

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE of Montclair State University

Montclair, NJ 07043

I. The September 3, 2013 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 6:06 pm. (S. Collins)

II. Roll Call (Sadowsky) Present: Allen, Alvares, Benfield, Chapel, Chatterjee, Chrite, Collins, Cutler, Fails, Gardin, Gaynor, Gill, Gingerich, Grinberg, Gurskis, Howell, Hunt, Kelsh, Keltton, Lakusta, Lal, McCann, Mengara, Morrissey, Murray, Nurse, Oosting, Pardo, Pennington, Peterman, Powell, Prezant, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, Wolfson, and Yu

III. Approval of May, 2013 minutes - approved

IV. Good News/ Announcements

- 1) L'Shana Tova to those observing the High Holy Days
- 2) The Senate office in College Hall sustained water damage
- 3) We'll be looking at the time lapse between the resolution of parking issues and the release of holds on students' accounts.
- 4) We will hear the first state of enrollment report at the next meeting.

V. Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees Report (Baldwin Chair)

1) No report, but there is a lot of concern from faculty in CHSS regarding scheduling of classes. With higher enrollments it is difficult to accommodate all students, especially when four year graduation is a priority. The provost acknowledged this challenge and stated he is impressed with how the colleges and chairs have responded.

VI. Report from Administration (Provost Gingerich)

- 1) The provost shared a list of new faculty with their bios and research interests. This knowledge can be used to encourage cross-disciplinary and cross-departmental collaboration.
- 2) We have two Syrian scholars on campus in response to an appeal for scholar rescue from the Institute

our students are progressing through their programs at a satisfactory rate to save students time and money and increase their chances of graduating.

- 4) Senator Sullivan asked about the plan for higher education put out by President Obama. Dr. Cole stated that the government wants to spend financial aid dollars where students have access, but the challenge will be measuring success. She thinks Montclair will do fine on the score card but we need to keep it in mind.
- 5) President Cole spoke passionately about funding formulas for state universities in New Jersey, stating that rather than starting with complicated performance funding formulas, the state needs to begin by looking at the basics by setting up an appropriations model that accounts for student enrollment, how many degrees are offered, how many graduates, how many undergraduate and graduate students, the cost of the degrees offered, and what fields are important for the economic priorities of the state. A