

# SUNY Delhi.

## Senate Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024

**Present:** Laurie Jones, Genevieve Salerno, Leslie Barger, Kristy Fitch, Dan Davis, Lauren Sloane, Alice Krause, John Padovani, Erin Wagner, Lou Reyes Jr., Shelly Jones, Cheri Rossi, Michael Tweed, Doug Holub, Jenny Collins, Beth Boyd, Lori Tremblay, Lindsay Walker, Dan Gashler, Shawn Brislin, Shannon Shoemaker, Simon Purdy, Lisa Tessier, David Brower, Kari Haugeo, Brigid Finn-Maguire, Jack Tessier, Bret Meckel, Mary Bonderoff, Carrie Fishner, Chelsea Matthieu, Marc Evans, Misty Fields, Lars Schweidenback.

**Proxies:** Leslie B. for Robb Munro, Shannon S. for Doug Gulotty, Simon P. for Jason Cash, Brigid F. for Lori Ciafardoni.

**Meeting called to order at : 4:32 PM**

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

**Approval of March 11, 2024 meeting minutes made by Doug H. second by Erin W.**

Discussion: None

Vote taken - 22 yes, 0 no. Minutes approved.

**Updates:**

**Interim Provost, David Brower:** Final schedules week has been posted. Opportunity credit for prior learning assessment work continues. Will be forming a working group that will focus on policies and procedures and frameworks. Info to be coming from SUNY that I would like to look at first and then will charge the committee. Will be sending updates and gathering feedback. Spoke with Misty Fields regarding this and we think a two-phase process similar to microcredentials will be the most sensible. Successful event this morning. 28 counselors from metropolitan area had a chance to learn about our campus this morning and afternoon. Opportunity to be top of mind with the counselors before they go to other SUNY's to visit and learn. Academic forum this week (Wednesday). Participated in Friends of SUNY on March 4. Met with members of SUNY admin and legislators from New York State. One of four culinary programs to be represented there. Moving forward on microcredentials. Forms are out so if you have something in mind, submit it forward! 12 students interested in the apprenticeship program between SUNY Delhi, NYS Dept Labor and SUNY. Positive impact for students and compensation for teachers who will be teaching in that space. Looking for ways to expand that model moving forward. Thank you to all who participated and continue to participate in the Student Acceptance Days.

Questions:

Alice K.: Apprenticeships. How does that work?

David B.: The apprenticeship program is sponsored by NYS Dept Labor. Through the program, we are identified as an approved education provider. Students enroll in courses and tuition is paid through a SUNY stipend. Great way to showcase some of the programs we have and have a positive impact on the workforce.

**Acting President, Mary Bonderoff:** Had meeting with Chancellor. Special thanks to Doug for coming with us. Presented on enrollment and sustainability plan. Chancellor was thrilled with our presentation. Both of our plans have been accepted and approved by SUNY. Chancellor said we set the bar for everything else. Had an initial meeting with ORDC. A clearer understanding of what we need to raise and what SUNY can support. Will continue to put together documents and raise funds/grants. The Retention Council continues to work hard. Hoping to have some things that are easy to put into place. Commencement planning underway. Not in the path of the eclipse but we will have some events on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Grad fair on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Lavender Graduation on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Kente graduation on the 29<sup>th</sup>. College Council on May 7<sup>th</sup>. STAR May 9<sup>th</sup>. Agate May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Questions:

Erin W.: Will there be glasses on campus to view the eclipse?

Mary B.: There was talk about that but not sure. Please also make sure to vote for our mascot!

### **Committee reports:**

**Executive Committee:** Alice K.: Lisa T. and I will be attending Spring Plenary at Cornell. Chance to ask Chancellor questions. If you have questions from the Tech sector, please share them with Lisa or I so we can share them with the Chancellor. Also meeting with other leaders. Any questions regarding SUNY as a whole please bring your questions before next Thursday. The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting tomorrow, and we will survey the campus. Shared governance award – spoke with Keith Landa and the award went to another campus, but Keith made an effort to speak to us personally because he knows how far we have come as a campus and thanked us for applying.

Mary B.: Cortland won!

Alice K.: Keith gave us pointers on how to compile things moving forward.

**Operations Comm.:** Next election for senate presider has no nominees yet. Please encourage people to come forward for that!

Alice K.: The first meeting of April will have that presider election in it.

**Bylaws:** Cheri R. : nothing to add.

**Scholarship:** Nothing

**Academic Policies:** Nothing

Cheri R.: Where is the no-show policy at this point?

Lauren S.: No where at this point. We need some help with that. It depends on what people have going on.

**Assessment Committee:** Nothing to add

**Budget and Planning:** Nothing to add

**Chancellor's Award:** Nothing to add

**Curriculum:** Nothing to add.

**Equity Council:** Meeting on Thursday. We have full approval for Welcome Corps, two students for the nursing program.

**APAC:** nothing to add.

**Evaluation Questions Working Group:** please check with your rep.

**Retention Council:** nothing to add.

**VP Finance and Admin Search:** Concluded. Chelsea M. got the position. Any questions about that search.

## **Old Business**

**Budget & Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Rep** – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee) : no nominees at this time.

## **New Business**

**Resolution Proposal: Support for Sustainability Legislation** – Lisa T. (Resolutions Committee): Anyone can send a resolution like this to the committee. This resolution calls for us to be able to donate materials and furniture to nonprofits. The second ask is to provide funding for someone on our SUNY campuses to oversee sustainability on SUNY campuses.

Motion to move on this to become a resolution: Erin W. and Lindsay W. second

Discussion:

Erin W.: I want to endorse moving it forward. Thank you, Jack, for bringing it to this group. Seems like a waste to have materials like this and we can't get rid of them or donate them.

Alice K.: Any other questions

Brigid F.: The hiring of sustainability personnel. Can we talk a little more about that

Jack T.: Both of these are UUP items that are being pushed. Everyone who is willing have been asked to go to UUP and their legislators to move this forward. Each campus would have someone who it is their job to improve the economics on their campus, as well as ways to minimize our environmental impact because it will make the unit as a whole run better. State to provide funding to hire at least one person for each campus.

Kristy F.: Assuming this will pass can I make suggestions on what to include in this? Not donating things in silos but asking if others on campus could use them before we donate them.

Vote taken: 20 yes, 0 no motion carries. Will move to Resolution Committee.

**Resolution on Student Classification and Degree Terminology Changes – Mike T.** (Resolutions Committee). Formal resolution was written up. Lots of colleges are moving away from freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or male-dominated words. Would like to move away from these words. Are not making suggestions on what should be used instead, but one suggestion is first-year, second-year, third-year etc. or advanced standing etc. Then decided to write another resolve to stop using words like bachelor's or master's degree because of their male-centric or dominating vision.

Genevieve S.: Who should be using these words?

Michael T.: Sending it to administration for words to be used across campus. Terminology would be used where ever we can such as degreeworks, websites, promotion material, and things like that. Everyone should be encouraged to use those words.

Lauren S.: We have looked at this as well. When we are talking about academic policy and when you are defining different degrees, it is more on the merit of credit numbers as opposed to years attending. Would like to bring awareness to this because not all third years are necessarily juniors. Might need a little more clarification.

Michael: We didn't want to set policy on this because it was not our charge. Some schools were not using year for example. Just saying let's look through the process.

Kristy F.: It is all based on how many credits are completed. Warn against using terms we already use, such as levels. We already use them across campus so we need to be careful if we start using a new word or a new level.

Genevieve S.: Is there research for this?

Michael T.: Not aware of any research on this, did help write it. I think even if there were other opportunities out there, not sure if there is research out there, but it would make me more comfortable.

Kristy F.: On the degree levels, we need to look at retention and enrollment. As a parent if I am laying out money for a degree, I want to make sure the levels are comparable, will a term that is not widely known still be accepted?

Michael T.: I don't think we would be able to change the degree names.

Alice K.: We are not debating the merits of the resolution itself. If you have questions that can help you explain things to constituents, ask them here. Next meeting is where we discuss the merits of the document. You can also make a motion to amend this document.

Cheri R.: To tailgate what G was saying, I have not heard anyone complain or say they don't like these names. We would like to know where this is coming from. The wider implication is this would be an expensive and time-consuming change. All of this would have to be reprinted, websites, signs changed. At the end of the day, the names of the degrees won't match. My question is, if I am asked about this, where should I say where this is coming from?

Michael T.: Two things. There are a lot of colleges doing this and there are justifications out there. Not necessarily saying we need to throw things away, but perhaps when they need to be printed again, we can change it.

Alice K.: We agreed as a Senate to have this resolution drafted.

Brigid F.: Are there any SUNY Schools listed.

Shelly J.: Geneseo does not use freshman. Other SUNY schools are undertaking this.

Jenny C.: Queer people are not a monolith. If you are a cis-het person who is not in a lot of queer spaces, this might not be part of conversations for you. There is information out there should you want to present this to your constituents.

Lou R.: I am interested in speaking with the other tech sectors and other SUNY's about this. I appreciate the conversation being had. This is great dialogue and conversation. Will be doing more digging on my end.

Alice K.: Please bring this back to your areas for further discussion.

**Bylaws Proposal: Voting Procedure** – Cheri Rossi (Bylaws Committee) Clarify that majority of votes will prevail. Sections have been separated regarding how voting will be conducted. Clarification on terms. Main motion for resolutions was originally meant to be voted unanimously. It has not been done and no one has noticed. Plus it is cumbersome to have this rule in place.

Alice K.: This has not been done on purpose. Motion can always be made for an anonymous vote. Quorum is defined as what is in Robert's Rules. Quorum does not count with voting. It does not define the majority. We will vote on this next senate meeting.

**Academic Policy Proposal: Academic Probation** – Lauren Sloane (Academic Policy Committee). Some questions were brought forward regarding wording. Academic units sometimes have units or programs that other areas do not. Minimum 90 % attendance should be a “may” statement because not all classes take attendance. Allows for flexibility on this. This is where some of the feedback we received was incorporated.

Doug H.: Motion to approve. Shelly J. second.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 19 y, 0 no.

**March Curriculum Proposals** – Lars Schweidenback (Curriculum Committee): CC23-53 and CC23-54. Changes to degree as well.

Motion to approve by Jenny C., second by Doug H.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 19 y, 0 no. Motion passes.

Lars S.: Changing SLOs of CHEM 230 and CHEM 235. No longer GE courses so not needing GE SLOs. History courses: course descriptions changed to reflect new GEs. Technical Writing is changing to Technical Communication. 55 to 59,

Alice K.: Motion to approve 55 to 59

Motion to approve made by Shelly J. and second Linday W.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 20 y, 0 no. Motion passes.

Lars S.: Welding 130 embedding natural science, and updates to degree once GEs are embedded. Auto AOS changes also presented.

Alice K.: Motion to approve 60 through 74

Doug H., second by Mike T.

Discussion: None

Vote taken: 20y, 0 no. Motion passes.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjourn: 5:36 PM**