

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes January 27, 2025

Present: Doug Holub, Genevieve Salerno, Leslie Barger, Brian Bean, Kari Haugeto, Louis Reyes, Jr., Lauren Sloane, Shannon Shoemaker, Barbara Davies, Cheri Rossi, Carrie Fishner, Dan Gashler, Megan Wolfe, Alice Krause, Shawn Brislin, Michael Tweed Lori Tremblay, Beth Boyd, Nazely Kurkjian, Amber Boulay, David Brower, Heather Schwarz, Jason Cash, Dan Davis, Marc Evans, Chelsea Mathieu, Ruth Ehrets, Lars Schweidenback, Mary Wake, Sanum Shafi

Proxies: Alice Krause proxy for Lisa Tessier, Cheri Rossi proxy for Lori Ciafardoni

Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute.

4:33 PM

Approval of Dec. 9, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Jason Cash, second by Leslie B.

Discussion none

Vote taken 16 yes, 0 no. minutes approved.

Updates: Provost, IT/Facility, President

Provost – David Brower -- Busy semester. Priorities from academic affairs shares at opening meeting. At Friends of SUNY Reception. Culinary students are sharing limelight with some other culinary programs by providing refreshments to SUNY staff members and others. Julia Rios working as intern in offices as she is interested in higher education administration through her applied communications degree. More to come on that. Successful reboot launch. Ninety students in program so far. Admissions office had retreat that was great success, key strategies to promote campus were developed and discussed. Academic forum to have admissions showcase SLATE to come. Nazely to send out email related to Accepted Student Days and Open Houses and some things we can do to prepare for those. Gabby Vasta main point person for Gear Up Program. Fifty students coming on the 30th to interact with different areas of the campus. Feel free to pop by Farrell Hall to see them and interact with them. Searches still ongoing for Director of Access and Opportunity Programs and Office of Academic Student Success, PRODiG fellowship and second faculty position to be posted soon. Veterinary Science had successful few months. Reaccredited through AVMA. Full accreditation for next 5 years. Promotion process MOU has been drafted and reviewed. Hoping to get it signed soon.

Update on IT from Shawn Brislin: MFA as it pertains to our students and information that can be helpful for us moving forward. Both students and faculty have it. SUNY requires that we have this system in place. Most recent SUNY security policies demand we have things behind MFA. Anything SUNY-hosted must have it. Security reports that are filed annually must make sure MFA is put into place and we need it to help keep our online security policy into place. We cannot turn MFAs off in the event that a student loses or breaks their phone. Is currently keeping campus much safer than before. Get students to CIS if they lost something or cannot complete assignments as a result of issues. Calling or stopping in to the CIS office is the best first step. Knowledge based article dropped into the chat. Please share with students if it seems like it would be helpful. Please have students reach out to me directly if they need help getting back in to the systems so they don't lost track of any work.

Shannon S.: Where is it stated that students are required to have a phone and laptop to attend SUNY Delhi?

Shawn B.: We can supply them with something if they do not have it but I do not know where it is stated.

Shannon S.: Is there any word on getting the wifi in a better position for us? In our building it goes on and off.

Discussion about the wifi situation in certain halls.

Genevieve S.: Can you speak a little about why our system seems different from other SUNY systems?

Shawn B.: Some places have a portal, but we are not at that point yet. If the first thing you log in to is Chrome it lets you go into other places much easier. On my phone, using the app the sign in is every seven days for instance.

Heather S.: Wifi in dorms seems to be a difficulty.

Shawn B. Wifi in the dorms is handled by a third party so that is a separate thing. Upgrade completed about a year ago so students should go to the RA's and RD's.

Doug H.: Can some of this messaging be shared out more often?

Shawn B.: We can definitely look at ways to get that information out in different ways. Currently working on plumbing issue in MacDonald Hall. Working on this after hours because we have to excavate. Fiber infrastructure project to replace fiber optics to all buildings on campus. Shut down now but will start again in the Spring. Both elevators not complete in Evenden Tower. Demolition and abatement underway as well. South Hall project should be back shortly to address exterior of building. New siding and new windows. ADA bathrooms at ground level as well as space maximizing.

Doug H.: Shawn and I discussed accessibility and use in a program. Apps and programs that are used in our curriculum need to be accessible and appropriate. Some discussion about media being deemed accessible and how to find assistance for those sorts of things.

Shawn B.: Yes, we will come back to that.

Committee Chair Reports:

Lauren S.: Academic Policies – Policy on today’s agenda was pulled today. We have policy meeting tomorrow to look at updates as handed down from SUNY to see if we are fully aligned with what SUNY wants for post-humous policies.

Lars S.: Curriculum Committee – SUNY has new GE update which will be coming quickly. New competency on the way.

New Business

SUNY UFS Resolutions (vote) – Alice K.: Word changes were main changes that were discussed at the Plenary. First one comes from University of Buffalo to change language in the Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve 198-1 made by Lori T., second by Shannon S.

Discussion : none

Vote taken: yes 15, no 1. Motion passes.

Motion 198-01-01 HiFlex and Faculty Freedom.

Motion to approve by Jason C., second by Heather S.

Discussion: None

Vote taken 15 yes, 0 no. Motion passes.

Motion 198-02-01 Calling for Collaboration

Motion to approve by Beth B., second by Cheri R.

Discussion:

Beth B.: Point of clarification –The establishment of a committee at Delhi or system-wide?

Alice K.: Call for system-wide. Not exactly sure how they would create the work group, but just asking to establish one.

Vote taken: 17 yes, 0 no.

Motion 198-03-01 Okanagan Charter. Asking UFS to ask Chancellor to ask Leadership to adopt the Okanagan Charter.

Motion to approve by Cheri R., second by Sanum S.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes, 0 no. Motion passes.

198-05-01: UFS to advocate for NYS budget.

Motion to approve Leslie B., second Heather S.

Discussion: None.

Vote taken: 17 yes, 0 no. Motion passes.

College Curriculum Proposals – Lars S.

ARCH 345 to cross list with SUST 305. Merging to make the courses the same.

ARCH 350 to add lab component. SLO wording change.

BIOL 315 make Natural Science GE course with competency.

EISR 260 many changes. Course descript, SLOs, prerequisites.

Motion to approve all 5 made by Carrie F., second by Cheri R.

Discussion: None.

Vote taken: 17 yes, 0 no. Props pass.

Vote for Budget and Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Representative (Barbara Davies)

Doug H.: Are you still interested in serving?

Barbara D.: Yes.

Vote taken by anonymous ballot by Cheri R. Vote unanimous in favor of Barbara Davies.

Announcements

Academic Program Assessment Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed

Budget and Planning Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed

Will be announcing Vice President of Student Life Search Committee will need academic and non-academic senators soon.

Adjourn at 5:41 PM