they would be visiting and provided a schedule of their visit. Their whims trump our scheduling, and the last public session they scheduled was slated to end at 2. My experience with both academics and accreditation suggested it would likely run long and I didn't want anyone to miss the chance to attend the MSCHE meeting because they had to jump to the Senate zoom. Also, I apologize in advance for any outside noise, but in the almost 20 years that Karnoutsos Hall has been open I don't think the HVAC has worked properly for more than a week. It's been a sauna over here all day. It was 77 degrees when I got to the office at 8:30 and it's 80 degrees now. I have to keep the windows open but that means bringing in the noise with the breeze. Anyway, I trust everyone's semester is going well as we head towards the finish line.

**SACC Report**

Because the action items coming out of the March Senate meeting were minimal and schedules were tight, we decided to confer via email. The two action items from that March meeting included:

A recommendation from the Academic Standards Committee that registration procedures be made available to students in the academic catalog. Administration agreed that the procedures ought to be readily available to students and will discuss the best manner to do that.

A motion from the Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs Committee to amend Emeritus Status Policy was approved.

In the email exchange I also asked for clarification about the timing of convening the AI Advisory Board, and Administration has decided that it will convene in the fall – we will be putting out a call for volunteers after the May 12th reorganization meeting. More on that later.

**End of SACC Report**

## **Senator At Large Elections**

We did not receive sufficient nominees to warrant an election (that is, we had fewer nominees than available slots so all the nominees secured a seat.

Motion to approve the following full-time faculty as Senators at Large Passed

Chris Cunningham, English – CAS  
Venessa Garcia, Criminal Justice – CPS  
Bumjung Kim, Chemistry – CAS  
EunSu Lee, Management – SOB  
Christopher Shamburg, Ed. Technology – COE  
Rubina Vohra, Finance – SOB  
Joyce Wright, Nursing – CPS

We still have one open Senator at Large seat. If interested, contact the Senate office.

Motion to approve the following adjunct faculty member as Senator at Large

Adjunct faculty:

Xiwang Guo, Computer Science – CAS

We still need 3 more adjunct faculty (at least one from COE and one from SOB)

Please reach out to your adjunct faculty colleagues and invite them to contact the Senate office.

We did have an election for the at large senator for professional staff and Kathleen Banks won that. So welcome her to the Senate.

## **May Re-Organization Meeting**

In the SharePoint folder for this meeting, we uploaded a list of all current senators and alternates. If your department or program elects a new Senator, let us know ASAP since the names on the list will be the only ones permitted to vote in the reorganization at the May meeting.

We circulated a call for nominations to the Senate Executive Committee and all of the Senate standing committees on Thursday, 17 April. Nominations are due by Monday, 28 April 2025 to have your name appear on the ballot. Nominations will also be taken from the floor of the Senate on May 12th, although note that the nominee must be present to accept the nomination.

## **End of President's Report**

### **5) Update: Military & Veterans Services**

Ms. Elaine Gargiulo, Director

Elaine provided an overview of challenges, benefits, and resources related to veterans in higher education. She recommended this site for faculty, administrators and staff in their work to assist veterans <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/student-veteran/info-for-faculty-staff.asp>

## **6) Update: Research, Grants & Sponsored Program**

Dr. John Grew, Interim Director

Presentation at [Link](#)

## **7) Senate Committee Reports**

### **a) Academic Standards Committee**

Ms. Theresa Spataro, Chairperson

Motion to consolidate academic honors (link below) passes.

[02aASC Report-Motion April 2025.pdf](#)

### **b) Community Engaged Learning Committee (CELC)**

Dr. Nava Cohen, Chairperson

[02bCELC Report April 2025.pdf](#)

[02cCELC Committee Manual.pdf](#)

Motion to accept Community Engaged Learning Committee Manual passes.

### **c) Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs Committee**

Dr. Meriem Bendaoud, Co-Chair

Ms. Anna Scanniello, Co-Chair

Motion to amend Emeritus Policy (see linked) Passed

[02dFPSA Report-Motion Emeritus Status.pdf](#)

### **d) Planning, Development & Budget Committee**

Dr. Hanae Haouari, Chairperson

[02ePD&B Report - April 2025.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the Minor in Finance Passes

Motion to approve name change of the M. S. in Accounting to M.S. in Accounting and Analytics

Passes

## **8) New Business**

The topic of federal impact on curriculum, academic freedom and funding was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm