

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025

Present: Brian Bean, Karen Teitelbaum, Genevieve Salerno, Shannon Shoemaker, Cheri Rossi, Megan Wolfe, Barbara Davies, Lauren Sloane, Doug Holub, Beth Boyd, Jason Cash, Lars Schweinback, Mary Wake, Sanum Shafi, Leslie Barger, Joan Erickson, Carrie Fishner, Amber Boulay, Marc Evans, Alice Krause, Dan Davis, Mary Bonderoff, Heather Schwartz, Michael Tweed, Shawn Brislin, Max Dehne, Nazely Kurkjian, Robb Munro, Michael Sullivan, Lisa Tessier, Lori Tremblay, David Brower, Lori Ciafardoni, Ruth Ehrets

Proxies: none indicated.

Meeting start at 4:32 PM

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

Approval of Feb. 10, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Jason C., second by Sanum S.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes, 0 no. Minutes approved.

• Updates:

Provost – David B. – Pedagogy of Real Talk application going live soon and will go out this week. For those interested, watch for those applications. Both teaching and non-teaching faculty are being sought. Launch call from the National Institute of Student Success today. Overview provided and ultimately will be beneficial for campus and all involved. David B. project sponsor, Nikki Hoffman and Nazely K. will be leads. More info will be provided about process so people have holistic understanding soon. Looking at the implementation of ACE and ASAP programs. Presented with opportunity to consider joining second cohort. Could be good tool for retaining students. Thanks Dr. Wagner and Chelsea M. for their work in putting together Middle States monitoring report. Was submitted early! Thank you! Will be part of a Tri campus AI symposium this summer. Faculty are interested in participating in that. Initiative between SUNY Delhi, Oneonta, and Cobleskill. Students who are serving in the reserves – Gov. Hochul has called the Reserves which may impact our students in some way, please be flexible with them if they are being called to duty.

President Update – Mary B. -- Legislative breakfast in Albany and met with reps there and talked about SUNY Delhi with them. Construction Fund money was a topic of discussion and there was a lot of positive press for that. Thank you to groups coming together for the Strategic Plan and for all who are involved in that and in the Senior Council. Helpful to the work we are doing to understand the student journey.

Presider Update – Doug H. – Met with President and Provost to discuss reorganization. Still in the works. Financial considerations as well as needs of the college are being factored in. Committing to more communication around due dates and materials for promotion guidelines. Academic probation and dismissal will utilize SLATE for the tracking process, but it is not possible to merge with faculty emails. There will be a searchable database accessible to all advisors to check out academic standing of advisees.

David B.: List of students will be on Academic Advising ShareDrive that will have a folder for academic standing where all material will be stored. Looking to analyze the processes that are best for getting students back on track.

Doug H.: Starting this coming Saturday, the library will be open from noon to 4 pm! Thank you David B., Mary B., and Heather S. for making that happen! Please forward any law enforcement seen on campus to UP.

Discussion about processes if a complaint regarding faculty and staff comes through.

Mary B.: HR will notify me and then I will pull senior leaders together to have a discussion about next steps. Was checking on website but not sure if it is there yet.

Heather S.: Can you speak more regarding the group of leaders?

Mary B.: It would typically be myself, Chelsea M., David B., and potentially a dean depending on what the nature of the complaint was.

Doug H.: Faculty search guidelines have been posted on HR website. Faculty promotion is still waiting for SUNY approval. Needs to be reviewed and then a memorandum of understanding needs to be returned to SUNY. Then it will come back for signatures from UUP and SUNY Delhi.

Ruth E.: SUNY sent it to the governor's office.

Doug H.: Aiming for 60 more students enrolled during the next academic year. MOU being created between us and SUNY Oneonta, and potentially SUNY Binghamton. Also looking at growth in the online area.

Nazely K.: With the Oneonta partnership it would focus on the dual degree nursing programs. We are also looking at the implementation of other programs. Online enrollment has been up.

Committee Chair/Liaison Reports

Doug H.: Document posted with reports from committees. Two documents added including CADI board of trustees update and Campus Life. In the meeting ShareDrive folder on SharePoint. Any chair/liaisons have anything they want to add about your reports?

Lauren S.: Policy Committee: Dismissed Students Policy has been sent out, please continue to collect feedback from constituents.

Marc E.: Assessment Committee: No updates. We are meeting this Friday.

Lori T.: Resolutions Committee: Meeting soon and will have some resolutions in the works!

Nazely K.: Monday the 10th we will be having a Women's History Month Gathering in the Centennial Lounde from 1 to 2:30. March 13th will be a graduation fair for students who will be graduating to get petitions completed and connect with student services, etc.. Mental health summit March 28th, Open house March 29th. Student life leadership awards on April 1st.

Carrie F.: Inauguration Committee: pay attention to the announcements that are coming out and RSVP if you are walking in the professional and notify us if you need regalia. April 3rd at noon and we hope to see you there!

Old Business

Resolutions Response June 2024

Doug H.: Any comments or questions about what has been uploaded into the ShareDrive?

Lisa T.: Most responses are very supportive and feel free to read them. We are waiting for one more response from June and we look forward to sharing that as well.

Barbara D.: One question about the Financial Literacy part. A number of people were not campus anymore or are in different positions. I let Lori know.

Doug H.: Yes my understanding is that it is in the works.

New Business

Posthumous Degree Policy

Lauren S.: Some new information received from SUNY guidelines caused us to pull our resolution, review and amend it. Here it is with the SUNY guidelines followed very closely. Very meaningful for families of those lost. A way of honoring the student and their family. A show of compassion.

Motion to approve made by Heather S., second by Lori T.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes, no 0. Policy passed.

Mary B.: Thank you to all who worked on this. It is a kind gesture and so appreciated.

Curriculum Proposals

Lars S.: AUTO 121 – taking course and making it repeatable for students who wanted to drop from AAS to AOS to resolve credit issue created by this transition.

Motion to approve made by Cheri R., second by Michael T.

Discussion:

Cheri R.: What does repeatable in this context mean?

Lars S.: You can take the course for credit multiple times instead of only earning the credit for the course once. Is currently limited to taking it twice.

Cheri R.: Does that mean there is different subject matter for each course?

Dan D.: It's a three hour lab where students work on cars so it will be different each time.

Vote taken: 17 yes, 0 no. Proposal passed.

Announcements

Academic Program Assessment Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed

Budget and Planning Committee Academic Senator Representative Needed

Non-academic Senator Representative needed for the Vice President of Student Life search committee is now closed.

Heather S.: Calendar Committee will be evaluating the spring semester calendar for 2026 (specifically seeking feedback on one break vs. two breaks). A link to a survey will be in the Delhi Today and will also be distributed via email from my office (by way of Andrea Dibble)

Lisa T.: April 1st from 4-5PM the student achievement showcases as part of the week's events and encourage students to attend too (in the library).

Meeting adjourns 5:36 PM.