SETON HALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Meeting of June 4th, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams

1. Sign in for quorum

A&S: Mary Balkun, Leslie Bunnage, Matthew Corrigan, Jonathan Farina, Amy Hunter, Nathanial Knight, Jose Lopez, Vanessa May, Widian Nicola, Nathan Oates, Mehmet Sahiner, Kirsten Schultz, Kelly Shea, Nicholas Snow;COAR: Jon Radwan, Peter Reader, Jason Tramm, Ruth Tsuria, Catherine Zizik;DIPL: Nabeela Alam, Martin Edwards, Zinaida Miller, Philip Moremen; CEHS: Margaret Brady-Amoon, Pamela Foley, Minsun Lee, Grace May, Bryan Meadows, Mary Ruzicka;SHMS: Lamar Bolden, Mirela Bruza, Ramona Guthrie, Caryn Grabowski, Dawn Maffucci, Sona Patel, Leslie Rippon; NURS: Josephine DeVito, Judith Lothian, Mary Ellen Roberts, Kristi Stinson, Mary Patricia Wall, Lori Wilt;SSOB: Anca Cotet-Grecu, Theresa Henry, Penina Orenstein, Craig Sorochuk, Hongfei Tang;THEO: Eric Johnston, Patrick Manning;LIBR: Chelsea Barrett, Marta Deyrup, Sheridan Sayles

2. Call to order

\*The meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

3. Communications from the Provost, Dr. Katia Passerini

Dr. Katia Passerini began her remarks by expressing her desire to clear up any doubts or rumors regarding the Strategic Plan. She explained the shared governance process and emphasized the Senate’s role in collaboration.

The Strategic Plan Implementation Committee was created. The APSA was fast-tracked for a sustainability assessment. This was based on multiple qualitative and quantitative methods. Through this process, 29 programs were fast-tracked for an initial review, to which only a few were suspended.

Dr. Passerini then addressed the academic re-organization named, “Seeds of Innovation”. They will continue to seek feedback with the University at large. They continue to have meetings to discuss this initiative and Dr. Passerini emphasized giving time for questions and room for improvement. An extension has been granted until June 30th in order to do so. They will continue to uphold the best practices for shared governance.

Questions:

1. Will you share your comments about the re-organization plans that you will present to the Board of Regents?
   1. She will give an update on the comments, especially on the extension. Comments are still coming in, so to report them now would be premature. A lot of her discussion will be about processes and timeline. She will also be sharing with the Board the communication timeline that they have had with the Senate.
2. Regarding the faculty in schools being affected with the merges. Would you be available to meet with faculty that have questions?
   1. If she can make the meetings, yes.
3. Regarding the process regarding student exceptions/requests to be remote. Can you clarify this process and the role of the faculty member? Is there a deadline for student requests?
   1. She emphasized having an equitable process. As requests come in, they will be sent out for review. Reports will be generated weekly in order to keep faculty updated throughout the summer.
4. When will the Board of Regents address the state of emergency?
   1. She does not know, but they will continue to monitor this.
5. Can you clarify what the college’s vote is regarding the re-organization?
   1. The question being asked is: Is the college in favor of this in principal or not? It is more of a general interest vote instead of a vote covering specifics of the merges.
   2. Colleges are to follow their usual process, follow the bylaws for voting and 11.4 of the Guide.
6. Can you address faculty and student travel reimbursement during the next academic year?
   1. They will go back to supporting travel for conferences; however, if there is a more affordable online option, they may only cover those expenses in order to keep the budget tight.
   2. There will be priorities set for each college once the budget is approved.

4. Communications from the Provost

* [2021-FS-09: MBA Concentration in Business Analytics](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1273&context=faculty-senate-resolutions)
* [2021-FS-015: Restructuring of Academic Units](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1274&context=faculty-senate-resolutions)

5. Approval of agenda

6. Approval of the [draft minutes](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1111&context=faculty-senate-minutes) of the May 7th, 2021 meeting

7. Comprehensive Advising System Discussion with Drs. Steven Lorenzet & Marianne Lloyd

The Comprehensive Advising System is coming out of Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan. The primary concerns are about retention and student success, as well as creating an equitable experience for students. Dr. Lloyd will be taking charge of the faculty piece of this. The goals are to increase student responsibility for degree completion and for faculty to have more time to mentor. One way to achieve this is by having someone do the operational tasks that faculty usually are responsible for.

It is a 4-part model that places the student at the center: student, CAS advisor (to handle first-year advising, but to continue to be there to support the student throughout their years at the university), faculty advisor (to connect with the student in their first year to build a repour), and career center.

8. Career Center Survey Discussion with Alison MacMillan

Alison MacMillan presented on a mission to review the standards and practices for the Career Center. In order to facilitate their review, they are seeking feedback from the faculty via a survey. This survey will help consolidate the faculty’s view of the Career Center and will allow faculty to make recommendations to enhance and optimize the Center. This survey will be distributed via email and taken on Qualtrics. It is 26 questions long and takes about 7 minutes to complete.

9. Executive Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2161&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

10. Reports of standing and special committees

a. Academic Facilities Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2155&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

* MOTION: [Recommendations for UC Renovations](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1111&context=senate-resolutions)

b. Academic Policy Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2157&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

* MOTION: [Certificate in Digital Humanities and Data Studies](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1109&context=senate-resolutions)

c. Compensation and Welfare Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2159&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

* MOTION: [Pandemic Impact](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1110&context=senate-resolutions)

d. Faculty Guide & By-laws Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2156&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

* [FG Interpretation of 7.2a](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1108&context=senate-resolutions)

e. Graduate Studies Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2152&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

f. Instructional Technology Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2158&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

g. Library Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2154&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

h. Program Review Committee [report](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2153&context=faculty-senate-agendas)

* FOR CONSIDERATION: [New Program Review Guidelines](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1107&context=senate-resolutions)

11. Committees with No Reports

a. Academic Integrity Committee

b. Calendar Committee

c. Faculty Development Committee

d. Grievance Committee

e. Nominations, Elections, and Appointments Committee

f. University Core Curriculum Committee

12. Committee Motions

a. Academic Facilities Committee

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*\*Vote:* The motion passed unanimously.

b. Academic Policy Committee

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d. Faculty Guide & By-laws Committee

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e. Program Review Committee

* FOR CONSIDERATION: [New Program Review Guidelines](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1107&context=senate-resolutions)

MOTION: To remand back to the committee for further review.

*\*Vote:* The motion passed unanimously.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Communications

16. Adjournment

\*The meeting was adjourned at 11:54am.