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**University Senate – P303**

**Meeting #5**

**UNIVERSITY SENATE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 7, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Presiding:** Dr. Joseph Riotto, President University Senate

**DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:** A. Harry Moore, Alumni, Art Department, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Ed., Economics, Educational Leadership & Counseling, Educational Technology, English, ESL, Fire Science, Fitness, Exercise and Sports Dept., Geography/Geoscience, Health Sciences, History, Library, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Multicultural Education, Music, Dance & Theater, Nursing, Philosophy/Religion, Physics, Political Science, Professional Security Studies, Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, Special Education, Women's & Gender Studies.

**DEPARTMENTS ABSENT:** African/Afro American Studies, David Mulumba; Elementary/Secondary Ed., Erik Morales; Latin American Studies; Media Arts, Vera Dika.

**SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:** Deborah Bennett, John Collins, Christopher Cunningham, Jack Egan, Marilyn Ettinger, Robert Golinski, Rosamond Hooper-Hamersley, Karen Ivy, JoAnne Juncker, Rubina Vohra, Patricia Yacabacci.

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

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:** Martha Behman, Betty Gerena, Bette Goldstein, Queen Gibson.

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

**STUDENT SENATORS PRESENT:** Claudia Serverino, Michael Fauvish, Elizabeth DelaSota, Antonio Rodriguez.

**STUDENT SENATORS ABSENT:** None.

**STUDENT SENATORS-AT-LARGE PRESENT:** Fatima Terry, Veronica Garcia, Asheenia Johnson, Nastassja Torres

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

**University Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**University Senate Meeting #5, For AY 2010-2011**  
**Monday, Feb 7th, 2011, Gothic Lounge**

The President, Dr. Joseph Riotto, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Dr. Riotto thanked those who sent cards and well wishes to Dr. Charles Pratt.

- I. **A motion was made to approve the University Senate meeting agenda.** The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- II. **A motion was made to approve the University Senate meeting minutes** of the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Senate meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- III. **Announcements:**
  - A. Dr. Hernandez sent a State of the University e-mail on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. This is the inaugural edition of the State of the University, a quarterly e-publication from the Office of the President for Friends, supporter, alumni, and members of our NJCU community.
  - B. Senate congratulations was offered to Jane Webber for assisting the NJCU team that placed third nationally at the Master's level in the 2010-2011 Graduate Student Ethics Competition.
  - C. Attorneys Raymond M. Brown and Wanda M. Akin Brown, co-founders of The International Justice Project and internationally known for their commitment to human rights and international law, will present in the NJCU 2010-2011 University Lecture Series on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Gothic Lounge.
- IV. **University Senate President's Report:**
  - A. Dr. John Klosek, Dept. of Multicultural Education, has graciously accepted the appointment of the Executive Committee to serve on the Senate Curriculum & Instruction Committee to fill a vacancy. Dr. Klosek will serve for the balance of the term, three months.
  - B. Bob Golinski, A. Harry Moore faculty member, has graciously accepted the appointment to fill out the remainder of the term of another vacancy. Bob has served on numerous Senate standing committees and will serve on the Senate's Executive Committee.
  - C. Martha Behman, chairperson for the Senate's Election Standing Committee, has accepted an invitation to fill a Professional Staff Senator At-Large vacancy.
  - D. Pamela Andrews has accepted an invitation to serve on the Committee on Instructional Technology for the remainder of this term.

- E. A SACC (Senate Administration Coordinating Committee) meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, to review two Senate approved programs:
- 1) Executive Doctor of Science (DSc) Program in Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP), and
  - 2) BA in Women's and Gender Studies

**V. Campus Wide Capital Renewal Projects Presentation:**

Aaron Aska, Vice President for Administration & Finance

NJCU became the first university to take advantage of Build America Bonds. Thirty million dollars was the deciding funding amount for two reasons: 1) thirty million would take care of priority needs and thirty million is what NJCU can adequately finance. These Build America bonds, a part of the Federal stimulus act, the America Reinvestment and Recovery Act, were to expire in 2010. These bonds have an interest rate of three to four percent.

Aaron Aska stated that an energy audit was conducted here at NJCU. He commented that when these audit recommendations are completed, approximately 75% of the costs will be returned to NJCU. These changes are possible through this financing.

Andrew Christ, Associate Vice President of Facilities and Construction Management

Andrew Christ talked about the infrastructure items that will be addressed by these monies. These items are grouped in two phases.

Phase I has begun and deals with the heating and cooling infrastructure in Fries Hall, Vodra Building, Rossey Hall, Science, and the Visual Arts Building.

Phase II includes the accessory-use buildings. Because of the need to complete the projects during the Bond period, scheduling is an issue and some of this work will need to be done while the University is in operation. Effort will be made to minimize the impact on students and faculty members. Phase II will end in May, 2013.

Life safety and energy efficiency are priorities. Every campus building will be touched in some shape or form.

The Science Building will be shut during Summer I for repairs. Hopefully, the air conditioning will be repaired, and the Science Building will be open for Summer II. ADA improvements need to be made for the Library and the Coop Dorm. The emergency generator needs to be replaced and a sprinkler system needs to be installed in Hepburn Hall.

A question was raised about Grossnickle Hall. VP Aska stated that the building is being kept "alive" at the moment until a decision can be made regarding its existence.

Please see a copy of the presentation at the end of these minutes.

## **VI. MSCHE – Status of Accreditation Statement – Progress Report “closing the loop” Focus Groups:**

Dr. Rosilyn Overton, a UCASL member and representative on the University Committee on Assessment of Student Learning, spoke about the follow-up regarding the papers filed with Middle States. Plans for assessment procedures were submitted to Middle States for Accreditation; and now, we need to document each department’s efforts to use assessments to make modifications in courses and curriculum. UCASL is involved because the UCASL charge is to assist the University community, particularly the faculty, to use assessment data to make changes and modifications.

Four different dates are available for faculty members to attend. Two persons, not just the chairperson, from each department are requested to attend one focus group. Teaching and assessment are faculty functions. RSVP to Dr. Sue Gerber.

If none of the four dates work, after these meetings, Dr. Mihri Napoliello will meet individually with department members.

These meetings are being held in the Center for Teaching and Learning.

## **VII. Ed. D. in Educational Technology Leadership**, a continuation of the submitted report by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Dr. Riotto reviewed the rules for procedures that are in place for discussion of programs.

A question was raised regarding the number of students to be enrolled in the program and its comparison with NYU. Dr. Twomey stated that NYU accepts approximately 20 students annually.

Several teachers and a principal spoke about the advantages of having an educational technology leadership program at NJCU. A member of the Doctoral Task Force Committee commented that this program was strong, and he supported passage of this doctoral program. The chairperson of the Nursing Program spoke of the necessity and importance of technology.

A motion was made to call the question. The motion was passed.

A vote was then taken on the Ed. D. in Educational Technology Leadership program. The vote was 37 in favor, and one against. The motion passed.

## **VIII. University Senate Standing Committee Reports:**

### **A. Curriculum & Instruction Committee:**

Dr. Chris Cunningham reporting for Professor Ellen Quinn, Chairperson

The C&I Committee reviewed the following course and recommend its approval: Community Health Research, 400 level, 3 sh.

The prerequisites include HTLH 201, 210, 326 and 425. Community Health Research Course “provides an introduction to the research process, study design, methods and data collection. Skills necessary for reading

and understanding research are presented. Students will apply research concepts to analyze and describe recent research in the field. They will implement the research process by conducting a survey research project.”

A vote was taken. The Community Health Research course was approved.

The vote taken regarding the course was questioned. This person stated that a course approved by the C & I committee does not require a Senate vote. Dr. Riotto stated that this was past practice, and Dr. Riotto quoted items from 2006 and 2007 minutes that support full body Senate approval. Several persons quoted passages from the Senate Constitution. And, different interpretations were given.

Dr. Riotto asked the Senate body for sense of the Senate or guidance regarding approval of courses by the Senate body.

Dr. Overton, as parliamentarian, stated that the interpretation that the C&I committee may approve the courses without the approval of Senate body must prevail, since this is stated in the Senate Constitution. Also, it was stated that if past practice wanted to be instituted then an amendment to the constitution needed to be initiated. In addition, it was noted that the Graduate Studies Committee, did not have this approach of having approved standing committee courses flow directly to the VPAA.

## **IX. Old Business**

Dr. Riotto asked for a “sense of the Senate” regarding having a “pause” regarding approval of new programs. Various persons presented their positions.

One person stated that the pause may possibly slow the progress of moving the program along; however, several indicated a pause was better.

## **X. New Business**

A motion was made that every Senator read the Senate Constitution and be prepared to discuss pertinent points at the next meeting.

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jo Anne Juncker