MINUTES | MAY 4, 2017

3:15PM - 5:00PM | ATRIUM - STAMP STUDENT UNION | MEMBERS PRESENT: 145

CALL TO ORDER

Senate Chair Goodman called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

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

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR-ELECT

Chair Goodman introduced Robert DiLutis, Associate Professor, School of Music, College of Arts & Humanities (ARHU), and Christopher Walsh, Professor, Plant Sciences & Landscape Architecture, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources (AGNR), 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 Goodman announced that Christopher Walsh had been elected Chair-Elect.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Chair Goodman thanked James Bond 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. Chair Goodman explained that voting would take place by constituency this year instead of by committee. He also explained that the Senate would use the approval voting method and gave a brief overview of the process. He opened the floor to discussion of approval voting; hearing none, he proceeded with the elections.

Faculty

Goodman asked all faculty Senators to get ready to vote in their elections. Goodman opened the floor to nominations for faculty members on the Senate Executive Committee.

Senator Pound, faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, nominated Robert DiLutis, faculty, College of Arts & Humanities.

Hearing no further nominations, Goodman proceeded with the faculty Senator voting.

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for faculty members for the Committee on Committees, the Athletic Council, the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF), and the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), separately. Hearing no additional nominations for any of these elections, he proceeded with the faculty Senator voting on each.

Chair Goodman stated that the faculty elections were complete and the Senate would now proceed to the exempt staff elections.

Exempt Staff

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for exempt staff members on the Senate Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, the Athletic Council, and the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), separately. Hearing no additional nominations for any of these elections, he proceeded with the exempt staff Senator voting on each.

Non-Exempt Staff

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for non-exempt staff Senators on the Senate Executive Committee and the Athletic Council. Hearing no additional nominations for either election, he proceeded with the non-exempt staff Senator voting on each.

Graduate Students

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for graduate student Senators on the Senate Executive Committee and the Committee on Committees, separately. Hearing no additional nominations for either election, he proceeded with the graduate student Senator voting on each.

Undergraduate Students

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for undergraduate student Senators on the Senate Executive Committee.

Senator Zimerman, undergraduate student, A. James Clark School of Engineering, nominated Harry Huntley, undergraduate student, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Goodman asked for additional nominations. Hearing none, he proceeded with the undergraduate student voting.

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for undergraduate student Senators on the Committee on Committees. Hearing none, he proceeded with the undergraduate student Senator voting.

Goodman opened the floor to nominations for undergraduate student Senators for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee.

Senator Rodriguez, Robert H. Smith School of Business, nominated Daniel Katz, undergraduate student, Robert H. Smith School of Business.

Hearing no further nominations, Goodman proceeded with the undergraduate student Senator voting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, APRIL 19, 2017 MEETING

Chair Goodman asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 19, 2017, meeting. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

REPORT OF THE OUTGOING CHAIR, JORDAN GOODMAN

Chair Goodman stated that he had been impressed by the work of the Senate and its committees and task forces this year. He added that one of the reasons the Senate works so well is because of its uniqueness in including representatives from all constituencies across campus. Chair Goodman noted that progress had been made in terms of communication among Senators, between Senators and their constituents, and between the Senate and the administration but added that there is more work to be done. He emphasized the importance of the Senate serving as an advisory body and added that the Senate should be involved in the discussion process and not in the final decision-making.

Chair Goodman encouraged Senators to remain involved and continue to improve shared governance on campus.

Chair Goodman introduced the incoming Chair, Daniel Falvey.

Falvey thanked Goodman for his outstanding service and leadership over the past year and presented him with a token of appreciation.

Falvey announced that the 2017-2018 Senate meeting schedule was now available on the Senate website. He also explained protocol for speaking at Senate meetings.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Mary Burke, Assistant Vice President, University Relations The Importance Of Faculty In Donor Relations

Chair Falvey invited Mary Burke, Assistant Vice President, University Relations to provide her presentation.

Burke explained the current fundraising goals and engagement strategies.

Burke stated that faculty members can work with their College/School development offices to identify donors and engage with them.

Chair Falvey opened the floor to questions.

Senator Cohen, faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, stated that the faculty currently feel that they are not being consulted in various University matters and so it may be difficult to involve them in donor relations.

Burke responded that faculty members have all expressed a desire for more endowed chairs and endowed professors and that an increase in donations could go towards endowments. She

encouraged faculty members to interact with donors and provide information on how donations are used as this encourages future donations.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.