

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2018-19 UNIVERSITY SENATE
November 1, 2018

Members Present: 45

Members Absent: 20

1. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair of the University Senate, Tarek Mahfouz, 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, D. Boyd, M. Cairns, J. Christman, B. Condie, E. Crawford, J. Emert, J. Fry, K. Gayes, J. Haeft, L. Helms, K. Hennessee, M. Hill, T. Jitpaiboon, K. Kessler, C. Kinsella, R. Kraus, A. Kuban, M. Lee, S. Lee, I. Livshits, D. Lytle, C. McIntosh, G. Mearns, P. Nagelkirk, R. Scott Rice-Snow, J. Place, S. Rivera-Mills, D. Roof, J. Rybarczyk, S. Shim, J. Sponseller, J. Thaller, R. Wijesinghe, S. Wilczynski, M. Wilson, S. Wilson, A. Yen, E. Zygmunt

Substitutes: S. Lovelace for J. Huff, J. Schmutte for J. Ledbetter/Chris Luchs, G. Stamp for K. McCauliff

Members Absent: K. Berryhill, L. Bielski, C. Bohanon, K. Bontrager, J. Fitzgerald, B. Frankel, S. Fulton, M. Hinkleman, J. Hopwood, R. Kovac, M. Kovach, K. Kreamelmeyer, J. Lehmilller, T. Mahfouz, J. McKinney, B. Means, I. Mitchell, M. South, M. Tagler, S. Wu

Substitutions were noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 4, 2018.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements
 - A. Next Scheduled Meetings:
 - University Senate – Thursday, November 29, 2018 in LB 125
 - Senate Agenda Committee- Monday, November 19, 2018 in LB 104
 - B. Graduate Catalog Updates- (Enclosure #1 and attached PDF file)-brief summary below.
 1. Removal of the cumulative GPA calculations as well as the requirement for official transcripts from all institutions attended at the time of application.
 2. With these changes, the Graduate School will clear applicants and require official transcripts (only from the degree-granting institution) on the back end of the process, rather than up front.
 3. We have revised and simplified the probationary admissions policy, giving more autonomy to departments to propose probationary admission for individual applicants.
 4. Removal of the GRE as a requirement for all doctoral and EdS programs for probationary master's admission. Individual programs may still require standardized tests if they so choose.
3. Recognition of Deaths
No deaths have been brought to the attention of governance.
4. Committee Reports
 - A. Governance and Elections Committee – Karen Kessler – The committee is entertaining a second proposal of amendments to the current constitution. Information will be shared once it is finalized. Karen is working to avoid creating a binary type situation when presenting two options for a new constitution.
 - B. Faculty Council – Yaron Ayalon- The council met on October 11, 2018. The council approved a subcommittee for the Faculty Salary and Benefits Committee, to help the committee in reviewing salary documents. More details will be provided at the next Faculty Council meeting on November 8, 2018. A Library budget resolution is being considered and supported by the council. More information will be available at a later time. Bernard Hannon, Vice President for Business Affairs, will be presenting budget information at the next Faculty Council meeting. Chris Airriess reported the Board of Trustees Ad hoc committee will be presenting a resolution amending membership on the Board of Trustees at the next Faculty Council meeting.
 - C. University Council – Laura Helms- The council's next meeting is November 15, 2018. They will be discussing the Library budget resolution information.
 - D. Campus Council – Isaac Mitchell – Library resolution was passed through the Student Government Association, one na noted.

5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Karen Kessler – GANTT chart (Enclosure #2) - Issues in the Senate System
6. Questions Directed to the President Mearns:
President Mearns invited everyone to attend a vigil gathering at the Beneficence statue on Friday November 2, 2018 at 4:30pm to remember victims of violence based upon hate against race, ethnicity or other factors. This gathering will allow us to reaffirm as a University community, our commitment to the pledge of respecting all opinions in peace.
Questions included concerns about the following:
 - A. The library budget situation/challenges
 - B. Midwest Student Exchange Program and flexibility with funding. Suggestion to meet with Kay Bales to provide additional information.
7. Question and Answer Period:
There were no additional questions.
8. Unfinished Business:
There was no unfinished business.
9. New Business:
There was no new business.
10. Other Items:
There were no other items.
11. Adjournment:
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:15p.m.
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Helms, Secretary

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