University Senate

May 7, 2014

Members Present

Members present at the meeting: 95

Call to Order

Senate Chair Novara called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m.

Chair Novara noted that all senators should have received ballots for the special elections and a clicker for voting on regular business items. He welcomed the new senators and asked them to stand and be recognized for their service. Chair Novara gave a brief overview of how to operate the clickers for voting on action items, and senators conducted a brief trial.

Election of the Chair-Elect

Chair Novara introduced Willie Brown, Director of Office Automation, Division of Information Technology, and Devin Ellis, Faculty Research Assistant, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSOS), as the candidates for Chair-Elect and thanked them for their willingness to serve. He opened the floor to nominations. Hearing no additional nominations, he requested that all voting senators vote on the Chair-Elect. Chair Novara announced that Willie Brown had been elected Chair-Elect.

Approval of the Minutes

Chair Novara asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 17, 2014, meeting. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

Report of the Outgoing Chair, Vincent Novara

Chair Novara stated that the work of the Senate this past year has been transformative. He noted major accomplishments such as the work of the Joint President/Senate Sexual Harassment Task Force led by Cindi Hale, which resulted in the creation of a Title IX Office headed by the new Coordinator, Catherine Carroll; the approval of a unified framework for employment and promotion of non-tenure track faculty; the work of the Joint Provost/APT Guidelines Task Force led by Bradley Hatfield; the report on academic integrity from the Student Conduct Committee; nine new undergraduate/graduate programs from the Programs, Courses, and Curricula (PCC) Committee; the review of three college plans of organization by the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee; and the initiation of the Plan of Organization Review Committee, led by Charles Wellford. Novara also recognized the work of all of the committees that had not yet had an opportunity to report to the Senate and applauded the committee chairs for

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their leadership. He noted that four special presentations had been made to the Senate during the year including: President Loh, and from Peter Weiler, Vice President for University Relations; Kumea Shorter-Gooden, Chief Diversity Officer; and Bradley Hatfield, Chair of the Joint Provost/Senate APT Guidelines Task Force. Novara thanked Marvin Breslow, Parliamentarian Emeritus; Kenneth Holum, Parliamentarian; Reka Montfort, Executive Secretary and Directory, and the Senate Staff for their support. Novara welcomed the incoming chair, Donald Webster, and wished the Senate luck in its upcoming year.

Incoming Chair Donald Webster thanked Novara for his outstanding service and leadership over the past year and presented him with a token of appreciation. Webster also highlighted a few key items that would be forthcoming to the Senate next year.

Special Elections

Chair Webster thanked Missy Meharg and the Nominations Committee for their work in developing the slates and the candidates who had agreed to run. He also encouraged senators to volunteer to serve on a senate committee. He then provided instructions on the process for the special elections.

Senate Executive Committee
Webster requested that all voting senators take out the ballots for the vote of the Senate Executive Committee and strike out Willie Brown as a candidate because the Chair-Elect is an ex-officio member of the SEC. He opened the floor to nominations. Senator Belcher nominated Catherine McGrath for the Senate Executive Committee. Senator McGrath accepted the nomination. Webster instructed undergraduate senators to write-in Senator McGrath's name on their ballot. Hearing no further nominations, he asked senators to complete their ballots.

Committee on Committees
Webster asked all faculty, non-exempt, graduate student, and undergraduate senators to take out the ballots for the vote of the Committee on Committees. He opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, he asked the senators to complete their ballots.

Athletic Council
Webster asked all faculty and staff senators to take out the ballots for the vote of the Athletic Council. He opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, he asked the faculty and staff senators to complete their ballots.

Council of University System Faculty (CUSF)
Webster asked all faculty senators to take out the ballots for the vote of the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). He opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, he asked the faculty senators to complete their ballots.

Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

Webster requested that all faculty, staff, and undergraduate senators take out their ballots for the vote of the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). He opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, he asked the senators to complete their ballots.

Chair Webster stated that Reka Montfort would announce the results of the special elections by email following the meeting.

Webster announced that the Senate meeting schedule for 2014-2015 had been finalized and would be emailed to senators. He reminded everyone that only senators or those introduced by senators may speak. For the record, each speaker should state his or her name and constituency prior to speaking.

Committee Reports

PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in World Language Education (Senate Doc. No. 13-14-32) (Action)

Marilee Lindemann, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in World Language Education and provided background information about the new certificate.

Webster opened the floor to discussion of the report.

Senator Alexander, Emeritus Faculty Representative, asked for clarification on the table on expenditures and revenues in the proposal. He noted that the salary listed for instructors was a 5-year projection with flat salaries.
Betsy Beise, Member of the PCC Committee, stated that the table was just an estimate but does not reflect inflation or what might happen in the future. Proposals include a variety of estimates including student enrollments, tuition revenues, and salaries.

Senator Alexander inquired whether increased in salaries would be tied to increases in tuition revenues.
Beise responded that the State of Maryland governs salary increases each year.

Senator Kedem, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, asked for a definition of world language education.
Perla Blejer, Coordinator of the World Language Program in the College of Education, stated that the program trains teachers to be certified to teach a variety of languages. The program will include seven languages: Spanish, French, Italian, German, Latin, Russian, and Chinese. This program is a 12-credit program for teachers already teaching but looking for continuing education and pedagogy instruction.

Chair Webster called for a vote on the proposal as amended. **The result was 78 in favor, 7 opposed, and 8 abstentions. The proposal passed.**

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PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Public Financial Management (Senate Doc. No. 13-14-33) (Action)

Marilee Lindemann, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Public Financial Management and provided background information about the new post-baccalaureate certificate.

Webster opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

Senator McKinney, Full-Time Instructors, inquired whether all the courses in the program are existing courses.
Betsy Beise, Member of the PCC Committee, stated that all but one course is an existing course.
McKinney raised concerns about the overlap of these courses with those in the School of Business.
Beise responded that those particular courses are already being offered in the Master of Public Policy.

Webster called for a vote on the proposal. **The result was 71 in favor, 8 opposed, and 10 abstentions. The proposal passed.**

PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in African-American Studies (Senate Doc. No. 13-14-34) (Action)

Marilee Lindemann, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in African-American Studies and provided background information about the new post-baccalaureate certificate.

Webster opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

Senator Blair, Part-Time Graduate Student Representative, inquired about the program's focus on the intersection of policy issues and social issues. She raised concerns about the general naming of the certificate and its thrust on policy issues. Lindemann responded that the core courses tap into the existing strengths of the department and that students would have to pursue other interests through electives.

Senator Carter-Pokras, Faculty, School of Public Health, inquired about whether the School of Public Health was included in the development of the proposal.
Betsy Beise, Member of the PCC Committee, clarified that the proposal includes a letter of support from the Chair of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the School of Public Health.

Senator Moyes, Faculty, College of Agricultural & Natural Resources, inquired whether there was a Masters in African-American Studies.

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Lindemann responded that this was the first step in establishing graduate programs in African-American Studies at the University.

Senator Harley, Faculty, College of Agricultural & Natural Resources, inquired whether the Department of Family Sciences was included in developing this proposal.
Betsy Beise, Member of the PCC Committee, stated that the proposal did not include a letter of support from that department but was confident that it would be interested in collaborating with the program.

Senator Moyes, Faculty, College of Agricultural & Natural Resources, inquired about the advantage to getting the certificate, which is 18 credit hours over three semesters, instead of a masters degree in four semesters.
Lindemann clarified that students interested in this program are enrolled in other departments at the University. It is not atypical for a graduate program to be 18 credits.

Webster called for a vote on the proposal. **The result was 68 in favor, 15 opposed, and 8 abstentions. The proposal passed.**

Revisions to the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences (CMNS) Plan of Organization (Senate Doc. No. 12-13-34) (Action)

Mark Arnold, Member of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the Revisions to the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences (CMNS) Plan of Organization and provided background information about the revised plan.

Webster opened the floor to discussion of the proposal. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. **The result was 79 in favor, 3 opposed, and 7 abstentions. The proposal passed.**

Revisions to the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (ARCH) Plan of Organization (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-41) (Action)

Mark Arnold, Member of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the Revisions to the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (ARCH) Plan of Organization and provided background information about the revised plan.

Webster opened the floor to discussion of the proposal. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. **The result was 78 in favor, 2 opposed, and 7 abstentions. The proposal passed.**

New Business

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Senator Belcher, Undergraduate Student, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, introduced Matthew Popkin, former undergraduate senator, to speak. Popkin provided some observations about the Senate based on his involvement as a student representative and encouraged senators to carefully evaluate the recommendations of the Plan of Organization Committee, which he had served on. Popkin wished the Chair, Chair-Elect, and the Senate a successful year. He provided a letter regarding representation and efficacy submitted to the Plan of Organization Review Committee for the record.

Adjournment

Senate Chair Webster adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.