PRESENT: Aktan, Alon, Andreopoulos, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Broome, Chabayta, Colley (for McNeal), Collins (for Maganuco), Cunningham, D’Haem, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegnan, Furst, Gazillo-Diaz, Harris, Kearney, Kim, Kothandaram, Ku, Lee, Levitan, Makarec, McNeal, Natrajan, Nyaboga, Nyamwange, Pavese, Perez, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz, Sheffield, Slaymaker, Smith, Snyder, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Wicke

ABSENT: Martus, Steinhart

GUESTS: Bolyai, Brillante, Burns, Cammarata, Cho, Ciliberti, Cohen, Corsetto, Daniel-Robinson, Diaz, Feola, Figueroa, Fuller-Stanley, Godar, Goldstein, Gordon, Hahn, Liautaud, Meyer, Moore, Mulrine, Nauta, O’Donnell, Olaye, Ranjan, Richardson, Robb, Rosenberg, Rosengart, Schneider, Seal, Tiernan, Trelisky, Urgolo Huckvale, Williams, Wolf, Yoo, Yucel, Zeller

PRELIMINARIES: Chairperson Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32 pm. Dinan and Wicke moved acceptance of the Agenda, which was approved unanimously.

Due to illness, Secretary Martus was unable to provide the draft minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting. They will be available for approval at the next Senate meeting.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Levitan announced that the last meeting of the current Senate, which will be held at the Valley Road Building on Tuesday, April 22nd, will be a closed Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting to discuss the Administrative Evaluations. The AFT and the Senate are working together to discuss and present the academic implications and terms and conditions aspects of the recently enacted tenure reform bill. The new University website will go live in March. Each department must have a webmaster to update its page. Yuri Marder will assist. In response to Lee’s question, Goldstein assured the body that departments will be notified in advance and that no content would be lost.

VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT: Dinan announced that the Graduate Policies Forum would be held on March 27th in UC 211. The topic will be quality online programs. The annual lunch for the chairs of the various councils has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 17th in UC 211.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL RESOLUTION: EMERITA STATUS FOR SARA NALLE:

Malu read the Governance Council’s resolution, which was seconded by Dinan. Finnegan, Snyder, Robb, O’Donnell and Cho each spoke warmly about Nalle’s internationally acclaimed scholarship and teaching. The resolution was approved unanimously.

GRADUATE POLICY COUNCIL: MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: ADVANCED STUDIES: Duffy and Verdicchio move acceptance of the proposal, which was presented to the body by Yoo, Yucel and Urgolo Huckvale. Nyaboga noted an error in the budget, which will be corrected. Kim asked about the prevalence of autism and was told that 1 in 49 children is diagnosed with the disorder. Lee asked about other programs and was told that Montclair and Caldwell have programs with different emphases. Bhat urged cooperation with Communication Disorders, which has an autism specialist. Pavese, D’Haem, Bliss, Trelisky, Slaymaker and Burns commented. Finnegan returned to the budget issue, noting that guidelines are needed. Waldron agreed and stated that programs will not be approved without realistic budgets. The program was approved unanimously.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL: IRB POLICY: Duffy and Dinan moved acceptance of the council’s proposal. Ranjan, Yoo, Figueroa and Williams outlined the changes and
differences from the previous IRB Policy. An extended discussion ensued regarding student research, the needs and requirements of journalists, ART and other topics, with Lee, Kothandaraman, Diamond, Bhat, Verdicchio, Tardi and Wicke asking questions. Williams clarified many points and stated that he is always available for consultations. The revised IRB Policy was approved unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL: ONLINE AND HYBRID POLICY: Wagner and Duffy moved acceptance of the revised policy. Wagner described how the Council has responded to previously expressed concerns of the Senate, and noted that the now-standard Sloane Consortium documents were used in framing the new policy. After Wicke and Sheffield asked questions, Tardi moved (Sheffield seconded) to amend the policy at line 42 to add “and any other level of review as specified in departmental by-laws.” Snyder, Tardi and Urgolo Huckvale began discussion on the amendment, but with time running short, Duffy moved (Wicke seconded) to postpone further discussion until the next Senate meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon Pavese and Ku’s motion, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:47 PM, with one vote in dissent.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, March 11th at 12:30 pm in Ballroom C.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary pro tem

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