

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

December 9, 2011: 1:45 pm, Rowan Hall Auditorium

Herb Appelton, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Keith Brand, Robert Bullard, Joe Cassidy, Bruce Caswell, Hanmei Chen, David Clowney, Jennifer Courtney, Patrick Crumrine, Ron Czochor, Carol Eigenbrot, Jess Everett, Jon Foglein, Bill Freind, Michael Grove, Eddie Guerra, Steve Hartley, Julie Haynes, Erin Herberg, Gerald Hough, Sandy Jones, Donna Jorgensen, Monica Kerrigan, Valarie Lee, Yuhui Li, Michael Lim, Janet Lindman, Douglas Mann, Lawrence Markowitz, Deb Martin, Rory McElwee, Thomas Merrill, Eric Milou, Amos Mugweru, Darren Nicholson, Susan O'Rourke, Keeley Powell, Peter Rattigan, Dan Reigel, Beth Rey, Lane Savadove, Mariano Savelski, Nick Schmelz, Edward Schoen, Christopher Simons, Mickey Smith, Eileen Stutzbach, Uma Thayasivam, Skeff Thomas, Jennie Thwing, Sandy Tweedie, Mary Beth Walpole, Tricia Yurak.

Denis DiBlasio represented by Robert Rawlins,
Kathryn Quigley represented by Carl Hausman, Connie Rosenberger represented by Cynthia Mullens,
Christine Saum represented by Natalie Schell-Busey, Barbara Williams represented by Hector Rios.

Gina Audio, Tom Doddy (3rd consecutive absence), Douglas Mapp, Jacqueline McCafferty, Corinne Meredith (2nd consecutive absence), Midge Shuff.

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Joe Chen – Student, SGA

Roberta Harvey – Interim Associate Provost

Will Riddell – Civil & Environmental Engineering

Joe Perella – Student, General Education Committee

Cindy Vitto – English

Jeff Hand – Associate Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management

Mira Lalovic-Hand – Associate VP, Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning

Marilyn Manley – Foreign Languages & Literatures

David Klassen - Physics

Jane Graziano - Art

1. Approval of Agenda – moved, seconded, approved
2. Introductions of Visitors – listed above
3. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2011 (separate file) – moved, seconded, approved
4. President's Report
 - a. University of South Jersey - Middle States has said a new university would not be accredited. Huge concern that may benefit us in some ways. If Rowan acquires other entities then we would still be accredited. May or may not change outcome but makes an acquisition more likely than a merger. Administrators have been putting together a plan in case this goes through, quite extensive, including costs and outcomes. Eight faculty and staff are to be included in next planning meetings. Committee representatives are: Cindy Vitto, Jill Perry, Sandy Tweedie, Phil Lewis, Rory McElwee, Eric Milou, Karen Siefring, and Robi Polikar. At this point Rowan's position is that we are in favor of this merger/acquisition but there are many factors that need to be considered. If this merger/acquisition happens Rowan intends to have a well-developed plan ready, unlike when the medical school proposal was passed and Cooper had a plan developed, but we did not.
 - b. BoT has granted preliminary approval for several new degree programs:

BS in Biophysics	BS in Bioinformatics
MS in Bioinformatics	MS in Biomathematics
MS in Pharmaceutical Science	PsyD in Psychology
BS in Biomedical Engineering and Translational Biomedical Sciences	
MS in Biomedical Engineering and Translational Biomedical Sciences	

Board was very impressed that faculty members are moving forward with these program plans.

5. Open Period: Jeff Hand, Associate Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management – Been here for only a few months. Oversees Admissions, Financial Aid and Information Technology. Priority problem areas – our technology is outdated, we need more scholarships, our communication is muddled - we need better branding. Already have been successful at getting \$3 million allocated toward scholarships. Also got money for information/relation management tools to be put in place to get Rowan recruiting and admission information in front of targeted

fulltime temp or full time line. Negotiations taking place with Provost. Asking for senate to be involved with a task force. Eric – resolution in spring by senate to form such a taskforce. Jim proposed compromise. Eric suggested that we should stop the rhetoric and get people in a room and organize a solution.

- b. David Clowney – regarding presidential search, forward suggestions for questions and strategies to Eric and Rory

10. Adjournment 3:10PM.

November 15, 2011

Dear Members of the Rowan University Community,

We are pleased to provide you with an update regarding Rowan University's presidential search.

The President Search Committee is in the midst of our interviewing process, which involves multiple meetings with a very diverse slate of strong candidates, who were chosen from a pool of more than 90 candidates from around the country. The interview process will continue over the next couple of months as we take seriously our charge to identify the strongest candidates to lead the University most effectively. We are also conducting reference checks and extensive background checks as part of the process.

At the appropriate point, the Search Committee will identify finalists to recommend to the Board. No decisions have been made on the timing of the next steps, as it will largely depend on the number of finalists, their specific concerns, and the on-going decisions at the state level concerning the future of higher education in the State and how that might have an impact on Rowan.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the reality that a search of this sort requires great confidentiality at this stage in order to attract and retain the strongest possible candidates in the search. We assure you that the search is on track and going very well. We appreciate the trust that has been placed in us for this important work.

Dennis DiFlorio and Virginia Rowan Smith

Presidential Search Committee Co-chairs

