

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE of Montclair State University

Montclair, NJ 07043

- I. The November 18, 2015 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 6:09 pm. (Collins)
- II. Roll Call Present: Abrams, Allen, Alvares, Brook, Collins, Jerry Cutler, Jonathan Cutler, Fails, Ficke, Gainor, Gardin, Gaynor, Gingerich (Bonato), Higgins, Hunt, Kelton, Lal, Mengara, Misra, Murray, Noonan, Nurse, Parashar, Pemberton, Powell, Prezant (Schneemeyer), Rosa, Sadowsky, Salzman, Specchio, Sullivan, Trubatch and Wolfson.
- III. Approval of October 21, 2015 minutes – motion passed
- IV. Good News/Announcements
 - a. Senator Noonan announced a memorial service that took place in honor of George McDonagh, an adjunct in the Political Science Department who had passed. He encouraged emails sent to the campus community to acknowledge the death of adjuncts as well as the full faculty and staff.
 - b. Vice President Cutler introduced the new director of compliance in Human Resources: Junea Williams.
- V. Motion to Amend 1995 Constitution
 - a. Senator Mengara moved that: “The Constitution Committee be given formal existence in the Constitution of the University Senate and, therefore, be formally created as proposed, and the Committee on Committees and the Nominating Committee be dissolved, and many of their functions/duties be remanded to the Constitution Committee and the Elections Committee as proposed and redefined in the amended ARTICLE III, Section E.5., ARTICLE IV, Sections C.2., C.3., and C.4., new ARTICLE VII (old ARTICLE VIII), new ARTICLE VIII (old ARTICLE IX), and new ARTICLE IX (old ARTICLE X).” This is Motion 5. Senator Alvares seconded the motion.
 - b.

h. New Article VIII, "University Senate Committees," Section C, "Reg" was discussed next. Currently, the Academic Technology Committee is the only committee of the University Senate, but this language can cover possible future committees. Jerry Cutler suggested changing the language in number 1 from "Collective Bargaining Agents" to "exclusive bargaining representatives." Senators questioned whether committees should be able to send procedural recommendations to the administration without first having them vetted by the Senate. Senator Trubatch moved to strike part 2 ("All committees of the University Senate shall report procedural recommendations directly to the concerned administrator with a copy to the appropriate Council" from Section C. Senator Sullivan seconded. Senator Alvares suggested that parts 2 and 3 be combined to read, "All committees of the University Senate shall report procedural and policy recommendations directly to the appropriate Council and with the approval of the Senate to University bodies and administrators." Senator Trubatch accepted the friendly amendment. It was confirmed that friendly amendments do not need to be voted on, but simply accepted by the person who made the motion. Due to time constraints, the Constitution conversation was postponed until next month.

VI. Report from Tobacco Policy Task force. Dr. Deborah Fisher and Dr. Marie Cascarano

- a. The Task Force was convened in November 2012 and first reported to the Senate about 18 months ago, when it seemed that legislation on tobacco use on campus was moving through the state. This legislation is languishing, so it is time for the Senate to act on the recommendation.
- b. Secondhand smoke is classified as a Group 1 carcinogen, meaning a safe level of exposure to smoke cannot be identified. The increase in smoking of college youth has grown by 60% since 1990.
- c. On February 27, 2013 there was a 3 hour open forum to allow stakeholders to express their views on a 100% tobacco free campus. The overwhelming consensus was in favor of the proposal, although some veterans asked for an option to smoke somewhere on campus or use chewing tobacco.
- d. There is been a 109% increase from 27 (in 2007) to 55 (in 2012) of the 36 (0a) 402 0.0 (1.3) (1) 2 (w) 7 (1-3)