



## **Senate Meeting Minutes 10/7/2024**

**Present:** Cheri Rossi, Genevieve Salerno, Barbara Davies, Leslie Barger, Mark Sullivan, Doug Holub, Brian Bean, Megan Wolfe, Lori Tremblay, Max Dehne, Ivaylo Rachev, Cheryle, Levitt, Shannon Shoemaker, David Brower, Jason Cash, Heather Schwarz, Dan Davis, Chelsea Mathieu, Mary Bonderoff, Nazely K., Lisa Tessier, Alice Krause, Michael Tweed, Lou Reyes, Jr., John Padovani, Ruth Ehrets, Carrie Fishner

**Proxies:** Carrie F. proxy for Kari Haugeto

### **Meeting begins at 4:31 PM**

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

### **Approval of Sep. 23, 2024 meeting minutes**

Motion to approve made by Jason C, second by Shannon S.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 11 yes, 0 no.

**Updates: President – Mary Bonderoff** – Hope semester is going well! Thank you for all of your efforts. Busy semester and great having students out and about and engaged. Quick updates: save the date for May inauguration. Email will also have request if you are interested in serving on that committee. Fiscal responsibility among the many things already in discussion about that date and that week. Tonight at 6:30 peace vigil in Agora, possibly inside due to weather. Civil discourse plan to SUNY put forth and we are awaiting feedback on that. Many good things in the works. Andrea Dibble will be supporting both David and I. Searches moving forward for VP student Life and Provost. Review of candidates and final submit by date upcoming. Hoping to have people lined up to bring to campus next semester. October 18<sup>th</sup> week of Athletic Hall of Fame. November 2 the Cross Country Championships will be held at the golf course and that night, some folks that Bob Backus has coached years ago are holding a retirement dinner in conjunction with Alumni Affairs and Advancement at Bluestone. Michael Sullivan and I took trip to Buffalo for visit to Northland which is an onramp workforce development center. Follow up meeting to hear more about process and potential opportunities for Delhi. Sustainability, Carter Strickland, came to visit regarding sustainability plan. We are looking at ways to add more sustainability programs throughout the system. Asked them to pull the number of students who are enrolled in those programs so we can find ways to do joint partnerships with other programs. David had done great work opposing programs that are competing for students that are

showing interest in our programs. Senator Oberacker has to campus a few times and continues to show his support.

When funding becomes available, we are hoping they will vote in favor of SUNY Delhi and the work that we are doing.

Alice K.: Can you talk more about the civic discourse plan that we had to make for SUNY?

Mary B.: Basically, they were looking for how we've been educating campus on Title six, as well as things that have been happening on campus and through orientation. Internal document to ensure things are happening and we are engaged and working with community to support faculty staff and students.

Genevieve S.: Great to see traction on this, especially when there was a resolution that came through Senate on this very thing!

Mary B.: Transfer Task Force and final products will be pushed out soon. If you have not seen the sustainability plan, let us know and we will get that out to folks.

Doug H.: Any other questions? Thank you Dr. Bonderoff!

**Interim Provost Updates: David Brower:** Wanted to share more broadly. Degreeworks overhaul project is underway. No timeline yet. Open forum Bush Hall 131 at 12:30 and will also be offered virtually. We move forward with academic assessment committee undertaking major initiative as well as the academic organization assessment working group. Will be meeting with executive leadership team this week to work on details and will have information forthcoming. Academic Achievement Center search committee call to go out soon. Met with Jeff Lauther who is our SUNY System rep for apprenticeships. Also met with Sportsfield Specialties and they seem to be enthusiastic as a potential partnership. I just had an opportunity to meet virtually with representatives from Empire State University on Friday related to a program that they've submitted for an online degree in hospitality management, which is almost identical to what we offer. So more to come on that as we proceed on. A \$200,000 grant request to bolster partnership between SUNY Delhi and Samsung as related to heat pumps. Co-awardee to partner with SUNY Cobleskill to work on EV connections for large equipment. Any questions?

Heather S.: Course evaluations. At the beginning of the semester, you solicited on course evaluations to make sure that students were answering them more effectively. I had mentioned perhaps it could be a requirement for students to do the course evaluations in order to get their grades released. There seemed to be support in the room at that time. Where are we at with that?

David B.: I have not brought that forward yet, but I have to make sure we are exploring that correctly. Will talk to Mary and also SUNY Legal.

**Presider Updates: Doug Holub:** I have attended the annual senator parliamentary campus gov leader training in Saratoga Springs. Learned about how to write resolutions, shared governance, and networking opportunities. Got to see a lot about what other campuses do. Everyone is different to some extent, even within SUNY. Planning on meeting monthly with leaders of the two unions we are involved with, CSEA and UUP to talk about current concerns and if there is any overlap and where to particular concerns fall within their scopes. We also had a successful at Mary's place. Thank you, Mary. It was excellent.

**Trainings reminder (Shared Governance & Robert's Rules):** Please make sure you complete the trainings.

**Committee requirement reminder.** All senators are required to serve on a senate committee, please touch base with me or Cheri if you need a committee and are interested.

### **Old Business**

Academic Senator for VP Student Life Search Committee needed. We would like to have Senator on APAC. Academic Senator. We also need someone to serve as an academic senator on the VP for Student Life Search Committee.

Academic Program Assessment Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed

### **New Business**

Shannon S.: In Curriculum Committee last Tuesday, we came up to a concern that has to do with our members. Lars S. role as chair of the committee will be ending his term at the end of next semester, but this is the year we started to use Curriculog, which is a program that he had a huge part in designing and implementing. We would like to extend his term for a full calendar year in order to help facilitate a smooth transition to that new program.

Doug H.: Lars stepped in during a mid year term.

Alice K.: They have been like for a while.

Doug H.: We have a motion from Shannon S. to extend Lars S term as chair to June of 2025.

Made by Shannon S., and second by Lori T.

Discussion:

Michael T.: Is Lars ok with serving for an extra semester?

Doug H.: Yes, he has confirmed that he is willing to serve. Any other questions or concerns. Seeing none let's put this to a vote.

Vote taken:

Yes: 14. No: 0. Motion passes.

Doug H.: I will let Lars know. Any other new business? Ok before you all go, I wanted to show this to you all. Next meeting, there will be 14 new proposals that we need to vote on. But you have access now to these proposals through Curriculog. I wanted to show you how to access Curriculog.

Lisa T.: Alice, Doug and I will be attending SUNY UFS October 24 through 26 so if you have any questions you want us to bring, regarding the tech sector or CGLs please let us know.

Heather S.: Just to clarify, since I am sending notes out what are CGLs?

Lisa T.: CGLs is Campus Governance Leaders.

Heather S.: Thanks!

Doug H.: Anyone else? I am staying on in case anyone has an issue that people might not feel comfortable bringing forward in a large group or in Senate, please come to me and I will make sure it stays anonymous. We want to continue to keep our conversations open.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.**