

# SUNY Delhi.

## Senate Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022

**Present:** Genevieve Salerno, Leslie Barger, Mark Sullivan, Terry Hamblin, Robb Munro, Cheri Rossi, John Padovani, Laurie Jones, James Warren, Shannon Shoemaker, Lindsay Walker, Lars Schweidenback, Alice Krause, Shelly Jones, Mary Bonderoff, Lisa Tessier, Lori Ciafardoni, Jennifer Collins, Kristy Fitch, Beth Boyd, Kaleigh Herman, Susan Deane, Michele Frazier, Simon Purdy, Dave Wakin, Doug Holub, Jason Cash, Doug Gulotty, Daniel Gashler, Mary Wake, Max Denhe, Tyler Lowell, Lauralea Edwards, Michael Tweed, Michael Sullivan, Louis Reyes Jr., Brigid Finn-Macguire, Joyce Shim, Chelsea Mathieu, Bret Meckel, Erin Wagner, Dave Brower, Lori Tremblay

**Proxies:** Leslie B proxy for Leonel Diaz

**Meeting called to order at 4:32p**  
**Jan 30<sup>th</sup> first mtg of spring semester**

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

### **Approval of November 28, 2022 meeting minutes**

Motion made by Doug Holub, seconded by Jason Cash

Vote taken: Yes -- 26; no – 0 ; abstentions -- 0. Motion passes.

### **Updates: Officer-in-Charge – Mary B.**

Thank you everyone for your work, commitment to students and campus. Appreciated and observed. Many were at Social on Friday. Thanks! Hopefully you got to see Grease. Mission and vision last approval is due at college council so it can be finalized and ready for Middle States. Mark has been presenting, admissions and enrollment team doing great. Applications are up. Budget Fireside Chat, process will be shared on Jan. 12 Opening Meeting. Any questions please reach out. Smaller subcommittee to be formed. Enroll process moving forward well. Goals and tactics are being developed. Open forum at some point in new year for feedback. Lots of representation right now and that's good. Thomas and Deans, curriculum planning moving forward. Senior council and opening meeting in January. Newsletters to be created to share with everyone. Great NYC trip, faculty from hospital and Dean Brower joined as well as many alumni. So much energy. Very invigorating. Have a great break!

Doug H. – When are the dates for the meetings mentioned?

Mary B. – Assessment Day is Jan. 11, Open Meeting Jan. 12 (10a to 12p), Senior Council Jan. 12 2 to 4.

### **AVPIE – Lauralee E.**

Wanted to come back to change name to online.online.edu. one takeaway was question about naming something else after Pres. Vancko. Per naming policies of SUNY, naming policy is prohibitive. There is a scholarship named after Pres. Vancko, so there is that, but if we wanted to have another naming convention, it would require a huge donation and we do not have enough to do that.

Genevieve S. – Was a donation made for the naming of the online Vancko Hall format and if so, can that be transferred to something else?

Lauralea E. – Pres. Vancko did give money for scholarship but not Vancko Hall. That was named while she was president, which makes this situation different.

Lori C. – Since there was no donation for structure, was that the workaround?

Lauralea E. – Suny policy is broad about what we can name. If this is something college senate would like to pursue, we can see if we can raise funds to name something after her? Happy there is a scholarship already named after her.

### **Mission and vision – Lauralea E.**

Thank you for support at last meeting, cleared student and college senate. Leadership team voted on it today. Cabinet felt that leadership team voting on this would be good for Middle States, even though it is not required by Standard One. Last place it needs to go is College Council. Thank you to all. Next step is planning process for new strategic plan which will be launched in summer of 2023. Middle States had annual conference this year in Philadelphia. Was there last week. Mission and vision is on cutting edge of what is happening in higher ed. Huge push for students to be involved in civic engagement. DEI throughout the standards included and a more data informed focus in all standards. Removing requirement for midcycle visit. Locally, self study is ready to go. Is going to marketing and communication soon to be beautified. Thank you for all of the hard work, and thank you Erin W. for evidence and all the work you have done. Confident we have good product. Assessment Day related to Middle States.

Academic open forum news: request to have open forum specifically on curricular planning. Looking to schedule that sometime after the holidays. Intent is to keep it minimal. Will be built upon as we progress.

Questions: none

Alice K. – Thank you for your attendance at these meetings and what you bring to them!

E-board—Alice K. – Leadership meeting ideas for Senior Council Meeting. More info to come in Delhi Today. Budget process being finalized. More info at Opening Meeting. Working to

make sure our processes are in place and that shared governance has a role in that as a senate. Enrollment updates were discussed as well as more Bronco Ready Days and Student Acceptance Days. Please keep those dates open. Bylaws and budget and planning will be opening at different points this week. E-board mtg with Mary B. this Wednesday. Please forward any questions you'd like discussed with Mary B. to any member of the E-board. Alternate election nominations going on. Looking to fill in for Shelly Jones who will going into sabbatical during the spring. E-board and chair of Academic Policy met with the Deans and Provost last Friday to talk about admissions and submissions to the academic process. Came up with good ideas and fixes to improve policies and procedures. Will be getting in touch with committee tomorrow to discuss. Updates to follow. Resolutions comm approached student senate to work on local resolution for menstrual product availability. Congrats on all your work Josh Lopez!

## **Old Business**

### **UFS Resolutions – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee)**

#### **Perkins Loan Repayment –**

Two different forms of Perkins Loans. They are based on who is holding the loans. Asking to suspend payments retroactively to match the federal loan. They both have opt-outs. Asks that SLSC drops fees and collection activities. Complicated on how student chooses to arrange their plans, which can influence on this as well.

Motion to vote made by Terry H., seconded by Erin W.

#### **Questions?**

Kristy F. – Did some research and follow up: looks like what the fed government enacted was voluntary and SLSC opted out of that because it would have made it too complicated for them, so it seems like if they thought that was too complicated, maybe they won't want to change what they are doing with this resolution either. Also, the onus is still on the students and should stay that way.

Cheri R. – Speaking not in support of this resolution. Feeling is SUNY had reasons for making the decision they made. They are not obliged to follow the federal government's process. Asking them to return money that the student will have to pay back again anyways seems wasteful on time and resources. Also SLSC has processes in place for borrowers who are experiencing hardships. Does not provide all information to make this decision because it fails to mention these services that are already built in to these loans.

Erin W. – Speaking in support of this resolution – and thank you for the research Kristy and Cheri. Resolutions like this might not get the effect that we want, but it shows our students where we stand as far as being in support of our students. Loans can be predatory.

Vote taken: yes – 16; no – 8; abstained -- 4. Motion passes.

UFS res in support of the commemoration of Karen Markoe. First SUNY President of UFS that was a woman and recognizes her commitment to shared governance

Motion made by Jennifer C and seconded by Shelly J.

Discussion? None

Vote taken: yes – 26; no – 0; abstained – 1. Motion passes.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion: write-in candidates for College Senate elections – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee)**

Just a discussion to see where the senate stands on write-in ballots. Currently write in vote is included on all senate election ballots. Process is cumbersome and needs improvement. Would like it brought to the floor for discussion. Write-in is common practice. Traditionally it needed to have a statement written by write-in ballot candidate to avoid surprises, but so far, there are still surprises. Consistently, this statement is not always secured. This can result in schools and areas of staff that have no representation if a write-in elected senator turns the seat down. We would like to avoid this. Does anyone have any ideas?

Comments or Questions?

Lori C. – Some things would have a write in candidate but isn't there somewhere in the bylaws that says there is the option of self-nomination? Does there need to be a write-in option? Maybe strike it? Hopefully people are having discussions before they are chosen to serve in the Senate.

Erin W. -- Agree with Lori and thank you for bringing it up. If you want someone to run who has not nominated themselves, then you should talk with them and make sure they want to run anyways. Maybe cut this out.

Alice K. -- Any other comments? The way it works with bylaws is we take these shared in senate very seriously.

Michele F. – If you take off write in nomination section, won't that mean you have more empty seats? What is the goal of this policy, to fill seats? If so, then the write in is important.

Cheri R. – Goal is to streamline the process.

Genevieve S. – Why do we have it in the first place?

Cheri R. -- Not really sure because it's been passed down.

Brigid F. – Is there a permission that is supposed to be there that we aren't following for whatever reason?

Cheri R. -- We provide a write in and if you do that, you need to obtain written permission from the person you are nominating but there have been problems with that.

Lisa T. – We are grateful to all those who asked to serve, agreed to serve!!

Alice K. – Thank you Lisa! We are happy to have everyone serving on senate right now! We just want to see how to clean up the process if we can in some ways.

Lori C. – Just did a quick search. Purpose of write in on ballot : when a candidate is asking for the vote. That means it implies there is some knowledge by the candidate of this election taking place. Clear process with informed and verbalized consent should be part of that.

Cheri R. -- Thanks all!

### **Bylaws proposal: Removal of IAB – Cheri R. (Bylaws Committee)**

Will be voted on in January. Mandating by NCAA and SUNY, but the IAB is not a senate committee so it should be removed from senate bylaws.

Alice K. – this is not a senate committee. Reason why it was in the bylaws originally is because there is a memorandum that says consultation needs to be done with them but it can be done in many ways. Membership changes frequently.

Lori C. – Point of clarification? Do we have a seat on this committee?

Alice K. – No but senators are free to serve on it in another role.

Lori C. – Then if it's not as a representative of senate, I think we should remove it.

Alice K. -- Will be on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> agenda to be voted on.

### **December curriculum proposals – Lars Schweidenback (Curriculum Committee)**

Architecture has changed some prereqs. Mechatronics updated GEs.

Motion to vote made by terry H. and seconded by Jason C.

Questions? None

Vote taken: Yes – 26; no – 0; abstained – 0. Motion passes.

Nursing: Allied health 202. Math GEs aligned with GE changes. Compliance with AAS and BS being worked on. RN/BSN degrees also updated.

Motion made by Terry H. and seconded by Doug H.

Questions: none

Vote taken: Yes – 26; no – 0; abstained -- 0. Motion passes.

Business and Hospitality. Two new courses created. Name change to course. Changes to Healthcare Management Degree and Business and Tech Management Degrees.

Motion to approve made by Shelly J. and seconded by Jason C.

Questions?

Louis R. – point of clarification. For removal of two Linux courses, assuming this decision is to stay up and relevant to programming languages?

Lars – Yes.

Vote taken: Yes – 26; no – 0; abstained -- 0. Motion passes

LAS – LAS courses have been aligned with new DVRS guidelines. Education courses updated. GE updates and changes to teacher education courses. Environmental and social justice aligned with DVRS guidelines. DVRS to general studies and special topics in literature. GE updated to general studies Humanities and Social Sciences AA.

Motion made by Michele F. and seconded by Lori C.

Discussions: none.

Vote taken: Yes – 27; no – 0; abstains – 0. Motion passes.

Veterinary and Applied Sciences: DVRS added to recreation to special population. Creation of new vet specific DVRS course for DVRS GE. Prereqs changing for all courses and GEs aligned in AAS and BS courses.

Motion made by Lindsay W. and seconded by Terry H.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: Yes – 25; no – 0; abstains -- 0. Motion passes.

GE updates: Will try to get the rest of the degree tracks finished by our next meeting. Please try to get AOS done as soon as you can because of the different requirements. I have been re-elected to serve in committee again! Math placements can be placed in banner! If you want math placements as a pre req, please let curriculum committee know so they be can put it in banner.

Alice K. -- Anyone have any questions?

Lisa T. – Some schools and programs are creating their own diversity classes. Are any allowing students to take the diversity class outside of their schools? This will allow us to calculate need.

Lars – Sustainability students outside of major can take it. Applied sciences are major restricted. Every other program is saying take any DVRS. Major specific ones (CJ, Sustain and AS are major restricted)

Lisa T. – Thank you.

Alice K – Any other questions? Thank you for all the work curriculum has done for GE's this year!!

**Announcements – none.**

**Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.**