

- I. The December 17, 2014 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:13 pm. (Collins)
- II. Roll Call (Sadowsky) Present: Alvares, Ambrose, Benfield, Charlot, Collins, Jerry Cutler, Fails, Ficke, Gainor, Gardin, Gaynor, Giacobbe, Gill, Gingerich, Gurskis, Hollister(representative), Lal, Lucas, McCann, Mengara, Montesinos (Cottrell), Murray, Oosting, Pennington, Powell, Prezant, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, Trubatch, Wilson, and Wolfson.
- III. Approval of November 19, 2014 minutes ~~Approved by Alvares 2~~ by Mengara, motion passed with 3 abstentions.
- IV. Good News/Announcements
 - a.

According to the Constitution a petition of 5 senators or 5% of the faculty shall be sufficient to
 to the agenda a motion to include the president of the adjunct union as a non-voting member of the Senate, was received at the end of the October meeting and the text was included in the October minutes. This petition was signed by Senators Gaynor, Ambrose, Gardin, Samuels, and Sullivan. The President referred this item to the Constitution Committee and they addressed it in the proposed updates to the Constitution.

- b. The second petition, to add to the agenda a motion for an amendment to the Constitution on term limits for the eboard, was signed by Senators Brook, Gaynor, Gardin, Samuels, and Sullivan. The President referred this item to the Constitution Committee for swift deliberation and feedback.
- c.

g. Senator Wolfson requested clarification on how policies are generated. The provost discussed the mechanism that took place to develop the 8 new policies that were approved 18 months ago. He stated the policies start with the institution and evolve. A retention committee of faculty and administrators worked on developing the policies, they went through several drafts and were seen challenging.

h. President Collins charged the academic affairs council with reviewing academic dishonesty. A question was raised as to what kind of data Turnitin.com is allowed access to and how they are able to use the data. The provost stated that their renewed contract was approved and he will look into this question.

VII. Academic Affairs Council Report - no report

VIII. Administrative Affairs Council Report

a. Chief Cell and new Director of Emergency Management, Matt Gallup, reported on the new emergency plan that is in development and is currently under review. In the new year