

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

November 4, 2011: 1:45 pm, Rowan Hall Auditorium

ATTENDEES: Herb Appelton, Gina Audio, Lori Block, Keith Brand, Robert Bullard, Joe Cassidy, Bruce Caswell, Hanmei Chen, David Clowney, Jennifer Courtney, Patrick Crumrine, Ron Czocho, Carol Eigenbrot, Jess Everett, Jon Foglein, Bill Freind, Michael Grove, Eddie Guerra, Steve Hartley, Karen Haynes, Erin Herberg, Gerald Hough, Sandy Jones, Donna Jorgensen, Monica Kerrigan, Yuhui Li, Michael Lim, Janet Lindman, Douglas Mapp, Rory McElwee, Thomas Merrill, Eric Milou, Amos Mugweru, Susan O'Rourke, Keeley Powell, Peter Rattigan, Ravi Ramachandran, Dan Reigel, Beth Rey, Connie Rosenberger, Christine Saum, Lane Savadove, Mariano Savelski, Nick Schmelz, Edward Schoen, Midge Shuff, Christopher Simons, Mickey Smith, Uma Thayasivam, Skeff Thomas, Jennie Thwing, Sandy Tweedie, Barbara Williams.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: (Represented by Alternates) Julie Haynes represented by John Feaster, Lawrence Markowitz represented by Brendan Livingston, Jacqueline McCafferty represented by Ivelissi Silva, Darren Nicholson represented by Berrin Guner, Kathryn Quigley represented by Carl Hausman, Eileen Stutzbach represented by Christine Davidson, Tricia Yurak represented by Michelle Soreth.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Boland, Tom Doddy (2nd consecutive absence), Valarie Lee, Douglas Mann, Corinne Meredith, Mary Beth Walpole.

Guest: Ashley Super, WHIT

1. Approval of Agenda – moved, seconded, approved
2. Introductions of Visitors – Jim Newell, Ashley Super from The Whit
3. Approval of Minutes from September 2011 (separate file) – moved, seconded, approved
4. President's Report – defer to Jim Newell to talk on same topic
 - a. University of South Jersey
 - b. Reorganization
5. Open Period: **Jim Newell** – Rowan/Rutgers-Camden merger is likely in relatively near future. Where does our reorganization fit into this? It will take four years to finish out any program and thus there would be a required four year teach out plan. It would be multiple years before a seamless new entity would be fully developed. Rowan has uniqueness in its College of Engineering and College of Communication. Rutgers Camden has a law degree program, and we don't. If any program exists on both campuses, we could continue to have same degree on both campuses but would need same curriculum. Or, departments could merge into a single department or one could be eliminated in preference to the other. Rowan isn't perfect but we have some great things, want to preserve it as much as we can. Some departments at Rutgers Camden do more research and run cheaper with more adjuncts. In the reorganization we need to develop more connections and thus faculty with split teaching in two departments, joint appointments, more symbiotic would give us a better leveraging approach. Then it would be not so simple to move a department to Camden because our science departments would be connected to engineering. Is this going to be enough? Who knows? We would rather be prepared than not.

3, 3, 4, 5, 14 – these are the number of programs in our colleges. Plus, two new programs coming to LAS this year unless we reorganize/split it. Move sciences into a new college or move sciences in with Engineering. A totally new college would have infrastructure costs and would have none of the symbiotic connections available to us by combining the sciences with Engineering which opens us up for joint appointments and joint programs. When there are transition teams discussing our future, we want to give them opportunity for what we do to evolve into new thriving programs in the future. Regarding the reorganization of FPA, the reorganization is for other reasons. Art program needs direct connection to RTF,

PR, Advertising. President Houshmand and Jim met with Deans and decided that an ability to have joint connections between new media and arts in the future leads to better collaboration. Jim would like to see Theatre and Dance back in Wilson with Music. Regarding applying for reclassification at the state level to be a research institution, this proposed merger changes the timeline of this reclassification. With reorganization at Rowan, it is administrative priority, but administration has asked for input after the initial proposal ... Engineering is making their suggestions. Original proposal was vetted with Deans and cabinet and the board.

Mike Harris discussed the reorganization of his division. Joe Monahan, new Vice President for Administration & Finance. Area includes Facilities and Operations, Residential Life, Housing and ... Event Services, Room utilization and procurement. Striving for quality customer service, communication and cost effectiveness. Goal to have an annual capital reinvestment plan. Health and Safety is a concern. Work on informing and take seriously the health and concerns of those working in our buildings. Some mold and insulation, with asbestos, on pipes in the Robinson attic ... should be corrected by now. Market and incentives for solar projects has subsided. Bought 6 electric trucks this summer. Will relaunch the recycling effort. 175 million dollars of projects suggested to the board.

6. Presidential Search Committee Update – Eric has sent e-mail to committee chair asking “once you have the finalists will they be on campus for open interviews?” Hasn’t received a reply yet.
7. Standing Committees & Task Forces
 - a. General Education Tactical Team Update – revising based on feedback. Community literacies is turning into global literacies. Thanks to those who did the survey.
 - b. Curriculum Committee
 - i. Proposal 10-11-628 ... COGS in Teaching in Literature. A one-time offered deal, moved seconded, approved. Had been brought to floor and carried over from last year.
8. Old Business - Ethics committee to discuss the bullying policy, please bring the policy to your departments for feedback. Policy is printed in the minutes and agenda for September 30th meeting.
9. New Business – From Sue O’Rourke, on-line training is still available thru November 25th. Lynda.com with technology training on-line. SBSS, Autocad, and some specialized software is available. Meeting about viability of Daycare coming up Monday.
10. Adjournment