

## **Minutes of the CAS Faculty Senate Meeting of December 14, 2020**

Monday December 14, 2020, 4:01-5:10 PM

Attending: Bernard McKenna, John Pelesko, Thomas Rocek, Kimberly Clark, Alan Fox, Jennifer M Barker, Jenn Trivedi, Lydia Timmins, Mark Stanton, Kimberly Schroeder, Lawrence Duggan, Jenny Lobasz, Jia Song, Neal Zondlo, Dominique Guillot, James Angelini, Mark Greene, Steven Sidebotham, Dilia Lopez-Gydosh, John Jungck, **Taddy's Actual iPhone**, Deni Galileo, Christine Grogan, Erin Cassese, Nina Owczarek, Shawna Vican, Darryl Flaherty, Dionissios Assanis, Patricia Burt, Peter Feng, John Morgan, Talley Ridgeway, Denva Gallant, David Satran, Kate Copeland, Arild Hestvik, Phill Penix-Tadsen, Tiffany Barber, Eynat Gutman

President Alan Fox called for and received a vote approving the agenda.

Those present approved the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting.

Alan Fox thanked UD President Dionissios Assanis for joining the meeting.

Alan Fox announced that Tom Powers was on the COCAN.

Dean John Pelesko called for College of Arts and Sciences awards nominations (details available on the webpage). The dean then thanked everyone for jobs well done during this challenging year.

Alan Fox introduced President Assanis who made a power point presentation. This was the same one he delivered at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and to the University Faculty Senate. Here is a link to his presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oNoWoF08P2wrWWByAtZnVovacvEF6shG/view?usp=sharing>

The main topics of President Assanis' presentation were the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on UD and the university's finances.

Following President Assanis' presentation there were questions.

John Morgan asked about making COVID testing on campus easier with separate testing sites for asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals.

Deni Galileo asked for an update on who would replace Karren Helsel-Spry as University Faculty Senate secretary since she is retiring from that position. The Senate needs a secretary and time is running out to replace her without a period of no coverage.

James Angelini expressed concern about UD's messaging to students and parents. The message that UD was to prioritize freshmen and seniors seems to suggest that sophomores and juniors were of less importance. This statement requires clarification/modification.

President Assanis noted that the situation in spring 2021 was unpredictable.

Mark Greene asked about student housing on campus vs. the private rental market. President Assanis noted that capacity was being quickly added for students and that there was a joint UD/private investment initiative to address this issue.

Neal Zondlo asked about the timetable for the rollout of those receiving the COVID vaccine during phase 1b and who would be receiving the vaccine at that time.

Alan Fox then returned to the regular agenda.

The Consent Agenda for approval of courses received unanimous approval as did the following items for full consideration:

PhD dual degree in Data Sciences/Applied Math

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PhD in Game Studies and eSports

Honors BA (HBA) in Japanese Honor Studies

HBM (Honors) in Jazz and Improvisation

Minor in Sexualities and Gender Studies

New business: John Morgan asked about temporary full time faculty now teaching for three years and the possibility of raising that to five years. Dean Pelesko indicated that this could happen on a temporary basis.

There was no new business and Alan Fox closed the meeting at 5:10 PM.