



University Senate
Professional Studies Building, Room 336; Extension 3459

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 10, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Presiding: Dr. Karen Morgan Ivy, President University Senate

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT: A. Harry Moore, Darlene Britt; Accounting Jeanette Ramos-Alexander; Alumni, Jane McClellan; Art, Dennis Dittrich; Biology, Ethan Prosen; Chemistry, Robert Aslanian; Computer Science, Mort Aabdollah; Criminal Justice, Bill Calathes; Early Childhood Ed. Regina Adesanya Educational Leadership & Counseling, Vaibhavee Agaskar; Educational Technology, Chris Carnahan; Elementary/Secondary, John Bragg; English, Joshua Fausty; ESL, Anne Mabry; Finance, Rosalyn Overton; Fire Science, Kevin Malley; Fitness, Exercise and Sports, Quoc Tu; Geography/Geoscience, Nurdan Aydin; Health Sciences, Lilliam Rosado; History, Rosamond Hooper-Hamersley; Latin American Studies, Liza Fiol-Matta; Library, Min Chou; Management, Wanda Rutledge; Mathematics, Freda Robbins; Media Arts, Kathryn D'Alessandro; Modern Languages, Grisel Lopez-Diaz; Dept. of Multicultural Ed., Vesna Radanovic-Kocic; Music, Dance & Theatre, Amparo Fabra Crespo; Nursing, Gloria Boseman; Philosophy/Religion, Scott O'Connor; Physics, Chris Herbert; Political Science, Joseph Moskowitz; Professional Security Studies, John Collins; Psychology, Patrice Dow-Nelson; Sociology/Anthropology, Max Herman; Special Education, Helen Friedland Women's & Gender Studies, Jacqueline Ellis.

DEPARTMENTS ABSENT: African/Afro American Studies; Economics, Ivan Steinberg; Literacy Ed., Fran Levin; Marketing;

SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT: Cindy Arrigo, Deborah Bennett, Michael Cole, Marilyn Ettinger, Audrey Fisch, Karen Morgan Ivy, Joseph Riotto, Rosemary Thurston, Rubina Vohra, Tim White.

SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT: Christopher Cunningham, Jack Egan.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT: Cynthia Vazquez, Naomi Wright.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT: Angela Arriaza-Jarquín, Asheenia Johnson.

STUDENT SENATORS PRESENT: Claudio Josuel Alejo

STUDENT SENATORS ABSENT: Brianna Gipe, Miraclea Adams, Thomas Caban.

STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT: Jasmine Bass, Ana Pena

STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE ABSENT:

11-20-2014 draft
University Senate Meeting Minutes
University Senate Meeting #3, For AY 2014-2015
Monday, November 10, 2014, Gothic Lounge

Senate President, Dr. Karen Morgan Ivy, called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM.

I. Moment of Silence

Observed on the passing of John Dailey, an adjunct faculty member in the College of Arts & Sciences and a staff member in the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP) summer program.

II. Audience Response “Clicker” System Test

Completed successfully.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as presented.

Motion made and seconded to reorder the proposed agenda by considering the unfinished business item “course duplication” directly prior to University Standing Committee Reports.

Motion on amendment approved.

Motion made and second to approve agenda as amended.
Motion approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2014 Senate Meeting as presented.
Motion approved.

V. Announcements

President Morgan-Ivy referred the Senate to the back of the agenda for all announcements.

VI. University Senate President’s Report

1) Dr. Joseph Moskowitz was elected as the Secretary of the University Senate and will serve the remainder of Betty Goldstein’s term.

2) A position on the Senate’s Faculty and Professional Staff Affairs Committee became available due to a resignation. In response to the call for nominees to complete the term, one nomination was received.

Motion made and seconded to approve Lee-Anne Halbert to serve on the Faculty and Professional Staff Standing Committee as the representative of the College of Professional Studies.
Motion approved.

3) The Student Government Organization has nominated two students as members of the Senate standing committees.

Motion made and seconded to approve Claudio Josuel Alejo as student representative on the Student Affairs Committee, and Jasmine Bass as student representative on the Academic Standards Committee.

Motion approved.

As additional nominations are received, the nominations will be brought to the Senate.

4) Congratulations to the members of Senate's standing committees who were elected as committee chairs for academic year 2014-2015:

Academic Support & Services – Min Chou
Curriculum & Instruction – Regina Adesanya
Elections Committee – Louise Stanton
Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs – Audrey Fisch
Graduate Studies – Rosilyn Overton
Planning, Development & Budgeting – Betty Gerena & John Laski
Student Affairs – Joyce Wright

5) The Senate and Administration Coordinating Committee (SACC) met in May, 2014. Dr. Morgan Ivy distributed a written report about the meeting and summarized the reports content. It describes items that SACC approved, items that were amended and then approved, other items that were not approved, and also items that are pending. It also references items that, after being approved at SACC, were sent to the Board of Trustees and which they passed. The administrative structure of the General Education Program was discussed at SACC and President Henderson did not forward it to the Board of Trustees so that the university's new provost could review it. (See attachment).

VII. Provost and Senior Vice President's Remarks

Provost Dan Julius thanked everyone for the cooperation and welcome he has received since assuming his position this Fall. He recognizes everyone's hard work. With new university leadership, time is needed to become better acquainted and to move forward smoothly. Dr. Julius then presented extended remarks using the attached PowerPoint slides. He spoke about the provost's role, setting a directional tone, and initial steps. During his remarks he mentioned, among other items, NJCU's organizational culture, the need for criteria-based decision making, greater attention to the implementation of decisions, the jurisdictions of faculty and administration, the need for better communications, the tone of e-mail communications, the recent decrease in enrollment, the importance of dialogue, alternative revenue streams and efforts for international collaborations. He spoke about release-time and presented a chart showing faculty by rank and the number of courses they teach. He also expressed interested in updating the faculty handbook and working with members of the Senate on this project.

In response to a question, Dr. Julius said he is discussing empowering department chairs within their current realm of authority and reducing their “administrivia.” Responding to a question about the turbulence and collaboration at NJCU, he emphasized the importance of collaboration but noted that collaboration is not open ended nor does it mean administrative acceptance since he is responsible and is held accountable. Regarding the prohibition against using assessment data for faculty and/or department evaluations, he said all courses should be evaluated and that assessment is programmatic. Concerning a question about the lack of collaboration about the status of the School of Business and the absence of criteria in the decision-making process about expanding the Harborside facility, Dr. Julius responded that there are many good reasons for those decisions. President Henderson then added the importance of NJCU’s presence in the downtown area especially in the face of competition from other institutions and also the need to provide additional space for programs with expanding enrollment.

VIII. Course Duplication

Motion made and seconded: The General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC) and the Senate Curriculum and Instruction Committee (C&I) be aware that the course approval process include a process to review & confirm that there are no duplicate courses. Be certain that chair/coordinator of the other department/program signs the proposal cover page to indicate that his/her department supports approval of the proposed course.

Discussion: A lively discussion ensued with many questions. Does the signature from a “Consulted Department(s) or Academic Unit(s)” “which appears on the course approval form indicate support/agreement or does it simply indicate notification? Does the absence of the signature veto a proposal? If the signature is missing, will the C& I Committee review the proposal? Is the current procedure sufficient and the resolution unnecessary? Perhaps duplication is acceptable and need not be a concern. Duplication is a major concern because duplicative courses will result in low enrollments and then course cancellations which would not have occurred.

Motion made and seconded to extend meeting to 4:30pm
Motion not approved.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.
Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned by President Morgan Ivy at 4:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Moskowitz, Ph.D.