

University Senate Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2015, 2:00-3:15 in Rowan Hall Auditorium

**ATTENDEES:** Lisa Abrams, Terri Allen, Herb Appelson, Nathan Bauer, Nasrine Bendjilalli, Jennifer Courtney, Patrick Crumrine, Christina Davidson-Tucci, Tom Doddy, Jess Everett, Stephanie Farrell, Jon Foglein, Richard Fopeano, Tiffany Fortunato, Bill Freind, Diane Garyantes, Mat Gendreau, Lori Getler, Michael Grove, Sean Hendricks, Erin Herberg, Jane Hill, Karlton Hughes, Joseph Johnson, Subash Jonnalagadda, Phil LaPorta, Charles Linderman, Janet Lindman, Julie Mallory-Church, Esther Mas Serna, Lesley Mateo, DeMond Miller, JT Mills, Marge Morris, Scott Morschauer, Jennifer Nicholson, Robert Rawlins, Beth Rey, James Roh, Lane Savadove, Ted Schoen, Christopher Simons, Dawn Specht, Umashanger Thayasivam, Mehmet Uygur, Ozge Uygur, Nancy Vitalone-Raccaro, Charlene Williams, Shari Willis, Hong Zhang

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE: (Represented by Alternates)** Lori Block –represented by Esther Mummert, Jill Gower – represented by Ting Ting Wang Ravi Ramachandran – represented by Robert Krchnavek, Bonnie Angelone – represented by Bethany Raiff, Dan Strasser, – represented by Eleanor Lockhard

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE: (Excused)** Eric Milou, Patrick McKee, Alan Shienbaum

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephanie Abraham, Joe Cassidy, Ane Johnson, Kristine Johnson, Andrew Kopp, Jonathan Mason, Lorenzo Matthews, Kelly Perkins, Laura Shinn

1. Approval of agenda – moved, seconded, approved
2. Introduction of visitors - Marilyn Manley, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures
3. Approval of minutes from May meeting: moved, seconded, approved
4. President's report
  - a. Introduction of Senate officers: DeMond Miller (Vice President), Beth Rey (Secretary), Charlene Williams (Parliamentarian) - Parliamentarian requires a vote- moved, seconded, approved
  - b. 2015-2016 Senate Schedule (page 2) – includes incorrect dates – will be updated and emailed
  - c. Please welcome Donna Ennis, new Senate secretary
  - d. Parking problems - Parking is and continues to be an issue on campus but seems to have improved slightly now that security is ticketing. Not much more that can be done at this point but please reach out to Bill Freind if you experience issues.
  - e. New Hires:
    - John Zabinski, SVP for University Advancement, Executive Director of the Rowan University Foundation
    - Ken Lacovara, Dean of School of Earth and Environment
  - f. Curriculum deadlines:
    - Fall 2015: Friday, October 30, 2015 (Noon)

Spring 2016: Friday, February 19, 2016 (Noon)

Please visit the University Senate Curriculum web page for more information on the curriculum processes, coversheets, and guidelines:

<http://www.rowan.edu/president/senate/curriculum/index.html>

Comment: Please make sure all documents have been thoroughly reviewed. Approximately 75% are bounced back.

g. Issues with CUGS (Certificates of Undergraduate Study) – This is a 4 or 5 course “mini-minor”. Administration is pushing to remove concentrations and specializations. Comment: Honors and Liberal Studies will not work under this style. Chairs have already been asked if you have a specialization that does not work for a CUGS let Bill know.

Comment by Erin Herberg: CUGS are actually 12-16 credit hours. The manner in which CUGS is going to evolve, pre-reqs could be part of the CUGS requirements.

Q -Will this be automatic? A - Administration is discussing the removal of the Specialization code in Banner.

Q - Will there be alterations to the guidelines for CUGS? A - May change the review process but will otherwise stay the same.

Q - Can CUGS can be interdepartmental? A - Yes, and some already are.

Q - Why are we doing this? Where is it coming from? A – 1. Dr. Houshmand imagines this as a "differentiator". 2. ROWAN GLOBAL can design CUGS for the workforce. 3.

Banner can handle 3 levels of distinction - majors, minors, other. 4. Administrat

Comment: There is no time frame for developing these.

h. Rowan College of Burlington County – We now have RCBC, and we will most likely also have 4 year programs offered at other campuses.

Q - What is our relationship with RCBC? A - Similar to RCGC. SP16 we will begin to offer the Bachelor of General Studies on the RCBC campus. Additional offerings including Psychology and Law/Justice will begin in Fall 2017.

Web time entry: faculty exempt employees only need to record leave. Faculty can complete the time sheet any time during the pay period.

Comment: Chairs need to sign off.

Q - Time? When are they due? A – Noon on Friday.

##### 5. Open period: President Houshmand

The President provided an update on 10 day enrollment figures. We currently have 16,155 students this fall semester. Regular admit SAT scores were 1229 for freshman with a 91% retention rate for freshmen to sophomores. During the August retreat 5 new tasks forces were established:

A. Three-year degree/year-round campus: Karen Magee-Sauer and Richard Jones

B. Rowan Technologies: Sue Lehrman and Shreek Mandayam

C. Rooms, Labs, Locations: Roberta Harvey and Donald Moore

D. Non-traditional Students: Lorin Arnold and Horacio Sosa

E. Pre-Med: Greg Caputo and Jeff Hand

3 year degree - Students will need good scores upon entrance to be successful in these challenging programs. Students who enter in the fall in these programs will enjoy significant discounts. Additional models are being considered and these include the possibility of fixed tuition, provided students make progress. Summer classes will be a part of these programs. Academic advising will be required. Summer residency may include free or significantly discounted housing. Students in this program may be required to work on campus 10 hours per week to receive the discounts. Academic content will be decided upon by the academic departments. Most likely this will be limited to honor students due to academic rigor.

Research classified - what does that mean? Teaching is our core mission. Rowan University doesn't want to become Carnegie classified due to expense, time, and cost. We should keep on doing what we do and what we do well. RU is focused on life sciences and this is our strength. The School of Earth and Environment is our newest school and faculty will build it. This will be the first time can put entire STEAM all under one umbrella. This school will hire a few faculty members, but there will also be joint appointments.

Rowan technologies - How do we combine technology programs and include with Tech park? All programs will pay for themselves and if they make a profit the extra money will be added to the general fund. We are trying to create an infrastructure which will be managed like Global (self-sustaining).

Space - Issues and lack of. Currently we are at 117% occupancy with housing. Students are living in two different hotels and are being shuttled to/from the main campus. Buildings A3 and A4 are moving forward with plans. The East Village will result in an additional 1,400 beds and is 7 stories. We are using outside developers with no cost to University. Rowan University receives a profit back. Additional new landscaping around campus is making the campus beautiful.

Partnership task force - Additional partnerships are allowing us to grow with county colleges.

West campus - We have the potential to have entire 600 acres built. This may include a sports complex, hospital, business, etc. There are many options but nothing is official at this time.

Q - Artwork for College of Business and Engineering? Faculty should be involved with this artwork. Are they working with our art department? A - I believe so.

Q - Could transfers participate in the new 3 year program,? A - This would be mostly a freshman program, since it would be very difficult for transfer students to complete this unless they have significant transfer credit.

Q -Will any of the medical schools fall under the family tuition discount? A - No

6. Update on Budget (Chris Simons) - Currently have a \$1 million surplus. The University is purchasing miscellaneous projects.

7. Senate Committees

a. Ratification of Senate Committees (separate file)

Motion to approve the senate committees - moved, seconded, approved

Need members for T/R committee - volunteers?

b. Reminder to Committee Chairs: Please use videoconferencing capabilities if you have committee members who do not work on the Glassboro campus.

8. Curriculum (Erin Herberg) -

9. **Process Q: Proposal to create the School of Earth and the Environment**

Ken Lacovara, Dean of School of Earth and Environment - Geology, and Environmental Science - New College

Motion to write a letter from Bill – approved, with 1 opposed.

Vote on School of Earth and Environment – approved with 2 opposed

9. New business – Question: What are the service expectations for 3/4 time-faculty and instructors? Answer: Discussion that since instructors do not need to complete research they should have service hours. This was removed from the MOA. 3/4 time faculty are not eligible for reduced load.

No old business, Adjournment - 3:14pm