

## **THE UNIVERSITY SENATE of *Montclair State University***

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*Montclair, NJ 07043*

1. The November 17, 2010 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Senate President Dr. Sandra Collins.

2. Recording Secretary Dr. David Benfield called the roll. Present at the meeting were the following members: Adarkar, Alvares, Benfield, Chang, Chatterjee, Chrite, Collins, Cutler, Cutler J, Dickinson, Gaynor, Gill, Gingerich, Howell, Hunt, Kelshaw, Lemesianou, Loysen, Mengara, Meneghin, Morrissey (Montesinos), Nurse, Oluwole, Pardo, Poon, Powell, Prezant, Roberts, Rodak, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, Topic, Wilson, & Wolfson.

3. The Minutes of the 10/20/10 meeting were approved without objection.

4. Under the heading of very good news Dr. Collins applauded the dedication of John Basilone Hall, a new dorm in The Heights, to the memory of the only WW II Congressional Medal of Honor winner from New Jersey. Senate President Collins attended a workshop devoted to online teaching. She noted that it was so good that it should be offered much earlier in the semester.

5. Senate President Collins and Administrative Affairs Chair Topic attended a meeting of the New Faculty Orientation Program. Among the issues mentioned and questions raised were the following:

a) Could the University be more involved in helping new faculty families to settle in the area?

b) Could there be a more er TJ 0.002 Tc -0.002 Tw 0 -1.141 Td [(P)3.7(r)-2(es)10.6(i)-2.6(d)2(en)12.9(t)-2.6( )]TJ 0 Tc 0 7

existing degrees. Students in a program would take 9-12 graduate credits that would be applied both to their undergraduate major and to their graduate degree. The student then graduates and in one year is able to finish the M.A. These programs allow the University to keep its best students; they increase graduate enrollments, and their existence attracts new students to the university.

The Provost then turned to the question of replacing department chairs with directors. He indicated that University

Jersey. After presenting several detailed slides, Dr. Straker-Banks described the method by which MSU plans to improve its retention rate. It is known as the “Road to Success Initiative” and it contains five elements: the articulation of the vision and goals, the provision of roadmaps, the monitoring of progress, t