

PRESENT: Andreopoulos, Barrow, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Cruz Paul, Garfinkel, D'Haem, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Ferris, Finnegan, Godar, Healy, Kearney, Kelly, Kim, Korgen, Lee, Levitan, Martus, Mathew, Mbogoni, McNeal, Natrajan, Nyaboga, Ndjatou, Owusu (for Nyamwange), Parras, Pavese, Perez, Rosar, Sabogal, Sheffield, Schwartz, Slaymaker, Snyder, Steinhart, Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio, Waldron, Wagner, Walsh, Weil, Weisberg, Wicke

GUESTS: Chabayta, Cohen, Daniel-Robinson, Davis, DeYoung, Dobrick, Fallace, Ferguson, Furst, Gazillo Diaz, Hong, Jemmott, Liutaud, Malu, Maratouk, Martinez, Martone, Miller, Park, Scala, Seal, Quicke, Torado, Trelisky

The Senate was called to order at 12:36 PM.

Pavese announced that a former adjunct member, Clark Terry, is very ill. He had both legs amputated and does not have health insurance. Fliers were given out. Pavese spoke about Terry's support of the Music Department and Sheffield spoke about his longstanding support and attendance of the Race and Sexism workshops.

Weil updated the Senate on the NCATE visit noting that NCATE is the accrediting body for the College of Education. He said that NCATE left campus giving compliments to the teacher education programs and saying they were going to recommend to NCATE that we have met all standards in the teacher education programs and that all issues have been corrected from previous visits and that we have no areas in need of improvement. The College of Education was also commended by NCATE for several areas including assessment. Weil congratulated everyone for this accomplishment.

Parras thanked Weil for this great news.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Duffy motioned to adopt the agenda and Martus seconded. Finnegan motioned to amend the agenda by adding the Graduate Program in History program and Godar seconded and the Agenda was adopted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to adopt the Draft Minutes of the April 24th meeting by Perez and seconded by Levitan.

Martus asked about the question being "put" and Parras referred this question to McNeal.

McNeal noted that this is how Parras wanted this to be written up since the Fall and referred this back to Parras.

Parras agreed.

Martus further questioned what this means.

Parras explained that he called the question and this is what is meant in the minutes and then asked if there are any objections to approving the draft minutes and they are approved.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Parras announced that there was a Board of Trustees meeting the next day.

Duffy motioned to approve the 2012 – 2013 Senate Calendar and Wagner seconded. The 2012 – 2013 Senate Calendar was approved.

38 Parras suggested that the Faculty and Professional Staff Only Committee meet on Thursday, October 4th, this
39 date will be confirmed in the near future.

40 **IV. VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:**

41 Falk Romaine explained that each year the Senate is charged with approving Councils in the Spring and
42 terms for members usually run for 2 years. On the Graduate Council, everyone was new two years ago.
43 There are no more than 4 or 5 new members each year, and some are 1-year replacement terms. There was
44 a large response this year and therefore it is not possible to accommodate everyone. There are still two
45 openings: the Advisement Council needs someone from the Library and the Assessment Council needs
46 someone from the College of Education.

47 **Falk Romaine motioned to fill the Council seats and Levitan seconded.**

48 Levitan discussed adjuncts, noting that there was only one consistent adjunct, there are still multiple
49 openings, and that there needs to be more adjuncts although there is no financial reimbursement for them.

50 **Falk Romaine put the question and the motion passed. Falk Romaine thanked everyone.**

51 Parras thanked Falk Romaine for her hard work all year.

52 **V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION**

53 Parras turned the podium over to the Elections Council.

54 Hong explained the process and opened the floor up to nominations for Chair.

55 Verdicchio nominated Parras for Chair.

56 Sheffield nominated McNeal for Chair.

57 Cruz Paul nominated Falk Romaine for Chair; Falk Romaine declined.

58 McNeal presented her speech.

59 Parras presented his speech.

60 Nyaboga asked if questions are allowed.

61 Parras noted it is not past practice.

62 Godar moved to close the nomination process and Duffy seconded.

63 Hong explained the voting and the electronic voting began.

64 Hong announced that Parras is the winner.

65 Hong said nominations for Vice Chair would now begin.

66 Godar nominated Falk Romaine.

67 Pavese nominated McNeal; McNeal declined.

68 Godar nominated Falk Romaine.

69 Kelly wanted to know about abstentions and how they are registered on the clickers.

70 Parras noted that they are not set up for an abstention.

71 Tardi motioned a point of order and wanted to know whether there is a option to abstain and how to
72 distinguish this from a missed click.

73 Barrow asked what the results were and if there was anyway to tell if the clickers worked because she did
74 not see her light go on when she voted.

75 Steinhart noted that the election for Chair is closed.

76 Tardi asked that the clickers be checked to make sure that they are working.

77 Parras said that the results of the election could be obtained by asking the Elections Council.

78 Duffy noted that the results have always been available to anyone who asked and would be published in the
79 minutes.

80 Martus asked that in the future we have a “dummy” election before the real one.

81 Hong noted that we have one nominee for Vice Chair, Falk Romaine, and she declared her the winner.

82 Hong then opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

83 Parras nominated Wagner; Wagner declines.

84 Pavese nominated McNeal; McNeal declines.

85 Wagner nominated Duffy; Verdicchio seconds.

86 Sheffield moved to close the nominating process and Wagner seconded and Duffy is elected as Secretary.

87 Hong then opened the floor for nominations for the three at-large positions:

88 Duffy nominated Godar.

89 Snyder nominated McNeal; McNeal declined.

90 Kelly nominated Diamond; Diamond declined.

91 Levitan nominated Kelly; Kelly declined.

92 Duffy nominated Wagner.

93 Andreopoulos nominated Natrajan.

94 Bliss nominated Steinhart; Steinhart declined.

95 Kelly nominated Ellis; Ellis declined.

96 Steinhart moved to closed the vote and Godar seconded.

97 Godar, Wagner, and Natrajan are elected unopposed for the at-large seats.

98 Duffy noted that he wants noted in the minutes that the Elections Council ran this election more clearly than
99 any other election than he can remember.

100 **VI. SENATE LIAISON TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE, AUDIT & INSTITUTIONAL**
101 **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION**

102 The election is held for Senate Liaison to the Board of Trustees' Finance, Audit and Institutional
103 Development Committee and Finnegan is pronounced the winner.

104 **VII. UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM REVISION**

105 **Dobrick motioned to pass the revisions to the Sociology Program noting that they are more in line**
106 **with UCC goals and Duffy seconded the motion.**

107 Sheffield expressed that she wanted clarification about the separation of the programs noting that she did
108 not understand how in the one program, Sociology of Work and Community Engagement, a student could
109 take the entire curriculum and never take a civic engagement course in the major.

110 Kelly suggested talking to the department representative and noted that there had been the slow down in the
111 creation of civic engagement classes.

112 Sheffield noted that it is not relevant to that and this is the context of the major yet there is no requirement
113 to take a civic engagement course in the major.

114 Korgan noted that if you look at the program, it is a good program with a variety of courses and that she
115 does not see the problem. The courses go well together, this program got through the council and
116 committees and therefore the program should be passed.

117 Levitan noted that every student needs an Area 5 – Civic Engagement Course for UCC.

118 Natrajan pointed out that if we have a major or minor such as this, we cannot leave the civic engagement
119 course only in the UCC, we need to have the requirement in the Department, this addresses what Sheffield
120 is saying.

121 Cruz Paul said that looking at the title, at community engagement, and the context of the title as a whole, it
122 looks like an umbrella term and she does not see it as the same as the same as Area Five engagement. She
123 sees this as a bit of sociology of work and community engagement. Cruz Paul noted that this body does a
124 good job of finding conflict and that she believes that this program was presented in good faith and that this
125 does not conflict between this and other programs.

126 Kelly noted that this body has a collegial duty to honor intellectual standards from the departments and she
127 does not see blatant conflicts.

128 Verdicchio agreed with the last two speakers and noted that he had a question. He asked if this would
129 qualify students to work in non-for-profit organizations at the community level.

130 Ellis stated that he teaches the course on work and that he has this in his class but he is not sure if there is a
131 community engagement in the other courses.

132 **Kim motioned to call the question and Bliss seconded and the program passed with five abstentions.**

133 **VIII. ADVISEMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON DECLARING MINORS**
134 **ELECTRONICALLY**

135 **The Advisement Council motioned to pass the resolution on declaring minors electronically and**
136 **Tardi seconded.**

137 Levitan asked if there was any monitoring of students' grades in the minor.

138 Trelisky said currently 183 students have minors as of May. In August and January only 89 had minors.
139 Students think the more they put on resumes, the better the chance they have for getting jobs. Currently, the
140 process is that Chairs accept them for minors and there is no monitoring if they should be in the minor.

141 Perras recommended that the Chair and the advisor be notified about minors and noted that with the UCC,
142 minors are going to play a bigger part.

143 Pavese asked how does the number of student who don't complete the major compare to students with a
144 minor?

145 **Finnegan motioned to call the question and Tardi seconded and the Resolution to Declare Minors**
146 **Electronically passes.**

147 IX. Graduate Program in History

148 **Finnegan motions to pass the Graduate Program in History and Duffy seconds.**

149 Martus asked who generates the exams.

150 Torado noted that there are three areas and they will be student generated.

151 Natrajan said that he liked the program a lot and called attention to the non-thesis option for students who
152 do not want to teach.

153 Snyder asked who the intended audience is and asked about the difference tracks, and noted that they are
154 good proposals.

155 Kim noted that it is a good program and they should think about a PhD program and thanked them for this
156 proposal.

157 **Perras put the question and the Graduate Program in History passed.**

158 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Faculty Senate adjourned at 1: 45. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held
159 on Tuesday September 11th at 12:30pm in Ballroom C.

160 Respectfully submitted: K. McNeal

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