

I. The February 19, 2014 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:09 pm. (S. Collins)

II. Roll Call (Sadowsky) Present: Alvares, Ambrose, Benfield, Chapel, Chatterjee, Chrite, Collins, Cutler, Davis, Fails, Gardin, Gaynor, Gingerich, Grinberg, Gurskis, Kelshaw, Kelton, Lakusta, Lal, McCann, Mengara, Murray, Nurse, Pardo, Pennington, Peterman (Jenkins), Poon, Powell, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, and Wolfson (representative).

III. Approval of November 20, 2013 and December 18, 2013 and January 22, 2014 minutes – approved.

IV. Good News/ Announcements

- 1) A moment of silence was observed to acknowledge the passing of John Cali

V. Elections Committee Report (Alvares) – The at-large election is taking place with the new EVS system. This caused some confusion due to the email that was sent. The election will close on February 21.

VI. Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees Report - No report

VII. Report from Administration (Provost Gingerich)

- 1) Montclair received ratings for credit-worthiness of A1 by Moody's and AA by Fitch, both with stable outlook. This rating is better than New Jersey's. Moody's gave us a commendation.
- 2) The Dominican Republic is dedicating 4% of its annual GDP to education, technology and STEM education. Montclair will be a part of the training process for STEM education.
- 3) The provost has been in touch with the registrar to look at how we can recover some instructional time lost due to the snow days. This is a great chance to look at online opportunities. We don't anticipate closing for the rest of the semester. The provost appreciates the resourcefulness and inventiveness of the many people who made efforts to help their classes meet and make up the lost time.
- 4) There is a new research misconduct policy posted on the OSRP website. This update was based on a number of institutions' policies and was required to stay in compliance and maintain eligibility for federal research funds.
- 5) Dr. Chapel reported on the ongoing switch from Blackboard to Canvas. The switch will be complete in Fall 2014 and we already have 500 courses being taught using campus. We are behind schedule in having faculty being prepared. A lot of training is available, including self-paced online instructional materials. We'll engage more directly with the provost, deans and chairs to track training and ensure readiness for everyone. We will offer training for departments, one-on-one and scheduled trainings. We are figuring out the transition of Turn-It In and 18 months of archived Blackboard courses. The provost stated that so far students have stated they are delighted with Canvas.
- 6) A question was asked regarding emails sent to faculty and students implying that students should ascertain road conditions before deciding to come to campus on snowy days but faculty should hold class. The provost stated that the email meant faculty cannot make arbitrary decisions to cancel classes and if faculty decide it is hazardous to come to campus they need to inform their students and departments that they won't be there.

VII. Academic Affairs Council Report – (Cutler)

- 1) Change in Undergraduate Course Proposal Form – the new online form has a new section named "course requirements" which must include how the grade is calculated. This is a concern since different instructors may teach the course differently and this may be a violation to academic freedom. The council is discussing it, and there are no conclusions yet. Please let Senator Cutler know your comments. Dr. Cote-Bonanno stated that the form was looking for what was expected by the developer of the course at the time. She is happy to discuss it further so it can be clarified. Senator Cutler formally invited Dr. Cote-Bonanno to the academic affairs council meeting.

VII. Administrative Affairs Council Report (Kelton)

- 1) Committee of the Whole Discussion on Proposed Social Media Policy – the Administrative Affairs Council will generate a report for the Senate and Provost taking today's comments into account. The Provost addressed concerns about first amendment rights stating that the administration defends faculty vigorously and values intellectual freedom. Vice President Chapel stated the policy flows from the

general purpose and intent of the overall guidelines for responsible use. The intent is to provide the freedoms of expression referenced but to be definitive to disclaim when people are talking on behalf of themselves vs on behalf of the University. Dr. Pennington highlighted the need for individuals to place a clear line between what they do personally and professionally.

- a. There was a general concern over the “no expectation of privacy” clause. This has the potential