



University Senate Meeting Minutes
Feb 16, 2015
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Lower Dansbury

IN ATTENDANCE: John Abbruzzese, Radhia Adam, Abdalla Aldras, Mary Beth Allen, Terry Barry, Todd Behr, Leslie Berger, David Bousquet, Teri Burcroff, Alberto Cardelle, Li-Ming Chiang, Robert Cohen, Esther Daganzo-Cantens, Robert D'Aversa, Chris Davis, Kathleen Duguay, Binetou Fall, Robert Fleischman, Glenn Geiser-Getz, Tom Gioglio, Jon Gold, Michael Gray, Kelly Harrison, Jan Hoffman, Drew Johnson, Johnathan Keiter, Heon Kim, Jaedeock Lee, Clare Lenhart, Kenneth Long, David Mazure, Andi McClanahan, Joe Miele, Edward Owusu-Ansah, Fernando Perez, Pat Smeaton, Leigh Smith, Yoshi Tanokura, Doreen Tobin, Dominique Washington, Nancy Van Arsdale, Daniel Watson, Marcia Welsh, Gene White, Cornelia Sewell-Allen

ABSENT: Julie Alberio-Walton, Richard Connell, Marianne Cutler, Scott Dietrich, Susan Dillmuth-Miller, Ronald Eith, Johan Eliasson, James Emert, Nurun Begum, Brenda Friday, Heather Garrison, Stephanie Gavilanes, Melissa Geiger, Sandra Gordon, Sheila Handy, Peter Hawkes, Yi-hui Huang, Rebecca Keck, Sarah Batool Khan, Efia King, John Kochmansky, Matthew Miltenberger, Mary Frances Postupak, Suzanne Prestoy, David Primus, Leslie Raser, Anthony Ruiz, Brad Seid, Mike Southwell, Thomas Tauer, Qian Xie, Rebecca Zirkelbach

1. Roll Call (Sign in)
2. Approval of Minutes, December 8, 2014
 - Motion moved and seconded to approve the December 8, 2014 minutes.
 - Motion carried.
3. University President Report: response to the senate recommendation
 - a. Recommendation that the university sponsor a series of dialogues or discussions in the spring on race relations and racial climate on climate.
 - Doreen Tobin reported that the university is reconstituting the commission on race and diversity on campus. Based on the mission of the President's commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CORED). (Appendix I)
 - Cornelia Sewell-Allen has begun dialogue and conversations through the campus and the community. (e.g., racing toward a united ESU). Future programs will be held Feb 25 and March 16 in Shawnee Hall.
 - b. The university should explore ways to provide transportation to the polls, conduct marketing of where to vote and conduct earlier voter registration drives for both presidential and midterm elections along with minimizing hurdles to student voting.
 - Jeff Weber addressed the situation and criteria for students to vote. Students have the right to register where they live, either on-campus or off-campus. Several groups (APSCUF, college Democrats, College Republicans, etc.) have run voter registration booths in the University Center.

- Student organizations, political parties, and candidate's election teams have all provided transportation for any student that requires it to get to a polling site. (Appendix II)
 - Andi McClanahan suggests we may inform students where to vote based on their wards and provide provisional ballot for students.
4. Fix the Agenda for the meeting
 - Passed
 5. Old Business
 - Motion (Nancy Van Arsdale): The University Senate requests that President Welsh temporarily suspend any award of the contract for RFP#ESU30-02-Branding-Marketing until the RFP and budget allotment have been thoroughly reviewed by the Budget and Planning Committee to determine that this is a worthy expenditure and until this committee presents a formal report to the University Senate for further discussion. The review of project worthiness would include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the merit of the RFP's stated goals and the cost to the university and an examination of items in the RFP that could be fulfilled using resources of the innovation center and the expertise/input of current university faculty, staff, administrators, and students in marketing and related fields.
 - Motion fails
 6. Proposed Constitution Changes
 - Continue to proceed
 7. New Business
 - Moved and seconded for the senate to resolve into a committee of the whole in order to discuss ways to address the makeup of classes cancelled due to weather.
 - Passed.
 - President Marcia Welsh announced that the University is required to provide a policy for makeup snow days from the middle states.
 - Discussion then ensued. No formal recommendation was made by the committee of the whole.
 8. Announcements
 - Mary Beth Allen announced the senate research committee is now working on a research plan which is part of the academic strategic plan, meetings will be announced for further discussion.
 - David Bousquet reported the admissions office will have 8 open house programs in Feb, March, and April. 1101 people have registered. For open house this Friday, 214 people will be attending. 911 accept reception for March 28 with 659 reservations to date.

- Glenn Geiser-Getz announced on behalf of the Institutional assessment work group of the university assessment committee that students will be receiving an email link to the national survey of student engagement.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

APPENDIX I

CORED Mission

The mission of the President's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CORED) at East Stroudsburg University aims to cultivate a culturally holistic learning environment for all campus constituencies. CORED will make recommendations that are designed to reinforce institutional commitment to the recruitment, retention, and ultimate success of students, faculty, staff, and administrator of color. CORED will encourage an atmosphere of cultural engagement by providing trainings, programs, and initiatives that continuously assess the cultural competency of all members of the campus community and foster a culture of respect, inclusion, and civility.

CORED will:

- Provide programs and training to increase multicultural competence among faculty, staff, and students.
- Use social media to communicate CORED's message of respect and civility.
- Support the active recruitment, hiring, and retention of faculty and staff of color
- Implement mentoring initiatives for faculty and staff of color
- Provide recommendations for strategic organizational policies that enhance diversity and inclusion.
- Support multicultural student organizations through leadership initiatives that complement the intersections of various students' identities
- Encourage continuous dialogue among the campus community through the Race Relations Project and Honest Conversations.

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FEBRUARY 5

SHOWTIME AT ESU AT 7PM STROUD 117

FEBRUARY 10

FINANCIAL LITERACY WITH KEN LONG AT 2PM, UNIVERSITY CENTER

BLACK IDENTITY IN LATIN AMERICA: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT 2PM, STROUD 205

FEBRUARY 11

UNITY MARCH TO SCREENING OF SELMA AT POCONO COMMUNITY THEATER

FEBRUARY 12

"RACE"ING TOWARDS A UNITED ESU AT 7PM, STROUD 117

FEBRUARY 17

BLACK IDENTITY IN LATIN AMERICA: CUBA AT 2PM, STROUD 205

HIP HOP EDUCATION WITH AMIL COOK AT 7PM, STROUD 117

FEBRUARY 19

SOUL FOOD DINNER AT 5PM, LOWER DANSBURY WITH DJ LADY J

FEBRUARY 24

BLACK IDENTITY IN LATIN AMERICA: MEXICO & PERU AT 2PM, STROUD 205

PARTY CRASHERS: FITTING IN OR INTRUDING AT 7PM, LINDEN PROJECT ROOM

FEBRUARY 25

HONEST CONVERSATIONS: FIRST AMENDMENT OR FOUL PLAY AT 7PM, SHAWNEE LOUNGE

FEBRUARY 28

AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL FROM 1-4PM, KEYSTONE ROOM



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APPENDIX II

STUDENT ACCESS TO POLLING

PROBLEM: There is a perceived problem that our students are hindered from voting because the polling places are not accessible to them.

The University Senate Voted on and passed the following resolution:

That the university explore ways to provide transportation to the polls, conduct marketing of where to vote and conduct earlier voter registration for both presidential and midterm elections, along with minimizing hurdles to student voting, like the possibility of where the polling places are located.

The Situation

In order to vote a student must be registered to vote. To register to vote in Pennsylvania you must be: A citizen of the United States for at least one month before the election; a resident of Pennsylvania and the election district in which you want to register and vote for at least 30 days before the election; and, at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election.

A college student has two choices on where to register to vote. College students have the right to register where they live now, whether that is an on-campus or off-campus address; or, they may choose to register or remain registered and vote at their home address.

Several groups (APSCUF, College Democrats, College Republicans, League of Women Voters, and American Democracy Project) have run voter registration booths in the University Center in the months leading up to elections (both primary and general) – typically the voter registration drives have started as early as the beginning of September.

The Political Science Department and the American Democracy Project have sponsored information sessions and candidate debates prior to presidential and mid-term primaries and general elections. Voter registration information and forms were available at these events.

Polling locations are established by the Monroe County Election Bureau.

The polling location for students residing in the dorms: Laurel, Shawnee, Minsi, and Linden is the Salvation Army; for Hawthorne and Hemlock it is Lower Dansbury; for University Ridge it is JT Lambert Intermediate School.

For students residing off campus the polling location depend on where they reside off campus. For example students living in apartments on Ridgeway Street, their polling location is the Salvation Army.

Student can also vote by absentee ballot.

Student organizations, political parties, and candidate's election teams have all provided transportation for any student that requires it to get to a polling site.