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Loyola University Chicago

Minutes of the University Senate

September 24, 2015

**Members Present:** Samya Abu-Orf, Alinaa Alsaud, Michaelene Ansted, Lisa Burkhart, Mariana Chaves, Timothy Classen, Leanne Cribbs, David Embrick, Lucas Fleisher, Jeffrey Garceau, Kelly Garbach, Lisa Gillespie, Dominick Hall, Zelda Harris, Thomas Kelly, Terri Kilbane, Joyce Knight, Jay Malcolm, Niamh McGuigan, Kenechukwu Mmeje, Devin Moss, Sergio Ortiz, Kim Searcy, Noah W. Sobe, Don Stemen, Nancy Tuchman, Maria Udo, Susan Uprichard, Bastiaan Vanacker, Talmadge Wright, David Yellen

**Ex-Officio members Present:** Margaret Callahan, Tobyn Friar

## **I. Welcome and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm. The chair (N. Sobe) welcomed everyone and introduced and welcomed Dr. Callahan, Provost of the Health Sciences Division. He informed the Senate that the Executive Committee had appointed Barrett Harper (a part-time instructor from the English Department) to serve on the Senate Faculty Committee, and that Winfred Williams (VP Human Resources and CDO) had been appointed to serve on the Senate Diversity Committee. The chair also mentioned the Senate Outreach events occurring on all three campuses in October and November.

## **II. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.**

K. Mmeje moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. T. Kilbane seconded. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

## **III. Follow-up Reports on Previous Senate Resolutions**

The chair noted that Provost Attoh was going to provide updates but that he was unable to attend the meeting. N. Sobe noted that he had been informed that the CDO was forming an advisory council that would work on a University Diversity statement. Updates on textbook affordability, the resolution in support of considering a diversity core course requirement, and fossil fuels divestment will be provided at the next Senate meeting.

## **IV. Student Demonstration Policy**

N. McGuigan chair of the Student Development and Success Committee presented a summary of the university's Student Demonstration Policy and reported on student concern about a general lack of support for student expression on campus. Discussion ensued. Issues discussed included the university's pre-approval process for demonstrations, the importance of encouraging the respectful exchange of ideas, and concerns about individual students lacking demonstration rights that are accorded to students who are members of registered student organizations. SGLC is planning on studying and working on this issue this Fall. The Senate concluded that no specific policy recommendations were yet ready for deliberation and vote. The Chair tasked the

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Student Development and Success Committee with continuing to study these questions and with presenting a follow-up report at a future Senate meeting.

## **V. Presidential Search**

T. Classen, representing Faculty Council, reported that FC had passed a resolution calling for the expansion of the Presidential Search Committee to include additional faculty representation. It was noted that other letters have been sent requesting the enlargement of the Search Committee. T. Kelly reported that the search process will include extensive open meetings and forums. He added that the first task of the committee, however, was to select a firm that would assist with the search for a lay or Jesuit president. Discussion ensued with the chair inviting public comment at several moments.

N. Sobe proposed a motion that “The University Senate recommends to the Chair of the Board of Trustees that the Presidential Search Committee be expanded to include an additional faculty member and an additional senior administrator with consideration taken for professional school representation and diversity.” The motion was seconded by L. Burkhart.

D. Yellen suggested inclusion of the specification “senior academic administrator” which was deemed a friendly amendment by the motion’s sponsor and was incorporated into the motion under discussion.

J. Garceau proposed to amend the motion to recommend including “a graduate student” as a third additional member. After discussion the question was called and the amendment passed by a vote of 14 in favor, 12 opposed, 3 absentions.

S. Ortiz proposed to amend the motion to recommend including “an additional staff member” as a fourth recommendd additional member. After discussion the question was called and the amendment failed by a vote of 2 in favor, 24 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The amended motion, that “The University Senate recommends to the Chair of the Board of Trustees, that the Presidential Search Committee be expanded to include an additional faculty member, a senior academic administrator and a graduate student with consideration taken for professional school representation and diversity” was then brought to a vote and the motion passed by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

The Senate then discussed the importance of substantial and ongoing opportunities for the university community to provide input across the duration of the search process, however this issue was tabled for the next Senate meeting.

## **VI. Standing Committee Leadership Election**

The chair invited nominations for chair and vice-chair of the Budget and Strategic Planning Committee. Maria Udo was nominated for chair and Susan Uprichard was nominated for the position of vice-chair. There being no further nominations the chair declared them elected by acclamation.

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## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce D. Knight

Secretary, University Senate