

The September, 2012 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 4:05 by Senate President Sandra Collins

- I. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Kathy Sadowsky called the Roll. Present at the meeting were the following members: Allen, Alvares, Ambrose, Benfield, Chapin, Crite, Collins, Cutler, Gardin, Gaynor, Gingerich, Gurskis, Hain, Hukelshaw, Lakusta, Lal, Mahadevan, McCann, Meneghin, Mengara, Morrissey, Nurse, Oluwole, Oosting, Peterman, Powell, Prezant, Rodak, Rubin, Sadowsky, Specchio, Sullivan, Wilson, Wolfson, Yu, and Zamanian
- II. Approval of May 9 2012 Minutes– Approved.
- III. Good News/Announcements
 - a. Welcome to Dean Peterman and Dean Gurskis
 - b. We commend the Office of Government Relations on voter registration efforts for college students. Shivaun Gaines has reported 1400 student voter registrations.
 - c. “Bioethics and the Body Politic” is the theme of National Constitution Day, September 27. Events begin at noon in University Hall
 - d. Jonathan Cutler, Joseph Oluwole and Danne Davis were nominated to be academic affairs council chair, administrative affairs council chair, and interim recording secretary. All nominations were approved.
- IV. Faculty Representative to BOT Report
- V. Greetings from President Susan Cole
 - a. We need to do a lot of cleanup with our academic policies and procedures, many of which are obsolete and don't support student progress. A number of drafts will be coming to the senate from the Provost and VP of SD. Urge you to give them immediate attention so we can get new policies implemented to support student progress.
 - b. The Capital Bond is very important and highly political. It is being put together by politicians, but they are involving the higher ed community. It will fall to us to reach out to our constituents and encourage them to vote for the bond. My goal is to have it passed big because it is only for \$750 million and we need closer to \$3.5 billion. The governor wanted the bond bill small. We want to demonstrate that the people of NJ support higher education. We don't know what percentage of the bond money would be allocated to MSU. The eight state colleges would get \$270 million. We should get a resolution address our top capital priorities. We have several projects, such as the Center for Environmental Life Sciences, slated to be built on the site of the former McEachern, which puts us ahead. The School of Business in Overlook and the Communications and Media facilities are other priorities. There is

d. Comments and questions from senators:

i. Sullivan – the lack of paper towels in University Hall still an issue. This is a

