

**Minutes University Senate Meeting
Monday, 8 April 2024**

Attendees

Anthony Esposito	Jason Martinek	Michelle Rosen
Caroline Wilkinson	Jean Georgiou	Min Chou
Chris Shamburg	Jennifer Arroyo	Mingshan Zhang
Dana Mason	Jennifer Musial	Moitrayee Chatterjee
Daysi Romero	John Donnellan	Nelda Ephraim
Deatra Ashley	John Laski	Rubina Vohra
Debra McClary	Jonathan Rosen	Sabrina Magliulo
Donna Farina	Joyce Wright	Strawberry Gallagher
Donna Piscopo	Kathleen Banks	Theresa Spataro
Elaine Gargiulo	Lijun Ruan	Tracy Amerman
Esther Nir	Ling Yang	Venessa Garcia
EunSu Lee	Manuela Caciula	Virginia Ochoa-Winemiller
Fran Moran, Senate President	Marilyn Ettinger	Wayne Eby
Hanae Haouari	Martha Mooke	Wei Zhang
Isabel Casais	Marvin Walker	William Cathles
Jacqueline Ellis	Max Herman	Zhimin Wang
	Melissa Faulkner	Zui Chih (Rick) Lee

Meeting Called to Order: 2:01 PM by Senate President Fran Moran

I. Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Agenda

We have gone through a plague, an earthquake and today it's a solar eclipse. If I were a medieval peasant or a Republican Congressman, I would be expecting the 4 horsemen to gallop across Hepburn lawn this weekend.

When putting the meeting calendar together I checked the holiday schedule but forgot to check the astronomical charts. I did, however, have the foresight to include 2 meeting dates in May. The University Senate has met through COVID and the financial crisis, weathered the earthquake, and I want to make sure we at least have a meeting today. But I am suggesting that because we have a relatively light agenda and that extra meeting lurking in May, we amend the agenda to adjourn after my President's report. We have 2 short items of business in that report and after that we can all go squint at the sun.

**Motion to Amend the Agenda to End After President's Report
Motion Approved by General Consent**

II. Motion to approve the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the March 18th Senate meeting.

III. President's Report

SACC did not meet last month. We sent 2 emails and received no response. We will contact again.

In conversations with Administration outside of SACC we raised the issue that recent Emeritus Professors have had difficulty receiving the privileges they are entitled to as recipients of the honor and received assurances that they would be taken care of.

We also reminded the administration of the need to add the nameplates to the faculty and staff memorial at Raines Plaza. This was something we agreed to at SACC over the winter and we agreed to wait until better temperatures to hold some type of memorial event. Assuming, of course, the world isn't ending, the better weather should be here soon.

We also noted that in the search for a new VP of Student Affairs currently underway, a member from the Senate should have been included in the search committee and was not. We were assured it was an unintentional oversight rather than a deliberate slight.

Finally, the Provost's office asked for Senate involvement on 2 issues that I sent to C&I:

1. a process for reanimating programs that were put on hiatus and
2. a policy regarding the number of online courses incoming first year students may take in any given semester.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation to the Administration for the commitment to shared governance, the hiccup with the search committee notwithstanding. I have little difficulty imagining other conditions in which these decisions would have been made without Senate consultation.

Senator-at-Large Election Results:

No election was needed for full time faculty members. There were seven (7) open positions and we received five (5) nominees:

Meriam Bendaoud
 Marilyn Ettinger
 Hanae Haouari
 John Laski
 Michael Rotenberg-Schwartz

No election was needed for adjunct professor senators-at-large. Three (3) open positions, we received one (1) nominee.

Dana Mason – COE

Motion to officially appoint the Senators-at-Large.

Motion Passes by General Consent

If anyone is interested in serving as a full time faculty senator-at-large or if you have adjunct faculty who may be interested in serving as a senator-at-large, please contact the Senate Office (dpiscopo@njcu.edu) with seats awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

We held an election for Professional Staff Senators-at-Large.

The following people have been elected by the professional staff to serve as senators-at-large:

Elaine Gargiulo, Military and Veterans Services

Debra McClary, Assistant to the Dean – SoB

Ruth Ortiz, Accreditation & Assessment Specialist – SoB

Finally, we had 1 faculty member volunteer for General Education Director. That application was reviewed at the Provost level and we are asking the body to approve Rick Lee (Marketing, SoB) as the new Director.

Thank you Rick and good luck in the position.

Motion to Adjourn

Seconded

Discussion:

There is indication that the administration is pulling back on online courses and enrollment is occurring right now; this is a pressing issue, notwithstanding the eclipse.

Yes 16

No 10

Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 2:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Christopher Shamburg, Ed.D. April 30, 2024