

UNIVERSITY SENATE
Agenda
September 8, 2016

- Approval of April 13, 2016 University Senate meeting minutes

- Election of Executive Committee

University Senate Bylaws section II.E.1:

“Election Procedure

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Constitution of the University Senate, the voting members of the University Senate shall, at their first meeting of the fall semester, elect a Vice President and an Executive Secretary from among their number. At this meeting the voting members shall also elect from among their number the remaining three members of the Executive Committee, to include one faculty member, one administrator, and one member from any one of the following stakeholder groups: the Staff Council, the Lecturers and Educators Congress, the Student Senate, the Graduate Student Association, and the Alumni Association.”

- Reports of standing committees

- Provost’s report
 - Approval of changes to U. Senate Bylaws by BoT as of July 21, 2016

 - Initial discussions of Elections Committee to be finalized by Nov. 16 meeting

“Election and Bylaw/Constitutional Review Committees

At the last meeting of the University Senate in the fall semester an election committee of not less than three members of the University Senate shall be nominated and elected to begin the necessary preparation

and publicity for the spring elections.”

- Vice Provosts' reports

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Minutes

September 8, 2016

In attendance: B. Baltzis, K. Belfield, E. Bishof, D. Bunker, R. Cassetta, R. Caudill, A. Christ, F. Deek, A. Dhawan, C. Fey, K. Franck, U. Gauchat, J. Geller, M. Golden, W. Hubbi, C. Johnson, P. Kenrick, S. Kent, A. Manoj, G. Mass, M. Neubauer, P. Petropoulos, K. Quackenbush, M. Rusinkiewicz, N. Salvankar, C. Siemann, T. Small, M. Stanko, K. Turner, D. Ullman, R. Uppaluri, J. Wagner

Meeting called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Welcome and introductions.

Unanimous approval of April 13, 2016 meeting minutes.

Elections of Executive Committee

Vice President

Ray Cassetta self-nominated and won by a vote of acclamation.

Executive Secretary

Tiffany Small was nominated and won by a vote of acclamation.

Faculty Representative

Carol Johnson was the only nomination and won by a vote of acclamation.

Administrator's Representative

Gregg Mass was the only nomination and won by a vote of acclamation.

Staff/LEC/Undergrad Student/Grad Student/Alumni Representative

Scott Kent was the only nomination and won by a vote of acclamation

*Final results of elections:

Vice President – Ray Cassetta

Executive Secretary – Tiffany Small

Faculty Representative – Carol Johnson

Administrator's Representative – Gregg Mass

Staff/LEC/Undergrad Student/Grad Student/Alumni Representative – Scott Kent

Reports of Standing Committees

- **Committee on Finances, Chair: Mr. Ed Bishof**

Provost's Report

Entering the second year of the current hiring plan, we have 20 new faculty beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year. With the strong support of President Bloom and the Board of Trustees 20 additional faculty searches have been launched for hires to be made beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year. In addition, there are “incentive” lines which are part of the plan, offering the potential for a total of 23 new faculty hires.

The Provost reported on 2020 Vision and reviewed the KPIs for each of the (5) strategic priorities.

A reminder was given that the Elections Committee will need to be nominated at the next meeting of the University Senate (November 2016).

Vice Provost’s Report: Dr. Basil Baltzis

- Through the work of a sub-committee of the Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE) a revised policy on academic standing was created during the 2015-2016 academic year. This new policy was voted on and approved by the Faculty Senate and now is in the process of being implemented with the Registrar’s office.
- A forum and committees will be formed to address concerns surrounding academic integrity. These groups will work closely with the Student Senate President and Vice President.
- A nine week workshop for the 20 new faculty will be run focusing on teaching, research, and professional development.

Vice Provost’s Report: Dr. Atam Dhawan

Ekauliti software is ready for implementation, which will kick off as of September 15th. Paper based submissions will no longer be accepted as of January 2, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m.