

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE *of Montclair State University*

Montclair, NJ 07043

Minutes for November 28, 2012

1. Meeting of the University Senate called to order in SC 419 at 3:05pm (S. Collins)
2. Roll Call (Davis)

Present: Allen, Alvares, Ambrose, Benfield, Chang, Chrite, Collins (president), Cutler, Davis, Dickinson, Ficke, Gardin, Gingerich, Juzdan, Kelshaw, Lakusta, Mahadevan, McCann, Meneghin, Mengara (vice president), Oluwole, Oosting, Pardo, Poon, Powell, Prezant,

last year we experienced Hurricane Irene and that we may have fall/winter storm events in the future. On 11/27/12 the Passaic River Institute sponsored responses to Hurricane Sandy; Power is functioning now. University is in process of conducting a study of trees on campus in relation to power lines to determine if any preventative measures, to avoid loss of power, might be necessary

- Provost Gingerich reported that Middle States has reaccredited MSU programs without conditions. All reports reviewed, accepted and passed with flying colors.
- As of today, applications for spring 2012 sabbaticals have been received by provost.
- Decisions will be finalized by 12/3/12. The new sabbatical schedule and process are posted on VPAA/Provost's website.
- Also posted in VPAA/Provost's website are videos of 2012 Montclair State Distinguished Scholar Yasemin Besen-Cassino, Associate Professor of Sociology and 2012 Distinguished Teacher Christine A. Lemesianou, Professor in the School of Communication and Media. At a later time Provost will announce the spring date for Dr. Besen-Cassino to discuss her research. In the future each awardee will receive their own website (page).
- Provost Gingerich was asked about the % (portion) of campus that will be serviced by the new heating and cooling system currently underway on campus. Provost is unsure5(.)-1(P)3(r)3(ov)-1

- faculty; students are precluded from exams and projects when they are denied BB access; when students are precluded what obligations do faculty have?
- Wolfson—how many students were affected?
 - Terry (AVP Enrollment & Student Academic Services)—804 students denied on 1st

- Gardin—where are the letters sent—home address; personal email?
- Terry—MSU makes 10-12 attempts to contact students, then move to classrooms, and faculty who aren't told to proceed
- Alvares—reiterate PT faculty needs to receive better communication; dept chairs receive notification of room changes why not contact chairs regarding students being dropped?; communication problem exists; the last date for paying bills can theoretically allow students to complete the course; there needs to be a different incentive structure to rush people into paying their bill; not being able to register is another option
- Juzdan—communication isn't clear to different groups; underlying problem is to find a way to work with students, faculty, and staff; a policy is needed
- Wilson—must do something given the outstanding debts; spoke of personal experience with MSU unenrolling students for outstanding debts
- Kirk—what's the timeline; has this endured beyond the fall 2012 semester; the bill must be at least \$2,000
- Mengara—