

# SUNY Delhi.

## Senate Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

**Present:** Brian Bean, Carrie Fishner, Max Denhe, Kari Haugeto, Doug Holub, Nazely Kurkjian, Lisa Tessier, Brett Meckel, Louis Reyes Jr., Heather Schwartz, Shannon Shoemaker, Mark Sullivan, Lori Tremblay, Chelsea Matthieu, Dan Davis, David Brower, Jason Cash, Lori Ciafardoni, Barbara Davies, Dan Gashler, Julia Rios, Michael Sullivan, Genevieve Salerno, Beth Boyd, Michael Tweed, Mary Wake, Brian Bean, Megan Wolfe, Max Denhe, Jason Cash

**Proxies:** Megan Wolfe for Cheri Rossi, Barbara Davies for Leslie Barger

**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 Aug. 26, 2024 meeting minutes :** Motion for approval by Dan G, seconded by Barbara D.

Discussion: None

Vote taken: 15 yes, 0 no. Minutes passed.

**Updates: Provost update: David Brower:** Classes are full and students appear engaged. Meetings with advisors and faculty. Thanks all for facilitating that. Congrats to Vet Sci faculty and staff, Dean Meckel, the construction crews and all involved in getting that project off the ground and completed. Peer mentors did a fantastic job. Is not just Vet Sci, but also Applied Science folks as well. Looks great! Wanted to also mention that the American Culinary Federation Team will be hosting a reception and invite will be forthcoming. Working with many activities and tasks in academic affairs, including Restructure (Academic Assessment Working Group) folks. Now have monetary information and we are actively seeking faculty and staff input. Thanks to the reps who are working on that group. Early first thing tomorrow we will try to put something out for the Prior Learning Assessment Group. Diligently working on microcredentials. Abby Brannen-Wilson will be hosting info session soon on how to get involved. Any questions?

Doug H.: Academic Reorg Assessment Working Group. What is the composition of that group? Reps from all areas on campus, mainly academic? Can you elaborate?

David B.: Three reps from each school, RAAC, Library, and rep from UUP and CSEA.

Doug H.: VPs are not included in that?

David B.: That is correct.

Doug H.: Anyone else? No ok, thank you very much. Michael Sullivan, did you send me an email about the scholarship applications?

Michael S.: I don't have the full answer on when it opens and when it closes. I will have to follow up. Last year, those applications opened on Feb 12 and they stayed open until today. Typically the scholarship awards for the following year are done in May. My expectations are that will run similarly to last year.

Doug H.: The decision is made in May, but it is kept open longer than that?

Michael S.: Yes, they are kept open because at times, students may not accept awards, or continue in the same major. We leave them open for some time in order to guarantee that all students who have applied get a chance at the award.

Doug H.: E-Board met with Mary B. and David B. One topic of discussion was Title VI training and protest policies. Degreeworks needing updates is still in process. SICAS will be making chances for this program. Faculty search guidelines were on the agenda for cabinet, course evaluation questions were also on the cabinet agenda. David?

David B.: Search committee composition is still under discussion. But we did endorse the student evaluation of instruction questions.

Doug H.: Faculty promotion process is undergoing development.

David B.: UUP reps and management are negotiating locally. We have come to an agreement of terms we think are appropriate. Now it goes to SUNY for approval and then it goes back to us for the development of an MOU to be signed between union and management. More info for people going up for promotion will be forthcoming.

Doug H.: Student residential situation. Nineteen students without housing when last we touched base on this. Most of this has occurred due to students not following procedures or missing deadlines. John Padovani sent out a Delhi Today giving more info on that. Any questions?

**Presider updates: Trainings reminder (Shared Governance & Robert's Rules): Doug H.:** Reminder about Shared Government trainings and Robert's Rules of Order. Should take about 20 minutes to go through both. Then you have to check off that you went through training and will be awarded a certificate of completion.

**Committee requirement reminder:** You must serve on a committee which can include a search committee or chancellor's award committee. We do not yet have a list of openings on committees at this time but will have it up soon. If chairs of committees could send me a report, I will be able to update it.

## **Old Business**

### **Vote for Search Representatives:**

**1) Provost:** Is there anyone who wants to nominate for the provost ballot?

Kari H. and Lori T. self nominate for positions on Provost search. Vote taken. Shared out with group.

Kari H. and Lori T. win the Provost Search .

## **2) VP Student Life**

Does anyone want to put their name forward for VPSL academic senator nominee?

Geevieve S.: Great time to collaborate with the folks in Student Life!

Heather S: How long does it take, what are the parameters?

Doug H.: What are the parameters and timeline for the VPSL search?

Mary B.: We hope to move relatively quickly. A month for ads. Strong pool of candidates. First round interviews this Fall and depending on how quickly people are reviewing candidates, then have in person interviews in the spring, and then late spring make an announcement for who is hired.

Barbara D. self nominates to be on search.

Vote taken. 100% votes for Barbara D. Congrats!

Doug H.: Please make sure you take the Search Committee training. Academic policy committee staff position is looking for nominations. Another committee to get involved with.

### **New Business:**

#### **Academic Policy Committee Representative: Staff (open to all non-academic staff).**

Genevieve S.: Next call for nominees is going out in 9/11/24 Delhi Today.

Lisa T.: There is a SUNY conference February 7th through 9th called Public Good Use: Strengthening the Case for Public Higher Education, it will be held in Albany again February 7th through 9th, and soon they will be calling for. A call for submissions for that and there are a variety of different themes, so it might be a nice conference for anybody that's interested.

Doug H.: Any other new business or announcements?

Lou R.: Lunch and Learn on Sept 18, 2024 from 12 to 1:30 Lunch and Learn to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month Awareness and Humility to Affect Change in Higher Education. Speakers including SUNY Oneonta President, CUNY chancellor and a couple others there. September 13 will be hosting a Latin band which is really exciting.

Doug H.: Anything else?

Lori C.: Current Chair of the adjunct award has too much on their plate to commit for this year so if you are interested, it is a great way to serve on a quick committee. If anyone is willing to swap their chair position, please contact me.

Doug H.: That's all everyone. I will stay in case there are questions. See you in two weeks.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.**