The meeting was called to order by the chairperson of the University Senate, Brien Smith, at 4:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to LB 125.


Substitutes: Eric Pierson for K. Speirs-Neumeister, Charles Payne for T. Richardson, Jeong Han Kim for P. Spengler, Michael Pounds for M. Steib, Abel Alves for F. Suppe, Deborah Ceglowski for E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk


A motion was made and seconded (Supa/Hozeski) to approve the minutes of October 2, 2008.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

A. Next scheduled meetings

Senate Agenda Committee – December 1, 2008, 8:00 a.m., AT 202F
University Senate – December 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m., LB 125

B. Notice of Change in Office/Department Name

Current Name: Bureau of Business Research
Proposed Name: Center for Business and Economic Research

C. Program Information – Revised Programs

Academic Posting 2008-09, Volume XL-2
Interdepartmental Programs
Women’s Studies
Major in Women’s Studies

Teachers College
Department of Elementary Education
Teaching Major in Elementary Education

Academic Posting 2008-09, Volume XL-3

College of Applied Sciences and Technology
School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science
Master of Arts or Master of Science in Physical Education and Sport
Doctor of Philosophy in Human Bioenergetics
College of Architecture and Planning
  Department of Architecture
    Master of Architecture
    Master of Architecture II (MArchII)

College of Sciences and Humanities
  Interdepartmental Programs – Science
    Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Science
  Department of Biology
    Master of Arts in Biology
    Biotechnology Certificate
  Department of English
    Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in English
  Department of Geography
    Master of Science (MS) in Geography
  Department of Mathematical Sciences
    Master of Arts in Actuarial Science
    Master of Arts in Mathematics
    Master of Science in Mathematics
  Department of Modern Languages and Classics
    Major in Spanish
    Teaching Major in Foreign Language: Spanish
  Department of Sociology
    Master of Arts in Sociology

4. Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – Eva Zygmunt-Fillwalk, Chairperson

  The Governance and Elections Committee did not meet as no agenda items were sent forward.

B. Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

  Barry reported that the council met on October 9 and will meet again next week, November 13. Discussion will be continued regarding the athletic funding issue; Marilyn Flowers, Randy Howard, and T.C. Collins will attend to answer questions. The Salary and Benefits Committee is working on their two issues; there are two issues in the Provost’s Office. Two items from the Faculty Council are on today’s agenda.

C. University Council – Laura Helms, Chairperson (No Report)

D. Campus Council – Matthew Whitlock, Chairperson

  Matthew reported that the issue concerning handicapped parking for faculty and staff has been resolved and will be discussed at their next meeting.

7. Report by Chairperson of the Senate – Brien Smith (Senate Agenda, 10/2/08, Enclosure #1)

8. Questions to the President

  The Chairperson reported that the President is in New York meeting with a donor and sends her regrets. Vice President Terry King is in attendance today if there are questions.
There were no questions.

9. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

11. New Business

A. Proposed amendment to Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook (Senate Agenda, 11/6/08, Enclosure #2)

A motion was made and seconded (Crawley/Umansky) to place on the senate floor for discussion. James Jones, an ex officio member of the Teaching Evaluation Committee, was present to discuss the issue and answer questions.

The motion to approve the revision of the Teaching Evaluation Committee responsibilities carried.

B. Proposed amendment to the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook (Senate Agenda, 11/6/08, Enclosure #3)

A motion was made and seconded (Umansky/Faroh) to place on the senate floor for discussion. Dave Pearson presented the issue and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

The motion to approve the revision of the Procedures for the Selection of a College Dean carried.

C. Request to increase membership of University Core Curriculum Subcommittee for Academic Year, 2008-09 (Senate Agenda, 11/6/08, Enclosure #4)

A motion was made and seconded (LeBlanc/Faroh) to place on the senate floor for discussion. Michael Spillman, chairperson of the Undergraduate Education Committee, was present to answer questions. Discussion ensued.

The motion to approve the request to increase the membership of the University Core Curriculum Subcommittee for Academic Year 2008-09 carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

December 11, 2008

Brien Smith, Chairperson                                      Michael Brown, Secretary

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