

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes January 29, 2024

Present: Mark Sullivan, Leslie Barger, Alice Krause, Laurie Jones, Eric Wagner, Louis A Reyes Jr., Marc Evans, Lindsay Walker, Cheri Rossi, Bret Meckel, Lauren Sloane, Doug Holub, Shannon Shoemaker, Kristy Fitch, Doug Gulotty, Beth Boyd, Max Denhe, Shelly Jones, Michael Sullivan, Dan Gashler, Simon Purdy, Kari Haugeto, Lisa Tessier, Shawn Brislin, Caitlin Bartlett, David Brower, Joyce Shim, Mary Bonderoff, Brigid Finn-Maguire, Jackie Madden, Yassir Semmar, Chelsea Mathieu, Michael Tweed, Lori Tremblay, Jason Cash, Nazely Kurkjian, Karen Teitelbaum, Lori Ciafardioni

Proxies: Erin W. proxy for Jenny Collins.

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

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

Motion to approve minutes from December 11, 2023 made by Doug H.; second by Beth B.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes; 0 no.

Updates:

Acting President Mary B. – Happy first day of classes, thanks for your work last semester. Appreciate all the professional development that happened during the break. Open enrollment and sustainability plan, thank you for that work. Delhi faired really well based on the chancellor's report. Middle States visit is Feb 26 and 27. Thank you Erin for all you have done and continue to do for that. Positive feedback so far, so hopefully that will be a very positive engagement. Strategic Plan to be shared out very soon. Enrollment applications are the highest in the sector. Thank you for the Accepted Student Days and to folks who are working them. Retention Council is doing great work already. Things have come up that we can address such as the One Stop. Athletics' teams 2.98 average GPA and we are really proud of the support our athletes get. Men's basketball 2.89, highest it has ever been. And the Chancellor is visiting. We will be getting schedules out. They want to focus on interns. If you have an intern that you would like to have participate please let us know. Regional Innovation Council that day as well, bringing industry to campus so he can see what we are doing to connect our school to industry. Phase 4 of Facilities Master Plan. Some renderings for new building that would support mechatronics that we will be using to fundraise and further connect with industry to get that off the ground. Appreciate Construction Fund for getting the architects to move so quickly on the design of that. Tomorrow is O'Connor Center for Community Engagement 25 year anniversary.

Questions: none.

Interim Provost : David Brower – Welcome back all and welcome to Spring semester. Quick reminder to make sure that your course syllabi are uploaded to the portal so we have access to those as needed. Academic Forum dates and times are included in the Delhi Today as well. They are scheduled as follows: Feb. 29, 2024 at 12:30 PM; March 22, 2024 at 8:00 AM; April 29, 2023 4:30 PM (virtual only)

As Mary mentioned, we welcomed our Reboot students and January transfers back. Thank you to Jeff Stedman for his work on the Reboot Program. Students checked back in on campus on Friday and had a weekend of programming to get them off to a strong start. About 100 students in that program. Middle States visit. Progress of finalizing reviewers. Liaison VP mentioned that there has been a change in the number of people coming to campus. Now a team of 3 plus Dr. Sciple and Fred Hildebrand all coming to campus. No schedule or agenda yet but will provide that when it comes. APAC – met twice in January and discussed programs, industry demands. How can we make those programs that are experiencing less enrollment but have the capacity to expand able to do so? More to come from the committee members on that. Microcredential task force is in Phase One. Phase Two will be more academically focused, chance for faculty to be more involved in that. Degreeworks has been a pain point for many, through some grant funding we had an opportunity to start a conversation with SICAS in Oneonta met with Registrar's Office on campus to engage them in about 125 hours of service to get Degreeworks up and running. Revisions continue

National Institute of Student Success: Unfortunately we were not selected to participate in this for this round. As mentioned in initial call, if they had an overwhelming response to the call, they would seek additional funding so more campuses could be involved.

Lisa T. – I was not able to put syllabus in the ShareDrive space, but put it in Brightspace instead.

David B. – I will send out instructions again

ErinW. – Bronco reboot program. Is there a point person for that?

David B. – I recommend Jeff Stedman.

Senate Committees

E-Board – Alice K. : Did not meet on January 22 with either groups. Started student course eval workgroup preliminary discussion.

Operations : Cheri R.: Seat stays vacant until May because no one stepped up to run.

Bylaws : Continuing to look through revisions and Senate will be able to view it very soon.

Resolutions : Lisa T. : Nothing to add

Scholarship – Shannon S. : Nothing

Academic Policy : Lauren S. : Nothing to add.

Academic Promotion – Nothing to add.

Promotion Committee : Marc Evans : nothing to add.

Alice K. : Great assessment day! Great job organizing it, the guest presentation was thought invoking and it was a very productive day.

Budget Committee : Doug H. : Nothing to add

Campus Life : Yassir will be stepping off as chair. Alice to work to transition to new chair.

Yassir S. : Been great serving!

Chancellor's Award Executive Committee : Lori C. : We submitted paperwork for Distinction Award which is a momentous amount of work so thank you to all. Nominees have been sent in.

Continuing Term Appointment : Nothing to add

Curriculum Committee : Erin W. : Nothing to add.

Equity Council : Nothing to add.

APAC : Simon P. : Met in January. We have begun to narrow down a number of degree programs for recommendation and review.

Faculty Search Committee : Lindsay W. : Did not meet will send out another call to find meeting time.

Retention Council Steering Comm. : Nothing to add

VP Finance and Admin. Search Committee : Nothing to report.

Alice K. : Thank you for your work on these committees and for your continued work.

Old Business

Budget & Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Rep – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee): No nominations.

Alice K. : We will keep this on the agenda so we all know there is a spot. We do have a nominee for APAC.

APAC Non-Academic Senator Rep – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee). One nominee for staff rep. Kari Haugeto. Ballot will be put in the chat for everyone. [Ballots submitted and

counted] Congrats to Kari! You have been elected and thank you for your willingness to serve on that committee.

Alice K.: It is great to have you on there, Kari!

Kari H.: Thanks for opportunity and look forward to doing my best.

New Business

Academic Policy Proposal: Course Withdrawals – Lauren Sloane (Academic Policy

Committee). Brought to us for an amendment for the EOP Summer Program.

Motion to approve Erin W. second Doug H.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 22 yes; 1 no.

Administrative Responses to Resolutions – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee): You have access to these. Overall very positive and support of these resolutions. Some of this has already been discussed.

Alice K.: I would like to echo Lisa's responses about the promptness and the mention of shared governance. It is appreciated. These can be found on the SharePoint site.

Course Evaluation Questions Working Group – Erin Wagner – Talked with faculty about the questions and there has been some discussion about where this should go. Working with Dr. Brower and his office for the potential of researching this with the union for best practices. Can we find questions that are free of bias, work with all schools, and apply to SUNY Delhi. If interested in being in this work group reach out to Erin or Alice.

Alice K.: When we talk about student evaluation, anything that has to do with process, it must go through Union. Management has prerogative over content and that is where we come in as the shared gov. body. Similar process to what we are doing with the search guidelines. Will be on agenda twice for us to discuss and vote on and then it will go to administration.

Lisa T.: Another thing that we have seen is a decline in filling them out, so anything that can be creative or an incentive to increase participation rate would also be helpful, might be outside the scope of the work group, but worth mentioning.

Erin W.: Yes that is definitely important. Might be outside of our scope but I agree it is important.

Alice K.: There are some volunteers in the chat. Would like participation from different schools.

G: Can this be a non-senator. Faculty or staff?

Alice K.: Yes, it can be anybody! Thank you, Erin for getting us started on that. Any other new business. Any announcements?

Announcements: none.

Adjourn at 5:21 PM