

2020-2021 University Senate
Minutes for the 24 April 2020 Organizational Meeting

2019-2020 University Senate Officers: Presiding Officer Hauke Busch, Presiding Officer Elect and Secretary to be determined at this meeting.

ATTENDANCE An online quorum was affirmed by the Presiding Officer and Secretary; however, the Secretary was unable to record everyone's name due to the brevity of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: David Johnson, Presiding Officer of the 2019-2020 University Senate, called the organizational meeting of the 2020-2021 University Senate to order at 3:31 p.m.

PASSING THE GAVEL:

- a. David Johnson (Presiding Officer of the 2019-2020 University Senate) Hauke Busch (Presiding Officer of the 2020-2021 University Senate) to the front of the room.
- b. The first two questions were directed to David Johnson and the third was directed to the university senate.
 - i. Will you view your role as presiding officer as an opportunity, rather than a burden?
 - ii. Will you be a faithful steward of the resources of the University Senate?
 - iii. If and when senate debate gets tense, will you refrain from using any profanity in German?
- c. The answers to the all three questions were "I will" from Hauke Busch.
- d. David Johnson transferred the role of Presiding Officer of the University Senate. Because the meeting was virtual, at a later date David Johnson will physically pass the gavel Susan Steele (2014-2015 Presiding Officer) had purchased to Hauke Busch.

CONSENT AGENDA: A consent agenda was available as an item of business listed on the meeting agenda and read as follows.

1. AGENDA/MINUTES

- a. University Senate Meeting Agenda (04/24/2020, 3:30 PM)

A **MOTION** to adopt the consent agenda was made, seconded, and approved by electronic vote with no proposed extractions, no further discussion, no dissenting voice, and only voting members of the university senate eligible to vote.

MINUTES: As the previous meeting of the University Senate immediately preceded this meeting, the minutes for that meeting (2:00-3:15 p.m. on Friday 24 Apr 2020) were not yet available for review.

UNIVERSITY SENATOR PINS: As the meeting was virtual, Hauke Busch will distribute university senator pins to the first-time members of the University Senate at a later date. Pin recipients were as follows.

1. **Elected Faculty Senators** Laura Childs, Benjamin Clark, Hank Edmondson, Gail Godwin, Nathan Graham, Maxwell Harley, Karl Manrodt, James Schiffman, Liz Speelman, Mariana Stoyanova, Jessica Swain, Jennifer Townes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION 1920.CON.005.O (SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2020-2021 UNIVERSITY SENATE)** On behalf of the committee, Hauke Busch, 2019-2020 SCoN Chair, presented the motion: *To endorse the slate of nominees for the 2020-2021 University Senate officers and committees as proposed in the supporting documents.*
 - a. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** There were three supporting documents accompanying this motion.

- a. *Slate of Nominees 2020-2021.pdf*. This pdf document contained the slate of nominees proposed by the 2019-2020 Subcommittee on Nominations to serve on the committees and as officers of the 2020-2021 University Senate.
- b. *Senate Representatives of University Wide Committees 2020-21.pdf* This pdf document contained the slate of nominees proposed by the 2019-2020 Subcommittee on Nominations to serve as university senate representatives for the 2020-2021 University Senate.
- c. *SCoN Bylaws Compliance (2020-04-24).docx* This MSWord document provided verification of the slate's compliance with university senate bylaws. This report is required as articulated in the university senate bylaws. The pertinent bylaw is quoted here.
V.Section1.D.2.e. Compliance Report. The Subcommittee shall prepare a report that demonstrates that the composition of all committees complies with the requirements of these bylaws. Such a report shall be submitted to the Executive Committee when the initial committee recommendations are made and any time that changes are proposed to committee membership.

b. **DISCUSSION**

i. **Officers**

- Hauke Busch noted the 2019-2020 Subcommittee on Nominations had nominated Catherine Fowler to serve as the Presiding Officer Elect of the 2020-2021 University Senate. Hauke Busch invited other nominations for this officer position from the virtual floor. No nominations were received from the floor. This nomination invitation is required as articulated in the university senate bylaws. The pertinent bylaw is quoted here.

*II.Section4.A. Presiding Officer and Presiding Officer Elect. The University Senate shall have a Presiding Officer, who presides at all meetings of the University Senate, and a Presiding Officer Elect, who shall assume the position of Presiding Officer the following year. Only elected faculty senators are eligible to serve as Presiding Officer or Presiding Officer Elect. The election of the Presiding Officer Elect shall proceed as follows. At the spring organizational meeting of the University Senate, the outgoing Subcommittee on Nominations shall nominate one elected faculty senator from the incoming University Senate. **The Presiding Officer at the spring organizational meeting shall then call for other nominations from the floor.** Should this result in more than one nominee for Presiding Officer Elect, all members of the incoming University Senate shall vote by secret ballot. The nominee receiving the most votes shall be the Presiding Officer Elect. The terms of service for the Presiding Officer and Presiding Officer Elect shall begin with the adjournment of this spring organizational meeting, and shall end when her/his successor assumes office.*

- Hauke Busch noted the 2019-2020 Subcommittee on Nominations had nominated Alex Blazer to serve as the Secretary of the 2020-2021 university senate. Hauke Busch invited other nominations for this officer position from the floor. No nominations were received from the floor. This nomination invitation is required as articulated in the university senate bylaws. The pertinent bylaw is quoted here.

*II.Section4.B. Secretary. The University Senate shall elect a Secretary at its spring organizational meeting who shall be responsible for keeping minutes at all meetings of the University Senate. Only elected faculty senators are eligible to serve as Secretary. The election of the Secretary of the University Senate shall proceed as follows. At the spring organizational meeting of the University Senate, the outgoing Subcommittee on Nominations shall nominate one elected faculty senator from the incoming University Senate. **The Presiding Officer at the spring organizational meeting shall then call for other nominations from the floor.** Should this result in more than one nominee for Secretary, all members of the incoming University Senate shall vote by secret ballot. The nominee receiving the*

most votes shall be the Secretary. The term of service of the Secretary shall begin at the call to order of the first meeting of the University Senate following the spring organizational meeting at which (s)he is elected, and shall end when her/his successor assumes office.

- ii. **SCoN Report** The proposed slate of nominees to be voted on by the University Senate was described by Hauke Busch, 2019-2020 SCoN Chair, as follows.
- Committee preferences and nominations for university senate officers (Presiding Officer Elect and Secretary) were invited from all elected faculty senators.
 - Elected Faculty Senators were also invited to express their interest in serving as a university senate representative. The responses received allowed the 2019-2020 SCoN to fill nearly all the university senate representative positions.
 - A call for volunteers to serve on university senate committees was made to the corps of instruction. Each volunteer was invited to express preference for committee service.
 - Informed by these individual committee preferences and officer nominations, the 2019-2020 Subcommittee on Nominations adopted this slate of nominees at the 10 Apr 2020 *ECUS with Standing Committee Chairs* meeting and presents it for your consideration.
 - a) Alex Blazer was the only 2020-2021 University Senate Secretary nominee, and he has accepted.
 - b) Multiple individuals were nominated to serve as the 2020-2021 University Senate Presiding Officer Elect, but only Catherine Fowler agreed to serve.
 - c) Committee continuity was realized in the sense that each committee has at least three continuing members.
 - d) The four *selected staff senators* as well as the *staff council appointee to SAPC* will be identified over the summer and added to a revised slate of nominees for vote at our first fall university senate meeting.
 - There is an elaborate set of requirements in the university senate bylaws with which the slate must comply.
 - a) ECUS composition includes the President, Provost, Presiding Officer, Presiding Officer Elect, Past Presiding Officer, and Secretary. Additionally, ECUS must have at least one elected faculty senator from each academic unit (colleges and the library).
 - b) Desirable for each of the standing committees (APC, FAPC, RPIPC, SAPC) is corps of instruction representation from all academic units (colleges and the library), yet this requirement is not explicit in the university senate bylaws.
 - c) Each of APC and FAPC require no fewer than thirteen (13) and no more than fifteen (15) members distributed as follows:
 - 1) no fewer than eleven (11) and no more than thirteen (13) members selected from the corps of instruction faculty, at least seven (7) of whom are elected faculty senators,
 - 2) a Presidential Appointee, and
 - 3) a Chief Academic Officer Designee.
 - d) RPIPC requires no fewer than thirteen (13) and no more than fifteen (15) members distributed as follows:
 - 1) no fewer than six (6) and no more than eight (8) members selected from the corps of instruction faculty, at least four (4) of whom are elected faculty senators,
 - 2) three Selected Staff Senators,

- 3) a Presidential Appointee,
 - 4) a Chief Business Officer Designee,
 - 5) a Chief Information Officer Designee, and
 - 6) a Student Government Association Appointee.
- e) SAPC requires no fewer than thirteen (13) and no more than fifteen (15) members distributed as follows:
- 1) no fewer than six (6) and no more than eight (8) members selected from the corps of instruction faculty, at least four (4) of whom are elected faculty senators,
 - 2) two Selected Student Senators,
 - 3) one Selected Staff Senator,
 - 4) a Presidential Appointee,
 - 5) a Chief Student Affairs Officer Designee,
 - 6) a Staff Council Appointee, and
 - 7) a Student Government Association Appointee.
- f) There are a five highlighted positions in the slate that will be resolved in the coming months.
- 1) Staff Council elections will be held summer 2020, and three Selected Staff Senators will be placed on RPIPC and one on SAPC. In addition, the Staff Council has an appointee position to fill on SAPC.
- c. **SENATE ACTION** Motion 1920.CON.005.O was **APPROVED** via electronic vote with no further discussion, no dissenting voice, and only voting members of the university senate eligible to vote.

COMMITTEE REPORT: This being an organizational meeting, there was only one additional committee report.

1. **GOVERNANCE RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Hauke Busch

- a. **PLANNING IN PROGRESS** The following 2020 governance retreat information was shared.
- i. **LOCATION** The retreat site is *The Club at Lake Sinclair*.
 - ii. **DATE** The retreat date is Monday, 10 Aug 2020.
 - iii. **SCHEDULE**
 - 1) Arrival and Registration 8:30am to 9:00am
 - 2) Call to Order 9:00am
 - 3) Adjourn 12:30pm
 - 4) An (optional) lunch commences at 12:30pm
 - iv. **INVITEES** All members of the committees of the 2020-2021 University Senate – university senators, appointees, designees, volunteers – are invited to attend the retreat.
 - v. **PLANNING COMMITTEE** Hauke Busch is chairing the committee with members to be determined. Hauke Busch invited any of those present who were interested in assisting with retreat planning to meet with him immediately following the adjournment of the 24 Apr 2020 organizational meeting of the 2020-2021 university senate.
 - vi. **SURVEY** A survey will be circulated requesting dietary preferences, transportation sign-up, confirmation of intent to attend, and preferences on proposed retreat agenda items. It is requested that this survey be completed in a timely manner.
 - vii. **STAY TUNED** More information about the governance retreat will be disseminated by email as it becomes available.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **2020-2021 UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS** – Hauke Busch

- a. No committee organizational meetings on 24 Apr 2020 – these meetings will occur during the committee breakout session of the Governance Retreat on 10 Aug 2020.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Hauke Busch invited open discussion from the floor. There was none.

ADJOURN:

1. **ATTENDANCE AND THE SIGN-IN SHEET** Alex Blazer attempted to mark the attendance of those who joined the online video conference.
2. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. There were no supporting documents submitted to accompany these minutes.