

# SUNY Delhi

## Senate Meeting Minutes November 27, 2023

**Present:** Mark Sullivan, Genevieve Salerno, Alice Krause, Laurie Jones, Leslie Barger, Erin Wagner, Doug Holub, Lauren Sloane, Lindsay Walker, Lisa Tessier, Shannon Shoemaker, Jennifer Collins, Jason Cash, Dan Davis, Misty Fields, Brigid Finn-Maguire, David Brower, Simon Purdy, Yassir Semmar, Cheri Rossi, Beth Boyd, Lori Tremblay, Dan Gashler, Chelsea Mathieu, Doug Gulotty, Marc Evans, Mary Bonderoff, Kristy Fitch, John Padovani, Nazely K, Lars S., Brett Meckel, Max Dehne, Shawn Brislin, Joyce Shim, Lori C

**Proxies:** Erin W. proxy for Shelly Jones.

**Meeting called to order at: 4:31 PM.**

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

**Approval of November 13, 2023 meeting minutes:**

Motion made by Jason C., seconded by Doug H.

Vote taken: 19 yes; 0 no. Minutes approved.

### **Updates:**

**Acting President, Mary B.** – Thank you for all you have done so far! Thank you for those who have stepped up to assist with the sustainability plan that we are submitting to SUNY. You have important perspectives. Sustainability plan being discussed at the next Fireside Chat. Student Advisory Board has been helpful for hearing student concerns and ability to address them. Parking and food are on the list. CADI was very responsive to the issues and students seem happier. CSCA Leadership team in January to work on what labor management is and how to work closer together. All Good Things Group trying to bring industry back to New York state. Possible survey source in the future very similar to the marijuana processing lab. Work continuing on the development of micro-credentials. I have attended many Alumni Events.

The Alumni Office has done a wonderful job. Innovation Council at 3:00 PM at Bluestone tomorrow. Twenty nine participants so far. Retention Council taking off shortly. More to come as we look at data and come up with strong plans to help students. Announcement went out about voluntary separation agreement. More to come on that. System has to approve it before we can get into more details about that. Trellis is helping us look at Nursing RN to BSN program and some online opportunities.

**Middle States (Interim Provost, Erin Wagner). David B.:** Thank you for this opportunity. MS found us out of compliance with Standard 6. Requiring we submit monitoring report to make sure we develop and implement a plan to ensure we are in compliance with Standard 6. Small task force put together to address the issues. Next steps: submit it, peer reviewers will come to

campus. Team will meet with stakeholders from across campus. Schedule is upcoming. Secondary report for follow-up as well.

Erin W.: Would like to keep it simple. Document given to Alice and is posted in documents on Sharepoint. Hoping to come back at next Senate meeting and answer any questions. One section is an introduction, then narrative and analysis and conclusion. Still working on editing it so if you notice any glaring discrepancies please let us know. Please be aware that Middle States also updated their standards so if you notice a discrepancy in that, that is the reason.

Alice K. – if you want to take a look at it, it is under today's materials. Feel free to share this for feedback.

Thank you for working on this! Erin thank you, your work is solid and helpful!

### **Senate Committees**

E-Board – Shared Governance Award application has been posted. Feel free to take a look at it. It is in Sharedrive. E-Board continues to meet with leadership and with each other so share your thoughts and feedback with us so we can bring them forward during our meetings.

Cheri – Operations – One person came forward for the College Advancement Area Staff Seat. That election is going on this week.

Alice K. – The rest will remain vacant until election in spring.

Resolutions Committee – Lisa T. – Nothing to add.

Scholarship Committee – Shannon S. – No changes.

Academic Policies: Lauren S. – If no feedback given to your rep please do so. We are talking about minors policy.

Academic promotion – Lars S. – Nothing to add.

Assessment – Marc E. – Nothing to add.

Budget and Planning – Doug. H. – No updates.

Campus Life – Yassir S. – No updates.

Chancellors Award Comm – Cheri R. – Nothing to add.

Cont. Term Appointment – Any questions?

Curriculum Com. – Lars. S. – Nothing to add.

DEISJ – Dan G. -- Since my last Senate report we had some emergency meetings to fill out the DEI portion of the campus plan required by SUNY at the end of November, so we worked out strategies to increase and maintain enrollment in 10 categories defined by SUNY including groups like first generation students, international students, adults in the workforce...and seven other categories.

THE EIAB group also met to decide whether we like the mission statement that Erin wrote last summer; we do. Like most committees we want a student. We want to better report on and advertise what's happening on campus already that's DEI related. And we seem to have strong feelings on how to incorporate SOUP into an acronym relevant to our renaming as a committee.

Erin W. – Not a question but an add-on. We are going to look on more time at the mission and values of the committee. Please look forward to receiving a copy of what that framework will look like before the end of the semester.

Doug H. – What does SOUP stand for?

Erin W. – I believe it was generated out of fun. We are trying to move away from it as an official name. Maybe Equity Council.

Lori C. – The council I was at was JEDIS. Maybe we could use that!

Academic Program Assessment Com. – Simon P. – Last meeting end of October. Another one coming up in December. Need to select programs for review and how to identify them to see who needs support and to potentially explore that are low cost and in demand. Laura Lea on her way out shared a cost analysis with us that may be useful in the assessment in programs. May need more contextualizing.

Faculty Search Committee Working Group – Lindsay W. – Working every other Monday to create consistency in faculty searches. Doing a great job in its beginning phases.

Retention Council Steering Com. – Leslie B. -- We will be meeting tomorrow.

Lisa T. – Question in regards to searches. I hope the committee will clarify voting. Lindsay, I request that the group consider defining how votes are handled on search committees. Ex. Do we follow Roberts Rules like normal? Does a majority of the committee carry the vote, can a chair overturn a majority vote or not, etc.

## **Old Business**

Budget & Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Rep – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee)

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**UFS Resolutions: Executive Budget Advocacy, Micro-credentials, Endorse SUNY Potsdam Resolution – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee)** Asking that Keith Landa be able to be involved in conversations with SUNY for budgeting purposes and advocacy.

Erin W. motions, seconded by Leslie B.

Discussion: Erin W. speaking strongly in favor of this. UUP also does advocacy around budget and state. The more all of our units get aligned, the better it will be for us.

Genevieve: Make sure you let me know proxy vote.

Vote taken: 19 yes; 0 no. Motion passes

Micro credential – can student use financial aid to seek out these micro-credentials and other accessibility issues. This is meant to be applied to micro-credentials that give credits.

Motion to endorse made by Erin W., seconded by Cheri R.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 22 y; 0 no. Motion passes.

Endorse UFS Potsdam – Questions about transparency and data in their stability plan which initially included cuts to 14 programs. Asking for all campuses to include shared governance in these types of discussion.

Motion to endorse by Doug H., seconded by Cheri R.

Discussion:

Erin W. – Potsdam president and others involved in these decisions have done incredible work.

Kristy F. – I have concerns that we are voting on something and we do not have all the information at our disposal. What are the repercussions to this? We do not know enough to make an informed decision.

Alice K. – Financial stability plan they are talking about is not the same as the one we are working on. This was one that was specific to their campus.

Erin W. – I hear your concerns. I know there were concerns that the data that was used to make the decisions was erroneous or not contextualized well.

Alice K. – At the point that this was endorsed at UFS, no paperwork had gone in yet. SUNY UFS vice president is from Potsdam and provided some context to this.

Jennifer C. – Want to piggy back on Erin. Not involved in SUNY-wide senate but read the documentation that is available. Seems there was a misrepresentation or obfuscation of data. This could help us see SUNY's point of view better in the future.

Lisa T. – Vice President of SUNY UFS is from SUNY Potsdam and said it was done without consultation.

Genevieve : How will this matter for Potsdam or Shared Governance?

Lisa T.: I will report back to SUNY which resolutions campus endorses. This is something we should be paying attention to. Chancellor responds to each resolution we pass so it will also reach his desk and our administration's as well.

Vote taken: 20 yes; 1 no.

### **New Business**

Alice K. – Was a great moment of solidarity at the plenary which was great to see.

### **November Curriculum Proposals – Lars Schweidenback (Curriculum Committee) :**

School: Vets courses

Motion to approve 4 through 9 made by Doug H., seconded by Lindsay W.

Vote taken: 20 y; 0 no. Proposal passes.

Nursing Arts and Sciences courses 22-115 and 7 through 21

Motion to endorse made by Lori T., seconded by Jenny C.

Cheri R.: Lost track of numbers. Have question about a course. How will travel courses be funded?

Lars S.: Yes. Most comments have said it will be of no cost to students. But there is in the course proposal a 5 point plan. To summarize, it is a combination of student activity fees, fundraising, CADI grants, other grants, and rate pricing trips.

Brigid F.: What changed again with the Bio degree?

Lars S.: Same courses, but different order now. All we changed is the order of courses in order to make it easier for people who want to major in it and to serve the vet sci and nursing students as well.

Vote taken: 21 y; 0 no

Lars: Course restrictions and pre-requisites changed for School of Architecture. 22 through 31  
Motion to endorse made by Max D., seconded by Jason C.

Discussion:

Kristy F. – ARCH 400. Part of that is an issue for registrar and financial aid if courses span more than one semester. Making it repeatable is helpful for this.

Vote taken: 20 y; 0 no. Pass.

**Announcements none**

**Adjourn 5:39 PM**