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University Senate

University Senate
Tuesday March 11, 2025
10:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Voting Members Present (36): George Shepherd (President), Noëlle McAfee (President Elect), Walter Kolis (Secretary), Sohan Bellam, Kurt Warncke, VonYetta Hunter, Benn Knsynski, Christopher Palazzolo, Jeffrey Lichtman, Sasha Volokh, April Flint, Babak Mahmoudi, Paul Marthers, Ilya Nemenman, Anna Espinosa, Kosi Achara, Harleigh Markowitz, Ameer Alnasser, Timothy Ray, Jennifer Stapel-Wax, April Edward, Janet DeForest, Stacey Gall, Roy Simpson, Shervon Lewis, Francis Albright, Harold Simon, Liz Carlino, Max Nguyen, Lisa Underwood, Tiffany Boller, Monica Thieu, Andrew Sherrill, Pranay Mamileti, Mustapha Oloko-Oba, David Kulp,

Voting Members Absent (22): Abigail Dubinski, Kenan Bajraktarevic, Christopher Blake, Michael Martin, Michael Owens, David Borthwick, Michelle Lampl, Sean Meighoo, Roberto Franzosi, Jehu Hanciles, Jodie Guest, Florian Pohl, Jessica Wells, Eric Lonsdorf, Kajal Patel, Fateemaa Sohani, Morgan Villar, Tehreem Hussain, Andrew Casson Galiano, Terez Whately-White, Carlos Northen, Richard Freer

University Administration Present (0):

University Administration Absent (0)

Non-Voting Administrative Support Present (1): Lisa Parker

Invited Visitors Present (0):

Guests Present (1): Clifton Crais

The special limited session meeting of the University Senate with voting members was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in via Zoom, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

George Shepherd welcomed members.

The minutes of the January 28, 2025, University Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

George Shepherd presented updates from the Open Expression Subcommittee and acknowledged members from the subcommittee for their efforts. Shepherd reported that the Executive Committee of the University Senate met on Monday March 10th to review the proposed Open Expression Policy and offered additional suggestions to the Open Expression Subcommittee to work through with the administration. Shepherd further reported that the administration and Open Expression Subcommittee had revised the draft policy and that the policy presented in today's meeting was the latest version. Following remarks, Shepherd and the Open Expression Subcommittee members answered questions from members.

Noëlle McAfee moved that the University Senate “vote to approve the March 10 draft of the Open Expression Policy, contingent on the negotiating team successfully resolving the issues of (1) permission of nondisruptive protest in ‘fundamental student needs’ spaces, and (2) permission for non-registered student groups to hold expressive events.”. The motion was seconded. During discussion, it was clarified that the President of the University Senate/Chair of the Open Expression Subcommittee would make the determination if the issues identified in the motion were resolved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Submitted, Walter Kolis, Secretary

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