

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING

Monday, September 27, 2021
University Center, Suite D

Present: Ms. Laiba Amin, Prof. Heather Ball, Dr. William Boyle, Dr. Chiang-nan Chao, Dr. Barbara Cozza, Dr. Joan DeBello, Dean Russell DiGate, Dr. Marilyn Dono-Koulouris, Fr. Patrick Flanagan, Interim Dean Gina Florio, Dean Glenn Gerstner, Prof. Ann Goldweber, Mr. Harrison Harvey, Dr. Diane Heith, Ms. Sharon Hewitt-Watkins, Interim Dean Aliya Holmes, Dr. Dianella Howarth, Dr. Gregory Hughes, Dr. Katherine Hutchinson, Dr. Ming-hui Li, Prof. Martha Mackey, Dr. Kathleen Marks, Dr. Donald McClure, Dr. Seung Eun McDevitt, Dr. Elsie Megehee, Provost Simon Møller, Dr. Lauren Moskowitz, Prof. Maria Pirrone, Dr. Matthew Pucciarelli, Dr. Alejandro Quintana, Dr. Susan Rosenberg, Dr. Mostafa Sadoqi, Dr. Francis Schanne, Fr. Brian Shanley, O.P., Mr. Ethan Snider, Dr. Lequez Spearman, Dr. Charles Traina, Dr. Ahmad Vakil, Keaton Wong, J.D., Dr. Patrick Walden.

Excused: Prof. Alla Baeva, Dr. Almerinda Forte, Prof. Caroline Fuchs, Dr. Anne Galvin, Dr. Stephen Llano, Prof. William Murphy, Ms. Alexandra Neri, Dr. Alice Ramos, Ms. Stephanie Scotto, Dean Norean Sharpe, Fr. Bernard Tracey, C.M.

Absent: Dr. Ivan Abel, Dr. Granville Ganter, Dr. Louis Gesualdi, Prof. Margaret McGuiness, Dr. James O'Keefe, Ms. Angela Randazzo, Anthony Sabino, Esq., Ms. Lauryn Simon, Dean Michael Simons, Prof. Anthony Todman, Dr. James Vorbach.

Also Present: Dr. Christoforos Christoforou, Dr. Phyllis Conn, Dr. Jeremy Cruz, Dr. Jacqueline Grogan, Dr. Roberta Hayes, Ms. Joanne Llerandi, Prof. Sharon Marshall, Dr. Candice Roberts, Linda Shannon, J.D., Catherine Ruggieri, Esq., Dr. Kathryn Shaughnessy, Dr. Rebecca Wiseheart.

I. Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 3:25 p.m. Dr. Moller welcomed all in attendance. Dr. Charles Traina offered the opening prayer.

II. Approval of the Minutes of April 19, 2021

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday, April 19th were approved as corrected.

III. Committee Election Reports

Electronic committee nominations and elections had been according to Section 5.4 of the Senate Bylaws and the results were distributed via an email on 9/27/21 to all committee members. Dr. Moller stated that each committee should now select a chairperson. Chairpersons' names should be sent to Natalia Seda before the next Senate meeting.

The election for Secretary of the Senate was held according to Section 4.2 of the Senate Bylaws. Nominations were taken from the floor. Linda Shannon was the only person

nominated and elected by acclimation for the 2021-2022 academic year.

IV. Committee Reports

By-laws Committee: No report

Budget Committee: No report

Educational Programs and Development Committee –The committee had met once since last April. Representing the committee, Jeremy Cruz met with Dr. Grogan, Director of the Freshman Center, to discuss improvements to the Degree Works platform. The committee members will follow up with Dr. Grogan this semester regarding faculty concerns about student advising and course sequencing for first and second-year students.

Faculty Committee – No Report

Student Affairs Committee – No Report

V. New Business / Updates

Enrollment

Dr. Moller gave an update on Enrollment. He mentioned a strategy change which has increased deposits, although overall applications are down. He stated that the discount rate will remain as it is very difficult to roll back once it is increased. Presidential Scholarships have been reduced and that money will be distributed among other students to increase yield.

A Faculty Ambassador Program has been instituted where faculty members communicate with admitted students via handwritten notes. We must showcase the value of a St. John's education to prospective students through enhanced marketing programs and a personalized approach.

Signature Experience

Dr. Moller gave an overview of the plan to create a Signature Experience for each student where we will showcase the value proposition of a St. John's education. It is expected that this will become part of the developing Strategic Plan. The St. John's Signature Experience will be a platform for all student to visualize their educational journey at St. John's, detailing the relevance and interconnectivity of courses, as well as extra- and co-curricular opportunities.

UCCC

Dr. Phyllis Conn gave an update on the work of the UCCC. An Ad Hoc committee was formed about two years ago and this committee, in collaboration with the UCCC, has spent significant time on creating a collaborative core vision and a draft University Core proposal. Both the vision statement and the University Core are meant to be living documents that will be continually assessed and adapted if needed as we move forward. The new draft University Core will be presented to the Curriculum Committees of the various Faculty Councils and the Educational Programs and Development Committee of the Senate. Ultimately, the final version of the core curriculum will be presented by the UCCC to the BOT for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.