

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE 2021-22 UNIVERSITY SENATE
December 2, 2021

Members Present: 30

Members Absent: 6

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the University Senate, Kesha Coker, at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: R. Aceska, N. Bogert, C. Bohanon, A. Bowen, M. Carter, K. Chipman, K. Coker, O. Frausto, S. Fulton, L. Gerstein, M. Gillilan, R. Hassenzahl, C. Haynes, S. Lee, G. Mearns, T. Nguyen, J. Place, N. Prater, V. Rapatz, S. Rivera-Mills, N. Seely, C. Shue, S. Smith, A. Stefanski, L. Taylor, P. Turner, J. Tye, C. Van Hof, D. Wheeler

Substitutes: N/A

Members Absent: V. Birk, C. Braden, J. Emert, K. Hennessee, M. Turner, M. Tschopp

Guests: J. Buckrop, J. Coggeshall, A. McLachlan, M. Stephenson, A. Hilder, K. McCauliff

A motion was made (N. Prater) and seconded (V. Rapatz) to approve the minutes of September 30, 2021.

No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, January 20, 2022, 4:00 p.m., WebEx/Zoom

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, January 10, 2022, 2:00 p.m., WebEx/Zoom

3. Recognition of Deaths – The Senate had a moment of silence to recognize the individuals listed.

Dr. Joseph R. McKinney
Professor Emeritus of Education Leadership
Retired 2019
28 years of service

Charles (Dan) Woodfin
Professor Emeritus of Architecture
Retired 2018
45 years of service

Dr. Frank J. Sparzo
Professor Emeritus of Psychology- Educational Psychology
Retired 2006
38 years of service

Dr. E. Bruce Kirkham
Professor Emeritus of English
Retired 2000
32 years of service

Dr. William Moser
Assistant Professor of Marketing Emeritus
Retired August 2021
53 years of service

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns spoke to the University Senate with three important points to cover.

1. There have been questions about the current COVID protocols and if any changes should be anticipated. At this time, the University will maintain the current protocols because they are helping to mitigate the spread of COVID on our campus. It appears that the increased transmission is occurring off campus especially during the most recent holiday break.
2. Our incentive-based budget model is not a Responsibility Center Management (RCM) model. Our model is a tool used by the Provost Office and Deans to inform the resource allocations. The model does not dictate our budget decisions. The principal challenge remains enrollment figures. President Mearns and Provost Rivera-Mills will be meeting with the university divisions and colleges to discuss how to increase the enrollment figures for our university.
3. The pandemic has persisted for twenty months. President Mearns is grateful for all of the faculty, staff, students and everyone who continues to rise to the challenge. He appreciates everyone's sustained and continued commitment and wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

A question was asked about any resources that might be available related to the budget model, specifically about the metrics being used to determine allocations, so that faculty can help address those needs. President Mearns explained that within the power

point slides provided by Alan Finn and Scott Stachler, the driving force is enrollment, including student persistence and retention. Provost Rivera-Mills stated there is a breakdown of that information in the ledger spreadsheet shown in the power point slides. This power point presentation was included as an attachment along with today's Senate agenda. Chair Kesha Coker stated she would resend the power point presentation to everyone again for their reference.

5. Budget Model Presentation- Alan Finn and Scott Stachler (attached PowerPoint)- Due to unforeseen circumstances the presentation will be postponed until the next University Senate meeting on January 20, 2022.
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Governance and Elections Committee – Nathan Bogert- There is no new information since the last meeting. The committee will reconvene early in the next semester.
 - B. Faculty Council – Chris Van Hof- There is no new information since the last meeting. The council did receive the Budget Model Presentation on November 4, 2021. The council will have a resolution business item in January 2022 to share.
 - C. Professional Personnel Council – Sam Snideman is no longer chair. Melanie Turner is Vice Chair. No new information to report.
 - D. Student Government Association – Tina Nguyen- Davis Odom is graduating. A new individual has been elected to serve the remainder of Davis's position of President Pro Tempore. The Student Government Association will be promoting what the Student Government Association is about at a weekly table set up to share information. The hope is to increase student voter turnout.
7. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Kesha Coker – Gannt chart (Enclosure #1) - Issues in the Senate System
Kesha Coker reviewed each item briefly, highlighting the current location and ongoing nature of each.
There have been no additional changes to the items listed since the last Senate meeting.
8. Question and Answer Period:
There were no additional questions.
9. Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business currently.
10. New Business: There is no new business currently.
11. Other Items: There are no other items currently.
12. Adjournment:
A motion was made (N. Seely) and seconded (A. Bowen) to adjourn at 4:21 p.m.
No nays noted. No abstentions noted.
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalee Seely, Secretary