



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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 27, 2021 – Via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Presiding:** Dr. Fran Moran, University Senate President

**DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:** A. Harry Moore, Darlene Britt; Accounting, Lukas Helikum; African/Afro American Studies, Sonya Donaldson; Art, Hugo Bastidas; Biology, Anthony Esposito; Chemistry, Chitra Narayanan; Computer Science, Moitrayee Chatterjee; Counseling Education, Grace Wambu; Criminal Justice, Bill Calathes; Early Childhood Ed., Basanti Chakraborty; Economics, Andres Bossie; Educational Leadership, Christine Harrington; Elementary/Secondary, Vanashri Nargund; English, Barbara Hildner; ; ESL, Anne Mabry; Finance, Zhimin Wang; Dept. of Earth & Environmental Science, Hun Bok Jung; Fire Science, Walter Nugent; Fitness, Exercise and Sports, Manuela Caciula; Health Sciences, Erin O’Neill; Latin American Studies, Virginia Ochoa-Winemiller; Library, Min Chou; Literacy Education, Michelle Rosen; Management, EunSu Lee; Marketing, Serdar Yayla; Mathematics, Gunhan Caglayan; Media Arts, Joel Katz; Dept. of Multicultural Ed., Vesna Radanovic-Kocic; Dept. of World Languages & Cultures, Marcelo Fuentes; Music, Dance & Theatre, Robert Prowse; Nursing, Donna Ho-Shing; Philosophy/Religion, Sabine Roehr; Physics, Chris Herbert; Political Science, Joseph Moskowitz; Professional Security Studies, Richard Cosgrove; Psychology, Peri Yuksel; Sociology/Anthropology, Max Herman; Special Education, Zandile Nkabinde; Women’s & Gender Studies, Jennifer Musial.

**DEPARTMENTS ABSENT:** Alumni, Jane McClellan; Educational Technology, Chris Carnahan;

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

**SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:** None.

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

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

**STUDENT SENATORS PRESENT:** Ruth Diegue

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**STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:** None.



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## Meeting #1

**University Senate Meeting**  
**Monday, 27 September, 2021**  
**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

### Minutes

- I. Senate President Fran Moran asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Max Hermon's mother and Donna Piscopo's father.
- II. **Approval of Senate Parliamentarian**: Gita Sharma without objection was approved as Parliamentarian.
- III. **Test Zoom Voting**: Not done. President Fran Moran asked that only Senators vote on motions.
- IV. **Motion to Approve** the University Senate Agenda: Approved without objection.
- V. **Motion to Approve** the University Senate Meeting Minutes of: April 5, 2021 and May 3, 2021. Approved without objection.
- VI. **Announcements**
  - October 15: virtual program, Roots to the Blues with Guy Davis. Tickets at [boxoffice@njcu.edu](mailto:boxoffice@njcu.edu).
  - The Athletics department is sponsoring a physical activity challenge beginning October 17 to Nov. 21. Contact Sergio in the Fitness center for further details.
  - Athletics: Undefeated women's volleyball team, and a nationally ranked soccer team.
- VII. **University Senate President's Report**: Dr. Fran Moran
  - **SACC Update** - Met on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - Approved: BS in Information Systems, MS in Cybersecurity, and BS in Business Economics.
    - Agreed to delay the textbook rental program pending further review. This program did not go into effect this semester.
    - Agreed to the Senate participation in the RPK committees. No need for the ad hoc committee.
    - Agreed to review the Senate motion of the withdrawal deadline dates.
  - **Congratulations to the new student senators** joining the first Senate meeting.
    - SGA President, Thyquel Holly, a Political Science major and a shining star, was appointed the Vice Chair for the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance authority in Trenton.
    - Laney Fox the SGA representative on the SEC, we're glad to have her on board.

- We have four student Senators-at-large: Welcome Laney Fox, Salvatore Cardaci, Bassimo Sadeu, and Brianna Esteves; there were two alternate senators, Crystal Genthe and Khadija Diop.
- **Senate Committees:**
  - Want to give big congrats to the folks that that not only volunteered to be on the committees but then to take on additional responsibilities of being chair so: Academic Standards is Marcelo Fuentes, Academic Support & Services - Bill Westerman, Committee on Instructional Technology is Hanae Haouari, on Curriculum Instruction is Mike Rotenberg-Schwartz, Grad. Studies is co-chairs, Amit Mokashi and Xiaodi Zhu, Planning Development Budget Joyce Wright, Student Affairs Caroline Wilkinson, and the General Education Committee on Assessment & Policy Theresa Spataro. The Senate Vice President has met with most committees to review their charge.
  - We have some vacancies for folks that are that are looking to try to contribute to the life of the Senate and university, we'll post these up on the Senate website. But you can spread word to your colleagues. Curriculum Instruction we need a rep from the COE, and another just general faculty member any college to fill a vacancy for somebody who left. Elections Committee, we need a professional staff member and then another faculty member from any other colleges to fill a vacancy. Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs, we need one from everywhere. Our Sciences, Education & Professional Studies Student Affairs we need somebody from education. G cap we need education and then another faculty member from anywhere. The Gen Ed Curriculum Committee we need somebody from the COE.
- **Grants**
  - A big congratulation over to our grants office and Dr. Grew, who has worked, as the Interim Director over there for a while we have a slew of grants that we scored or secured. Congratulations to Dr. Cindy Arrigo for scoring a National Science Foundation grant for \$434,000. Mary McGriff and the Department of Education grant for \$249,000. Sabrina Magliulo, the Department of Education grant for \$27,000. Michael Edmondson with a US Small Business Administration, a one year \$167,000 Grant, Bill Westerman scoring \$35,000 from the US Department of State. Kutub Thakur, 73,000 from the Department of Defense. Bob Aslanian for half a million dollars from the Office of Higher Education. And then this monster score, Dr. Grew scoring \$5 million for us from the US Education Department that's a five-year stem grant. So amazing work. We have a new grants administrator who just joined us this year.

#### **VIII. President Sue Henderson's report**

**(Attachment #1)**

- President Henderson reviewed the document she sent out to the Community
  - Mission of the University, decrease in enrollment, effects of COVID on teaching and learning.
  - The Presidents thanked the faculty, staff, and students for their hard work and dedication.
  - Focus on the awards NJCU received, the population served, the new academic programs created, student support, support from legislators, donors, & businesses.
  - Reviewed the state of the University for the last 6 years: increase graduation rate, student academic and financial support, faculty grant awards, Fort Monmouth, international student enrollment, the financial status, and the budget.

- The President and Jim White answered questions on the budget, pay off date, and cash on hand.

**IX. Vote of No Confidence Resolution (Attachment #2)**

- Rules of Debate
  - Follow Roberts rules. There is a list of speakers.
  - Consider a motion to reduce the length of time speaking. Motion made to reduce the speaking time from 10 minutes to 5 minutes. Motion seconded. No objections.
  - Ann Mabry – amended the Vote of No Confidence Resolution. Fran Moran asked for the changes to be approved by no objections.
    - 335 corrected to 315. No objections.
    - Change from over \$175 million to nearly \$170 million. No objections.
    - Change Faculty Senate to University Senate. No objections.
    - Change “that the Faculty Senate” to that the University Senate. No objections.
    - Removed the recipients to only Board of Trustees, and to the public. No objections.
    - The faculty participation in the referendum was removed. No objection.
    - Removed reference to John Melendez.
- Fran Moran noted that the motion came from the floor of the Senate and was not reviewed by any Senate committee nor did the SEC take a position on the motion. Point of order from Joel Katz: The Senate President should preside and not inflect opinion, it is not a requirement that a motion from the floor be reviewed by any committee or any Senate, seems that the Senate President is trying to delegitimize or undermine the legitimacy of the motion by saying it hasn't gone through that process. Tis was denied by Fran Moran who stated it was informational.
- Debate
  - List of speakers: Joel Katz, Ann Mabry, John Grew, Bill Calathes, Max Hermon, Barbara Hildner, Laura Wadenpfuhl, Thyquel Halley, Crystal Genthe, Khadija Diop, Veronica Garcia, Gloria Boseman, Morteza Aabdollah. Speakers spoke on elements either for or against the motion.
  - Meriem Bendaoud asked for members to respect each other in the chat. Donna Ho-Shing reminded the Senators that they are voting as directed by their department, not for themselves.
  - Fran Moran called the question on behalf of the body. Fifty-three of sixty-two senators voted, including senators-at-large. Motion carried 30 yes, 23 no.

**X.** Fran Moran asked for a motion to move the remaining items on the agenda to the October meeting. Zandile Nkabinde seconded by Michael Bell. No objections, motion carried.

**XI.** Motion to adjourn by Zandile Nkabinde and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Fran Moran at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Ho-Shing, PhD.  
Senate Secretary.

**Attachments:**

- #1) President Henderson’s PowerPoint Presentation
- #2) Resolution of No confidence in the President of NJCU