

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE of *Montclair State University*

Montclair, NJ 07043

1. The April 13, 2011 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Senate President Dr. Saundra Collins.

2. Recording Secretary Dr. David Benfield called the roll. Present at the meeting were the following members: Adarkar, Alvares, Benfield, Chapel, Chatterjee, Chrite (Hollister), Collins, Cutler J, Gardin, Gingerich, Hain, Hunt, Lakusta, Lemesianou, Morrissey, Nurse, Oluwole, Pardo, Pennington, Poon, Powell, Roberts, Specchio, Sullivan, Topic, Wilson, & Wolfson.

3. The minutes of the March 23, 2001 meeting were approved with the addition of the following: “In response to Senator Sullivan’s question about soil samples, Provost Gingerich asserted that the University undertook a very thorough environmental analysis of the soil at the site before proceeding with the purchase.”

It was noted that the recent weekend event for accepted Freshmen and their families was attended by over 3,000 persons of whom 1,100 will be members of the Class of 2015.

4. Senator Alvares provided the Elections Committee report. For the 2011 – 2014 term, Dr. Danne Davis was elected from the CEHS and from the SBUS Chiao Chang and Zaman Zamanian were elected.

5. Provost Gingerich provided the report from the Administration. He reminded everyone that on Saturday, April 16th the Student Research Symposium will be held. There will be over 240 student presentations. On Monday, April 18 the University will hold its celebration of authors of books and articles. There will soon be a booklet listing peer reviewed articles published during the last year. A grants celebration is coming and it will celebrate proposers as well as winners.

Senate President Collins asked the Provost to address the new policy for schedule changing. The Provost noted that the university will now require students to have Freshman advisor approval for a schedule change, especially for a change that would involve switching out of a Friday class. Dr. Bryan Terry, Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Student Academic Services, explained that students should be sent to the New Student Experience office for advising concerning proposed schedule changes.

6. Senate President Collins provided the Academic Affairs Council Report. Dean Morrisey of the CHSS introduced Dr. Melinda Knight, Professor of English.. Dr. Knight described the plan to provide a common book experience for undergraduate students, especially incoming Freshmen in the Academic Year 2011-2012. The program will be known as “The Montclair Book 2011” and the book chosen is “The Geography of Bliss” by Eric Weiner. [It was published in 2008 by the Hachette Book Group, NY, NY and is now available in paperback.]. Dr. Knight headed the

