

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

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*Montclair, NJ 07043*

1. The October 20, 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, Chapel, Chatterjee, Chrite (Moskowitz), Collins, Cutler (Jenkins), Cutler J, Dickinson, Gill, Gingerich (Ficke), Hunt, Kelshaw, Lemesianou, Lin, Loysen, Mengara, Meneghin, Morrissey (Cottrell), Nurse, Oluwole, Oosting, Pennington, Poon, Powell, Prezant, Roberts, Rodak, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, Topic, & Wolfson.
3. The Minutes of the 9/29/10 meeting were approved.
4. Under the heading of very good news KaiLoni Hayes will be our student assistant again. This thanks to the Provost's generosity. Newly elected senators Dr. Meena Mahadevan and Dr. Jennifer Pardo were officially seated and they both will join the Student Affairs Council.
5. The University Senate Elections Committee reported that elections for 2008-2011 senate cohort will be held in the early Spring of 2011.
6. Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Dr. Joan Ficke, substituting for Provost Gingerich 2(s h)h(eyees.)JTJ fessat(z)1



It was pointed out that MSU's first two online graduate programs must be reported to Middle States as a substantive curricular change. Senator Specchio inquired about the reputation of existing online programs. Several reputable programs were cited: Penn State's World Campus, UMass, & Illinois. MSU is looking to learn from the good ones. It was noted that some online programs require an in-person residency period.

Dr. Ficke said that MSU has been benchmarking various programs for the past five years and the goal is to assure that in any online MSU program Montclair quality is maintained. University deans will decide which among existing programs are to go fully online. Graduate certificates will be among the online offerings. Dr. Ficke remarked that online programs are expensive to mount.

Senator Topic commented that he is thrilled that MSU will be joining the ranks of schools offering online programs but on behalf of his colleagues in the schools and colleges and in central OIT, he hoped that adequate support resources will be provided. Dr. Cote-Bonnano will be meeting shortly with the IT professionals. A question about the research needs of online students was raised.

Dr. Ficke concluded her remarks by noting that the Winter Session will offer as many as 68 courses this year and that in ten days the Chairs Council will meet. A major item on the Chairs Council agenda will be how to prepare for the 2,000 additional resident students in Fall 2011.

9. Senator Dickinson provided the Academic Affairs Council report. The Council will be meeting on Monday at 2:00 p.m. Senators Sullivan and Dickinson will meet with Jerry Collins, Coordinator of Student Conduct