

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes November 4, 2024

Present: Doug Holub, Genevieve Salerno, Shannon Shoemaker, John Padovani, Lauren Sloane, Mary Bonderoff, Cheri Rossi, Jason Cash, Lisa Tessier, Brian Bean, Heather Schwartz, Jeff Stedman, Michael Tweed, Beth Boyd, Alice Krause, Kari Haugeto, Nazely Kurkjian, Lori Tremblay, Megan Wolfe, Michael Sullivan, Ivaylo Rachev, Max Denhe, Carrie Fishner, Mark Sullivan, Chelsea Mahieu, Dan Davis, Mary Wake, Lou Reyes Jr., Dan Gashler, Lori Ciafardoni

Proxies: Mary Wake for Barbara Davies

4:34 PM Meeting begins

- Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute.
- **Approval of Oct. 21, 2024 meeting minutes**
- Motion to approve made by Jason C., second by Ivaylo R.
Discussion: None
Vote taken: 16 yes, 0 no. Minutes accepted.
- Updates: College President: Mary B.: Women's cross-country team won the NACK and we had lots of Alumni on Campus to celebrate Bob Bachus. Great event. Men and women's soccer also moving to championship round. Men home, women traveling to Maine. Please think about coming out to support. Championship for Women's Volleyball next Sunday. SUNY asked for Civil Discourse Plan this semester where we laid out messaging, tabletops, and dialogue during this election season. Tabletops continue as well as discussions. Emergency Plans have been updated. These are not meant to be shared out with the community at large, but there has been a lot of discussion and preparation. Planning around Title VI, free speech. Also language based on dialogue with SUNY attorneys. CDO and others came together to have gathering spaces starting on Wednesday if support is needed. If you hear anything, please let us know.

Alice K.: If something were to happen in classroom space or with someone who has not had the training, what should they do?

Mary B.: Everyone should have the emergency plan booklets because we handed them out at meetings. University Police also have them. We can make more available. But in a classroom, there is always University Police to come to your classroom if it is a hostile event. Folks in student life who can come and support as well.

Lisa T.: Civil Discourse Plan was submitted to SUNY? Was this something that we need to read as faculty?

Mary B.: You should all be gathering within your Departments to figure out what is the best course of action for your particular Department, as well as individuals.

Discussion about the importance of continued dialogue with students in order to increase support and environment of caring. Tabletops also discussed as important exercises to work through what issues may arise in order to practice and troubleshoot, outline responsibilities among stakeholders, overseeing, etc.

Mary B.: We need one student to enroll and student covers cost of marketing outreach on an international level. Approval was needed to International Baccalaureate Program. We are ahead of other schools in this.

Mark S.: Students can take classes on their home campuses during their first year and then transfer to our campus for the second year if desired.

Mary B.: Appreciate Mark's willingness to go to India. We will continue to monitor how trips like this help us with recruitment. In conversation with Binghamton to create MOU to accept students on our campus who have not been accepted to Binghamton. RADC Steering Committee and additional funding: \$27 m to support co-ops in New York State. A number of us are working on a DCEC training center which represents another opportunity for growth. I am advocating for electric controls and pole work be secured at our campus.

Alumni events November 14 in Albany, and November 21 in NYC conversations with alumni. If available can attend, please join us! Climate Survey is not spam and please fill it out!

Cheri R.: If this is supposed to be anonymous, does only the system know who fills this out?

Lou R.: It is anonymous. We only keep the mock forms that are filled out so we can give out prizes.

Genevieve S: Surveys the same between students and staff?

Lou R.: Yes.

Mary B.: NISS (National Institute for Student Success) has seen incredible changes in students of color completing school and entering degree programs and we are happy to be working with them on strategies for success. Complete College America is another group we are working with. Learning about more opportunities with that.

Genevieve S.: What kind of students are the MOU's aimed at?

Mary B.: It depends on the student, but it seems to be strong students so far. We get a list of students who were denied and then we reach out to those students.

- **Update from Presider: Doug H.:** Went to SUNY UFS in Plattsburgh and met other people in similar situations than us and networked and learned. In conversations with Mary and David, the course evaluation questions have been approved, but it looks like implementation will be Fall 2025. Search guidelines have been approved and website will be updated. Issue with advisors being able to find alternative PINS, registration dates and times have been raised and I am in continued dialogue with folks involved trying to find ways to make things easier for advisors. Concerns about campus police presence not being as visible have also been raised. More hiring and training have occurred which will address this situation.

- **Old Business**

- **Academic Program Assessment Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed.** You can self-nominate now, or speak to Cheri R. or Doug H. if interested or want more information.

- **New Business**

- **Grade Exclusion Policy Vote (Academic Policies Committee):** Lauren S.: Changes have been made regarding the feedback received. Many people on campus may not have been familiar with this policy. Meant to be a way to help students and not penalize them.

Motion for approval of policy made by Lisa T., second by Michael T.

Discussion: About verbiage surrounding request for exemption.

Vote taken: 12 yes, 1 no. Motion passes.

- **Proposed Bylaws Changes: Reassignment of Parliamentarian Role (first viewing):** Cheri R.: Bylaws change regarding existence of Parliamentarian role in Senate. Recommendation was for two separate people to serve in the roles, but after three years of no takers to the role of parliamentarian so we are recommending to recombine the role of parliamentarian with associate president.

Questions: none.

- Lori C.: Chancellor's Awards. We are looking for committee members and some chairs as well! Please reach out to Cheri R. or Lori C. if interested.
- Kari H.: Campus Community Campaign has started. Many different ways you can support our campus and the easiest way is to donate through payroll deduction. It is great for our campus! Reach out to Kari H. at College Advancement if more info is needed!
- **Announcements**
 - Nominations for Senate Nov. 4-8. Fourteen seats currently open.

- Senate Elections Nov. 11-15.
- Budget and Planning Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed
- Budget and Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Representative Needed

- **Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM**