

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE *of Montclair State University*

*Montclair, NJ 07043*

The March 28, 2012 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:09 by Senate President Sandra Collins.

- I. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Kathy Sadowsky called the roll. Present at the meeting were the following members: Allen, Alvares, Benfield, Chapel, – Approved as amended with the addition that the 6 interdisciplinary Core will be absorbed into free electives.

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ns acknowledged Michael Allen who directed 8 which featured President

ys to Men Conference took place Friday, March 23. Hundreds of young men  
to campus from 20-25 high schools, prim

provided to move materials securely to this format. Moodle has been around for 7-8 years and has lots of outside support, so it is a safe bet. Both Moodle and Blackboard will work on Apple and Android devices. Dr. Chapel also stated that we should be doubling email storage capacity come the fall pending BOT approval. We are not looking to go to cloud-based ownership at this time because there has been a lot of controversy about changes to Google security.

VII. Academic Affairs Council Report – Jason Dickinson

- a. The recommended changes to General Education passed a faculty-wide vote. The Provost's message about changes to Gen Ed has come out and the Council will meet to discuss how to begin the conversation about General Education.

VIII. Administrative Affairs Council Report – Milos Topic – nothing to report

IX. Student Affairs Council Report – Michael Allen

- a. We will be soliciting essays for the Senate Book award (\$100 to the Bookstore). The topic will likely be about the tobacco policy on campus.

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hrs/week). There are no programs to prevent students from working. Only 11% of students are working over 20 hours per week on average, but students are often choosing to work more hours at poor times (during holiday/finals season, for example). Human resources should be able to provide data on how many on-campus jobs are available. We get \$600,000/yr from the government for work study.

X. NAL Report –David Benfield

- a. The procedures for librarians' range changes have been negotiated.
- b. The administration wants to be able to say when you can use 10 of your vacation days. They are not negotiating locally on Fridays off until statewide negotiations are settled.
- c. Elections are coming up.
- d. April 25 from 11:30-1:30 is a day of action on campuses throughout the state to move negotiations along. Wear your blue.

XI. New Business

- a. Issues from Campus (CART, CEHS, CHSS, CSAM, SBUS, Librarians, Prof. Staff, At-Large)
  - i. Professional Staff – We are hearing the expectation for the summer is that we will be expected to work M-R 8:30-4:30 and then use 10 vacation days for those Fridays, in addition to the vacation days we need to take after Thanksgiving and sometimes between Christmas and New Years.
  - ii. CEHS - The Department of Health and Nutrition is being heavily impacted by the removal of the Scientific Issues requirement and would like to resubmit those courses under other categories of Gen Ed. Is there anything the Senate is planning to do to work with the Gen Ed committee to expedite the process of getting these courses approved? The curricular process is outside the Senate, but we did convey these concerns to the President and Provost. Someone from the department can be present at the meeting of the Academic Affairs Council as they begin setting up the discussion on Gen Ed.
  - iii. All of the paper towel dispensers have been removed from University Hall and replaced with hand dryers. This is a sanitary concern and an issue of noise pollution, as well as the fact that we can no longer wipe up spills. The goal is to have this happen in all the buildings. The plan is well-intentioned but has bad effects. We should bring back the paper towels. The Administrative Affairs Committee will look into this concern.

XII. Adjournment at 4:24 pm.

Minutes Approved April 11, 2012

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Sadowsky, University Senate Recording Secretary