
ABSENT: Avdeev, Harris, Owusu, Swanson, Villar

GUESTS: Berenson, Burns, Cammarata, Chabayta, Ciliberti, Corso, Daniel-Robinson, Davis, De la Rosa, DiNoia, Godar, Goldstein, Green, Jackson, Joachim, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miller, Moore, Perez, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Rosengart, Sandford, Seal, Sherman, Tirado, Treisky, Voltman, Vovichuk, Winslow, Wolf, Zeff

PRELIMINARIES: Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32PM. The Agenda, moved by Martus and Snyder, was approved unanimously. The Minutes of the 4/14/2015 meeting, moved by Wagner and Martus, were also approved unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Levitan welcomed new senators and thanked those whose terms had expired.

Africana World Studies, a small department, needs an outside member for Danielle Wallace’s RTP Committee. Arlene Scala was nominated (by Wicke and Duffy) and was approved unanimously.

Duffy and Aktan move acceptance of the 2015-2016 Senate calendars, which were approved unanimously.

All deans and chairs were sent copies of the Research and Scholarship report and asked to review and discuss the report with their faculty.

A closed Faculty and Professional Staff meeting was held on 4/16. After thanking the members of the committees that conducted the evaluations, Levitan moved (Dinan seconded) formal Senate acceptance of the Administrator Evaluations for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. The reports were accepted unanimously without comment. Levitan stated the reports will be sent to the Board of Trustees, and that she will request time to speak at the next Board meeting on May 1, 2015.

Levitan thanked those senators with whom she worked on the Executive Committee over the past two years (Dinan, Duffy, Lee, Makarec, Martus, Perez, Slaymaker and Tirado) and Kearney for his service as Parliamentarian. She expressed frustration about the Senate’s inability to settle the repeat grade issue and reminded the campus that compromises will need to be made by everyone if progress is to be made. The only point upon which the Senate has reached agreement is “repeat a grade below C.” She commended the Academic Standards Council for its efforts and noted that the Provost has asked the Executive Committee to have a discussion of University vs. departmental standards on the Senate floor.
PROVOST SANDMANN: Sandmann announced this year’s winners of the Faculty Awards for Excellence: Research: Emmanuel Onaivi; Teaching: Hilary Wilder; Service: Nancy Weiner. He also thanked Levitan and Dinan for their strong leadership of the Senate for the past two years.

VICE CHAIRS REPORT: Dinan reported that the UCC would like to have its expanded size approved for another two years. Martus suggested (Dinan seconded) that the Governance Council make this a permanent change. The motion was approved unanimously.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL: EMERITA STATUS FOR ALICE DEAKINS: Jackson moved (Dinan seconded) and read the Council’s nomination, which was approved unanimously.

ELECTIONS COUNCIL: ELECTION OF 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Joachim read the approved election procedures.

Weisberg and Duffy nominated Falk-Romaine for Chair. There were no other nominations. A secret ballot vote resulted in 39 votes being cast. Falk-Romaine received 36 yes votes; there were 2 no votes and one abstention.

Weisberg and Tardi nominated McNeal for Vice-Chair. Aktan and Verdicchio nominated Magaldi. Each candidate made brief remarks before the closed ballot was taken. There were 39 votes cast. Magaldi received 28, McNeal received 11 and there were no abstentions.

Griswold and Cook nominated Duffy for Secretary. There were no other nominations. There were 39 votes cast. Duffy received 35 yes votes and there were 4 no votes.

Joachim then took nominations for the three remaining positions on the Executive Committee. Weisberg and Tardi nominated Cook. Ellis and Tardi nominated Weisberg. Levitan and Aktan nominated Makarec. Levitan and Falk-Romaine nominate Tesfaye. The closed ballot resulted in 39 votes being cast, with Makarec and Weisberg obtaining 27 each, thereby being elected. Cook and Tesfaye both received 22 votes. Levitan and Falk-Romaine called for a paper vote to be held in the Senate Office over the following week. [That vote resulted in Tesfaye receiving 13 votes and Cook 6 votes with one abstention.

VICE-PRESIDENT BOLYAI: BUDGET DISCUSSION: Bolyai briefly reviewed the PowerPoint (archived in the Packet for this meeting) statistics and entertained questions. Many senators commented: Kothandaraman, Snyder, Watad, Kim, Verdicchio, Diamond, Simon, Tardi and Falk-Romaine. The presentation was fragmented due to the Election (and he will come to the Senate again in the fall semester).

ADJOURNMENT: The Senate adjourned at 1:56pm.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, September, 8th in Ballroom C.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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