

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE 2017-18 UNIVERSITY SENATE
February 22, 2018

Members Present: 48

Members Absent: 21

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the University Senate, Kourtland Koch, at 4:00 p.m.
Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to LB 125.

Members Present: C. Airriess, Y. Ayalon, C. Balukas, R. Bernot, K. Berryhill, D. Boyd, M. Buck, M. Cairns, G. Carbo, J. Christman, E. Crawford, J. Fitzgerald, B. Frankel, J. Fry, K. Gayes, J. Griffith, L. Helms, K. Hennessee, J. Hopwood, T. Jitpaiboon, K. Koch, R. Kovac, M. Lee, S. Lee, I. Liveshits, D. Lytle, K. McCauliff, T. Peters, J. Place, E. Riddle, J. Rybarczyk, S. Shim, J. Sponseller, M. Tagler, Z. Taylor, K. Volikas, H. Wang, K. Webber, R. Wijesinghe, M. Wilson, A. Yen

Substitutes: M. Rose for J. Flowers, J. Weis for M. Hill, L. Markle for M. Kovach, L. Pellerin for R. Kraus, D. Calvin for S. McFadden, S. Rice-Snow for K. Nicholson

Members Absent: C. Anagnos, A. Batres, C. Bohanon, J. Bott, J. Ghezzi, T. Hoffman, K. Kreamelmeyer, J. Lehmiller, T. Mahfouz, N. Marriott, C. McIntosh, J. McKinney, G. Mearns, M. Moore, M. Myring, N. Phillips, D. Roof, M. South, D. Wheeler, L. White, S. Wu

Substitutions were noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 5, 2017.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings:

University Senate – Thursday, March 29, 2018 in LB 125.

Senate Agenda Committee- Monday, March 19, 2018 at 2:00PM in LB 104; reminder to let Senate Agenda Committee know of any items people would like to be considered at least two weeks prior.

- B. Those representatives serving on councils and committees as representatives under Academic Affairs will complete their service through the 2017-18 governance year.
 - C. The Responsible Conduct of Research item has been removed from the GANNT chart, approved by the Senate Agenda Committee on January 8, 2018 at the request of the Research Committee Chairperson Jagdish Khubchandani.
 - D. The Reporting Outside Activities Policy item has been removed from the GANNT chart, approved by the Senate Agenda Committee on February 12, 2018 due to the development of a form for this purpose.

3. Recognition of Deaths

There was a moment of silence to recognize the death of Dr. Richard Thomas Alexander Jr.

4. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Karen Kessler – The Senate Restructuring Ad hoc committee is meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 and will be pushing out the governance outline to the councils and Senate. A straw vote that is a non-binding will be conducted before the end of this governance year.
 - B. Faculty Council – Yaron Ayalon reported that the council met on February 15, 2018. There was discussion about the new CVS prescription medication change.
 - C. University Council – Tiffany Peters – The council met on February 1, 2018. They have one item of Telecommuting on the GANNT chart. It remains under review with the Professional Personnel Salary and Benefits Committee.
 - D. Campus Council – Kathy Berryhill – They have one item on the GANNT chart. Guest Mike Gillilan will be presenting information during the New Business portion of today's Senate meeting.
 - E. Student Government Association - Greg Carbo – The Student Government Association has passed legislation on Wednesday showing student support for open educational resources. He intends to ask the Senate for support moving forward and asked what the process would be to get Senate's support. Senate Chairperson K. Koch agreed to meet with Greg to discuss a plan of action. February 27, 2018 is the final day for Student Government Elections.

5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Kourtland Koch – GANNT chart (Enclosure #1) - Issues in the Senate System
Chairperson Koch reviewed the pertinent items briefly, highlighting the current location and ongoing nature of each. These items include:

- A. Faculty Council- Core Diversity Questions- We will be talking about this item today in Unfinished Business.
Non-Terminal Degree Rank/Title Schedule amendments- We will be talking about this today in New Business.

B. University Council- Telecommuting- This item remains with the Professional Personnel Salary and Benefits Committee.

C. Governance & Elections- The Senate Restructuring Ad hoc committee –Chairperson Koch expressed his appreciation for the work being completed by the Ad hoc committee.

6. Questions Directed to the President Mearns:

Provost Buck was available to answer questions. President Mearns was not available to attend today.

A question regarding Contract Faculty Assistant Professors having to decide if they want to remain Assistant or join the promotional track deadline. Provost Buck explained that they have one year after receiving all of the necessary information to make their decision. They currently do not have all of the necessary information. The one year deadline will begin once they do have the information that they need.

Promotions were discussed between Senate members and Provost Buck. Provost Buck encouraged faculty to send in their promotion documents to her for feedback and suggestions prior to sending it in complete. This will allow for the quickest response for feedback purposes.

7. Question and Answer Period:

There were no additional questions.

8. Unfinished Business:

A. Revised Core Diversity Question (Enclosure #2) - Staci Davis was not present.

This item was voted on and approved by Faculty Council on January 25, 2018. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Core Diversity Question and send for signatures.

Motion carried.

9. New Business:

A. Non-Terminal Degree Rank/Title Schedule amendments (Enclosure #3) - Jennifer Christman

This item was voted on and approved by Faculty Council on January 25, 2018.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments and send for signatures.

Motion carried.

B. Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities changes (see PDF provided) - Mike Gillilan

This item was voted on and approved by Campus Council on February 8, 2018.

Mike Gillilan reviewed the summary of information provided to the Senate regarding the changes.

Additional questions were answered.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes and send for signatures.

Bruce Frankel opposed.

Motion carried.

10. Other Items: There are no other items at this time.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:52 p.m.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Kraus, Secretary

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