



Senate Meeting Minutes September 23, 2024

Present: Kari Haugeto, Mark Sullivan, Genevieve Salerno, Shannon Shoemaker, Barbara Davies, Louis Reyes Jr., Lisa Tessier, Lauren Sloane, Doug Holub, Ivaylo Rachev, Megan Wolfe, Lars Schweidenback, Lori Ciafardoni, Jason Cash, Marc Evans, Chelsea Mathieu, Max Dehne, Michael Tweed, Dan Gashler, Beth Boyd, Shawn Brislin, Nazely Kurkjian, Heather Schwartz, Alice Krause, Brett Meckel

Proxies: Kari H. for Carrie Fishner, Megan W. proxy for Cheri Rossi, Max D. for Brian Bean, Barbara D. for Leslie Baringer

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM

Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute. Please remember to vote using the hand gesture offered in Teams. We will be taking two separate counts for votes for and against.

Approval of Sep. 9, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Kari H., second by Beth B.

Vote taken: 17 yes. 0 no. Motion passes. Minutes approved.

Updates: President – Doug H. – Mary B. was scheduled but was taken away due to student wake. No specific notes were left so next up is the strategic initiatives.

Past Presider/Exec. Dir. for Strategic Initiatives – Alice K.: Nazely and I just wanted to give updates on how to proceed. Last semester the college senate endorsed initiatives put forward. Initiatives were arrived at through survey and committee and senate, and open forum. Great group pf initiatives were created. Last week, presented to the College Council and CC endorsed as well. This week will be going to student senate and will be soliciting their support and participation moving forward. We would like to call them strategies because it is a term used more broadly, as well as due to some feedback we received at the open forum last year. You will start seeing various calls for participation on tactics. Now is themes, goals, strategies and tactics. You might have noticed in Delhi Today for people to participate in retention council. Will also be putting out calls to work with tactics committees or to form other groups to work on specific tactics. Any questions or if you remember something that you would like to work on, please reach out to me or Nazely. We are happy to get you working on some of those tactics. We are hoping that we can get a good draft of the tactics by the end of the Fall semester. Any questions?

Doug H.: Any questions for Alice?

Presider updates : Doug H.: In meeting with Interim Provost David B, some information regarding DW and SICAS was brought up. Will be starting the week of the 23rd. Faculty search guidelines, some additional information requested and some additional time requested by Cabinet. Course eval questions have been approved and will be implemented as soon as possible but that is not going to occur this semester. Soonest is Spring semester. Promotion guidelines updates: still working its way through SUNY. There is some work being done on communication between res. Life and academics regarding students possibly arriving late and missing things. Some discussion about changing when a person might be able to change a class, specifically when they are changing a major. Last day to add a class is at the end of the first week, but the changing of major occurs on the Wednesday of the second week. Some discussion about the possibility of allowing people who have changed majors to add classes during that time (after the deadline). Will require instructor approval for that to occur. Any questions?

Lisa T.: Clarification. Would that have to go to Academic Policy for further discussion?

Doug H.: I believe so, yes. Not been set yet, discussions are just beginning. Time for committee reports. Nazely?

Nazely: I think I am part of new business to share information on SEM progress and retention council.

Doug H.: After we do committee reports, can you go after that? We will ask committee chairs and representatives that if they have anything they want to add, to please raise their hands. Any Committee Chair who has submitted a report, do you have anything to add?

Lauren S.: Wanted to let everyone know that Academic Policy Committee is just about fully populated. Now we are just about to full capacity.

Doug H.: Any other updates to give? Any questions to ask? Ok Nazely, you have the floor.

SEM Progress and Retention Council Updates: Nazely K.: Thank you, Doug. Hi everyone. When I started in August of 2022, Mary B. tasked me with putting together strategic enrollment plan with focus on recruitment and retention strategies. Lots of work went in to this. What has been done on recruitment side includes streamlining communications through CampusLogic, hiring online admissions counselors, FAFSA completion efforts which resulted in 79% of students completing their applications. EOP and CPASS initiatives. International student participation (establishment of PDSO and DSO). Articulation agreements still under development. Working with Mark S. to better track students who are coming from BOCES, community colleges and other places to see if those articulation agreements are working. Branding related to recruitment and correlates with recruitment as well. Press releases, admissions, digital marketing campaigns and a new web calendar which will be live soon! Listserve for parents to sign up for. Retention council did lots of work last year, which started last October. The original structure of Steering Committee made it difficult for all people to meet at the same time, but working groups met consistently. Good representation across schools. Lou and others worked on the inaugural pre-commencement ceremony. UDL and enhancing

quality of academic classes as part of our DEI efforts. One Stop is open. Will share these slides. A lot has been done and continues to be evaluated. We still have a ways to go as well. New structure for retention council will have one steering committee and one working group. Working group will gather pertinent information to share with steering committee. Been working on framework to help understand the student journey. Creating a more cohesive retention strategy.

Doug H.: It is preferred if you have a question, to please raise your hand instead of putting it in the chat as chat can be very difficult to monitor.

Old Business

Academic Senator for VP Student Life Search Committee needed. Doug H.: Anyone want to nominate themselves? Seeing none, if anyone is interested, please let me or someone from the E-board know so we can get that position filled. We need to have good communication between academics and student life, and this is a great place to start.

New Business

Academic Program Assessment Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed:

Doug H.: We need an Academic Senator rep for this. Anyone willing to self-nominate?

Genevieve S.: This could count as your committee service, which all senators must serve on at least one committee.

Doug H.: Yes! True thank you.

College Senate Resolutions Committee has an open seat for a Senator: Doug H.: For any senator to help write and develop resolutions. Heather are you self-nominating?

Heather S.: Yes, I am!

Doug H.: Anyone else? Do we need to vote on this?

Alice K.: No, only if we populate outside committees.

Doug H.: Thank you, Heather! Lisa, are you currently the chair?

Lisa T.: Yes, for now. We are happy to have Heather join us!

Doug H.: Any new business? Seeing none.

Announcements

Doug H.: College Senate Social (all senators invited): Mon., Sep. 30 at 4 pm at President Bonderoff's house. Please consider attending!

Adjourned at 5:23 PM.

