

St. John's University
New York
University Senate Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025

University Center, Suite D, and Microsoft Teams Virtual

Present: Dr. Ivan Abel, Dr. Sophie Bell, Dr. Alina Camacho-Gingerich, Dr. Eunhye Choi, Dr. Barbara Cozza, Dr. Joan DeBello, Dean Teresa Delgado, Dr. Nancy DiTunnariello, Rev. Patrick Flanagan, Dr. Almerinda Forte, Dean Caroline Fuchs, Dr. Granville Ganter, Dr. Smita Guha, Prof. Lucy Heckman, Dr. Dianella Howarth, Dr. W. Jean Kwon (virtual), Joanne Llerandi, Dr. Gary Martin, Dr. Simon Møller, Dr. Omar Montana, Prof. William Murphy, Dr. Aaron Muth, Dean Maciek Nowak, Prof. Maria Pirrone, Prof. Emma Quinn, Dr. Alejandro Quintana, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Rev. Aidan Rooney, Dr. Susan Rosenberg, Dr. Joseph Serafin, Rev. Brian Shanley, Linda Shannon, J.D., Dr. Marina Sorochinski, Dr. Lequez Spearman, Prof. Jacob Todres, Dr. Joan Tropnas, Dr. Ahmad Vakil, Dean James Wolfinger, Keaton Wong, J.D.

Excused: Dr. Ching-Nan Chao, Dr. Zachary Davis, Dean Luca Iandoli, Dr. Azzedine Layachi, Dr. Ming Hui-Li, Dean Anne Lin, Prof. Martha Mackey, Christina Quartararo, Jasmine Rosario (Student Senator), Dr. James Vorbach

Absent: Maria Aguirre Mora (Student Senator), Shannon Bassaragh (Student Senator), Dr. Sandra Beysolow, Prof. Gina Calabrese, Dr. Charles Clark, Katrina Diano (Student Senator), Dr. Stephen Llano, Donna McMonagle, Samuel Ortner (Student Senator), Prof. Anthony Sabino, Timothy Stopyra (Student Senator)

Also Present: Dr. Christoforos Christoforou, Jonathan Dator, Danielle DiNapoli, Heather Ienopoli, Meg Johnson, Christine Kenny, Dorothy Longworth, Luis Manzo, Michael McLeod, Jay Nathan, Maria Pantoja, Kathryn Shaughnessy

Introduction and Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 3:20 p.m. After a brief welcome and introduction, Dr. Møller invited Dr. Aaron Muth to recite the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes of September 30, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday, September 30, 2024, were unanimously approved as distributed.

Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee: There was no official report from this committee, however Dr. Ganter requested to speak about Senate responsibilities and meeting frequency. There was no mention of further pursuit of this topic from the Senate Body and there was no vote taken.

Budget Committee: No Report

Faculty Affairs Committee: There was no official report, however a member of the committee, Christoforos Christoforou summarized the January 9, 2025, meeting of the Faculty Affairs Committee where they:

- Reviewed the charges of their committee as stated in the Senate By-Laws
- Discussed teaching load definitions and the need to factor into the teaching load definition the teaching of credit-bearing graduate thesis/dissertation courses

They intend to further review current policies pertaining to teaching load definitions and how they span across all the schools and departments. No official charge was given.

Educational Programs and Development Committee: There was no official report, but Professor Kathryn Shaughnessy presented an update from their meeting on October 18, 2024, centered on course material, cost transparency and low-cost efforts. A few of the key points that emerged were:

- Importance of faculty registering course material with the bookstore. This does not mean the student will be required to purchase there, but it does help students know what material is needed and gauge course cost. Registering with the bookstore helps ensure transparent course costs for students
- Disconnect between the data the bookstore is gathering/reporting and what faculty are doing
- Question as to whether a professor using a textbook they authored is a conflict of interest

She advised that the EPDC Committee will continue to look into these and other areas in the future. No official charge was given.

Dr. Møller reminded everyone that a Committee Report, for the agenda, must be submitted two weeks ahead of the meeting date, particularly if an official charge is to be made to a committee.

Student Affairs Committee: (See Update Below)

Updates

- Student Wellness Committee

Dr. Luis Manzo, the Assistant Vice President of Student Wellness, together with his team, gave an important and informative presentation which will be distributed with these minutes, including vital contact information. Some of the topics were:

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Student Accessibility Services
- Sexual Violence Outreach, Awareness, and Response (SOAR)
- Student Health Services
- Wellness Education and Prevention
- CREC: Campus Recreation

New Business

There being no new business to report and the agenda having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Kenny