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University Chicago

Minutes of the University Senate

April 24, 2015

Members Present: Alinaa Alsaud, Lisa Burkhart, Tim Classen, Leanne Cribbs, David Embrick, Michael Fasullo, Lucas Fleisher, Lisa Gillespie, Zelda Harris, Isha Jog, Thomas Kelly, Vicki Keough, Terri Kilbane, Joyce Knight, Ronald Martin, Kenechukwu Mmeje, Melissa Niksic, Christopher Peterson, Noah Sobe, Dian Squire, Anne Sutter, Maria Udo, Bastiaan Vanacker, David Yellen

Members Absent: Alanah Fitch, Adam Hepp, Timothy Lacy, Niamh McGuigan, Pamela Johnson, Sarkis Morales-Vidal

Ex-Officio members Present: Curtis Main, John Pelissero, Gordon Ramsey

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by the chair, N. Sobe.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment. M. Fasullo commented on the SGLC resolution “Divestment from Companies Profiting from the Illegal Occupation of the Palestinian Territory”, noting his disappointment that this item had not been placed on the University Senate agenda. Guests added their comments.

II. Adoption of March 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

R. Martin, that the minutes be approved. T. Kelly seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Announcements, Election Results Follow-up Reports on Previous Senate Resolutions

A Sutter presented the recent Senate elections results, noting that Noah Sobe (Faculty-Education), Joyce Knight (Staff-Academic Services/Student Services), Terri Kilbane (Faculty-School of Social Work), Niamh McGuigan (Faculty-Libraries) and Tim Classen (Faculty-Quinlan School of Business) had been re-elected to serve an additional two-year term. She also congratulated members newly elected to the Senate, Kim Searcy (Faculty-History), Don Stemen (Faculty-Criminal Justice), Talmadge Wright (Faculty-Sociology), Susan Uprichard (Faculty-SSOM), and Sergio Ortiz (Staff- Financial Services or Capital Planning and Campus Management) who will each serve two-year terms. In addition she congratulated and welcomed Kelly Garbach (Faculty-Institute of Environmental Sustainability) who will serve a one-year replacement term in the “Other (SCPS, IPS, IES, Centers of Excellence)” faculty position.

N. Sobe reported that Fr. Garanzini is advancing the Senate’s fossil fuel divestment recommendation, with part one (immediate moratorium on direct ownership of fossil fuel investments) approved. The second recommendation (divestment from co-mingled funds) is still under review. And the third recommendation (sustainable and socially responsible investing in the Rogers Park community in particular) will be implemented through a positive investment strategy. There was no update on the textbook affordability proposal. The President’s cabinet

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has approved the Climate Action Plan with a goal of carbon neutrality by 2025 and it has been sent to the President for approval. The President's Cabinet approved the Climate Action Plan and it was sent on to president for approval. The Senate's request for representation of faculty, staff, and students on the Presidential Search Committee has been forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

IV. Senate Diversity Committee Report and Recommendations on February 2015 Diversity Report

D. Squire presented on the diversity report, including the committee's meeting with the Chief Diversity Officer. The floor was opened up for general discussion, after which the Senate considered each motion in turn, as proposed by the Diversity Committee (and as a Standing Committee motion, requiring no second).

The first Diversity Committee motion that "The University Senate recommends that under the leadership of the Chief Diversity Officer, the Loyola University Chicago community (e.g., students, staff, faculty, administrators) should create a diversity statement before the start of the 2015-2016 academic year." was discussed and the question was called. A period of public comment was provided and then the motion passed by a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

The second Diversity Committee motion, that "The Vice-President of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer should act as an ex-officio member of the University Senate Diversity Committee" was discussed and, after a period of public comment was approved by unanimous vote.

The third Diversity Committee motion, that "The University Senate recommends that the Office of the President should hire additional staff members and provide fiscal resources to the office of the Chief Diversity Officer." was discussed and amended to read "The Office of the President should provide". The question was called and after a period of public comment the motion passed by a vote of 15 in favor, 5 opposed, 3 abstentions.

The fourth Diversity Committee motion that "The University Senate recommends that in conjunction with the Chief Diversity Officer and the University Senate Diversity Committee, Loyola's Office of Institutional Research office should engage in a review of their data collection processes." was amended to specify that this was to be a review of "diversity data collection processes." The question was called and after a period of public comment the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

V. Diversity Core Requirement Discussion [continuation]

The Senate returned to its previous discussion of the issue of a diversity core requirement and took up the Diversity Committee motion that "The University Senate recommends that the Chief Diversity Officer in association with the Division of Academic Affairs should convene a task force to assess the feasibility of Loyola Univ. Chicago requiring all undergraduate students to enroll in at least one three credit hour course on diversity as part of their graduation requirement" was discussed and amended to read "The University Senate recommends that the Chief Diversity Officer in association with the Division of Academic Affairs should convene a task force to

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assess the desirability and feasibility of Loyola Univ. Chicago requiring all undergraduate students to enroll in at least one three credit hour course on diversity as part of their graduation requirement". The question was called and after a period of public comment the motion was passed by a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

VI. Adjournment of 2014-2015 University Senate

The meeting was adjourned by the Senate Chair at 4:46 PM.

VII. Special Meeting of the 2015-2016 University Senate

The meeting was called to order at 5pm and members of the 2015-2016 Senate took their seats. N. Sobe was appointed Chair Pro-Tem. The sole order of business was the election of officers for the 2015-2016 Senate year.

Noah W. Sobe was the sole nominee for the position of Chair and was elected by acclamation.

David Embrick and Lisa Burkhart were nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and the voting was conducted by electronic (iClicker) secret ballot. Lisa Burkhart was elected Vice-Chair with the Senate Chair (N. Sobe) and the past Vice-Chair (A. Sutter) certifying results.

Joyce Knight was the sole nominee for the position of Secretary and was elected by acclamation.

David Embrick and Sergio Ortiz were nominated for the position of Secretary Pro-Tem and the voting was conducted by electronic (iClicker) secret ballot. David Embrick was elected Secretary Pro-Tem with the Senate Chair (N. Sobe) and the past Vice-Chair (A. Sutter) certifying results.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.