

University Senate Agenda September 27, 2013, 1:45-3:00 in Rowan Hall Auditorium
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**ATTENDEES:** Terri Allen, Herb Appelson, Mayra Arroyo, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Robert Bullard, Allison Carter, Joe Cassidy, Patrick Crumrine, Thomas Dinzeo, Carol Eigenbrot, Jess Everett, John Feaster, Jon Foglein, Bill Freind, Lori Getler, Michael Grove, Steve Hartley, Kit Holder, Jerry Hough, Monica Kerrigan, Drew Kopp, Michael Lim, Janet Lindman, Roberto Madero, Julie Mallory-Church, Deb Martin, Jackie McCafferty, Thomas Merrill, Demond Miller, Eric Milou, Marge Morris, Jennifer Nicholson, Jon Olshefski, Kathryn Quigley, Ravi Ramachandran, Peter Rattigan, Beth Rey, Sheri Rodriguez, Natalie Schell-Busey, Ted Schoen, Mollie Sheppard, Christopher Simons, Michele Soreth, McKenzie Suber-Robinson, Chris Thomas, Skeff Thomas, Harold Thompson, Tim Vaden, Tingting Wang, Beth Wassell, Barbara Williams, Charlene Williams, Mei Zhang.

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE: (Represented by Alternates)** Brendan Livingston represented by Natalie Reaves, Lane Savadove represented by Liz Hostetter, Mariano Savelski represented by Kevin Dahm, Marilena Olguta Vilceanu represented by Joe Basso.

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Tom Doddy, Erin Herberg, Valarie Lee, Maria Perez-Colon, Bruce Plourde, Robert Rawlins, Youru Wang, Shari Willis.

**GUESTS:** Stephen Scheinthal, SOM

**1:45-1:55**

1. Approval of agenda  
*Moved to approve*
2. Introduction of visitors  
*None*
3. Approval of minutes from May meeting  
*Old Business - Chronicle of Higher Ed survey: Bill Friend has a copy. Will distribute to Senate.*
4. President's report
  - a. Introduction of Senate officers: Barbara Williams (Vice President), Deb Martin (Secretary), DeMond Miller (Parliamentarian)
  - b. Dr. Steve Scheinthal, President of SOM Senate  
*Speaking for the SoM faculty, he said they feel welcomed to the University and thrilled to be at this Senate meeting.*
  - c. Online courses  
Jim Newell wants courses in place by next year. The goals: 1. reduce space problems; 2. CGCE; 3. Offer students online experience. Wants major classes with multiple sections.

Discussion issues: 1) problem of having two different platforms. 2) Not all majors fit the template. 3) Are student access issues addressed? Commuter students?

d. Program Review

*DeMond - all programs will be reviewed. No exemptions. Metrics currently under review. Efficient and in keeping with the pillars. There is no goal in shutting down programs. Restructuring and enhancements are the goals. Timeline for policies and procedures by the end of fall 2013.*

e. Space Planning Policy (page 2)

*See page 4 - Guidelines for Policy, Process and Procedure for planning, assigning, and reconfiguring .*

f. Five day schedule in summer

*On track with no CWA issues*

**1:55-2:30**

5. Open period:

a. President Houshmand

*Summary of opening remarks: Inauguration went well. Plans to develop High Street as a cultural center. Main campus: Freshman Village to address over crowding—public/private partnership. Nexus in plans to add 400 beds, one and 2 bedroom apartments, and health clinic. Plans for a classroom building. Three companies are in the various stages of looking to locate on West campus. Developers and investors to use private funding. Sports Arena possible for West Campus. Athletics looking at a possible division move. Report due out soon.*

*Camden: \$50-90 million for College of Health Sciences building. Average SAT 1215. Profile of student applicants improving. 11% growth in enrollment. Zero melt (compared to last year's 5-10 percent). Faculty will help with strategic planning and in deciding how to spend financial resources.*

*SoM integration money will be recouped. Very positive state of the University.*

Questions from the floor:

? Students of color. What's the plan to increase?

*A: We have a blue collar state population which makes it difficult to recruit quality students. Including women and people of color is on the radar, even in the cabinet.*

? Parking and garages

*A: The biggest problem is parking. We need a garage. But the schedule of classes contributes to parking problems. Students are paying for parking reflected in tuition. It is worse at Stratford. Ease the peak time for classes. As we grow, so grows the need to park.*

? Light rail?

*A: Plans suggest eight years, best guess.*

? Plans for green buildings?

*A: Strike a balance. The issue is financial.*

? Requirements for new hires to articulate a plan for grants and external funding. Humanities not the same as hard sciences in the respect of garnering funding for their projects. We are concerned that such requirements for new hires will drive candidates away.

A: *The idea behind two tracks: Some professors will be getting grants, others won't.*

? Online course mandate

A: *The need is there. Space, MOOCS, trend dictates, access. There are not threats to do it but have some trust that creating online courses means moving in the right direction.*

? Rowan 2024: The ultimate vision?

A: *To renew the university as an institution. Inclusive, diverse, responsive to economics, priced right, 25,000 students total – 15-16,000 at Glassboro. We need to work together.*

b. Update on both Rowan Core and Strategic Planning from Roberta Harvey  
Gen Ed/Rowan Core: *Curriculum proposal due out this fall.*

*Strategic Planning ([www.rowan.edu/open.usp](http://www.rowan.edu/open.usp)) Our 10 year plan was obsolete. We needed a new structure. Senate will take a vital role along with the strategic planning advisory committee.*

## **2:30-2:55**

6. Senate Committees

a. Vote on Beth Rey as Chair of Recruitment, Admissions and Retention

Motion passed unanimously

b. Election of Chair of Career Development: Eric Milou

Motion passed unanimously

Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee: no action

c. Ratification of committees (separate document)

*Friendly amendment not to include untenured CMSRU rep in T&R committee carries  
Vote carried unanimously*

7. Resolution to drop SOM as members on Senate committees

*See Resolution to Repeal SOM Membership on Senate Committee (page 7)*

*Vote forthcoming to allow SOM membership on non-personnel committees*

8. Ted Schoen: Update on Tenure and Recontracting

*Blackboard in use for this year. Easier for candidates. Discussion and clarification ensued.*

9. Deb Martin: Update on Online Evaluations (page 8)

*Two open forums held this week. Revised instrument will be available mid-November for students to take survey on personal, electronic devices. Taskforce recommends that survey be taken during class time.*

## **2:55-3:00**

10. New business

None

11. Adjournment

Motion passed

