



**University Senate Minutes**  
**September 5, 2024, 4:00-6:00 PM, AF 103**

**Present:** Roman Altshuler, Scott Bastedo, Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Joanne Cohen, Richard Courtney, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Marlene Fares, Robert Flately, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Joseph Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Cade Herndon, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Tracy Keyes, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Dannell MacIlwraith, Padraig McLoughlin, Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Kyra Richards, Shawn Riley, Megan Rutter, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Kim Shively, Norm Sigmond, Michelle Sims, George Sirrakos, Honey Svoboda, Todd Walker, Todd Williams, Tony Wong (for Myung Song), Gwendolyn Yoppolo

**Absent:** Barry Althouse, Lorin Basden Arnold, Kate Clair, Kenneth Hawkinson, Shelby Hoppis, Marci Scheuing, Veronique Vlaun

**Guests:** Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Kirshman, Elizabeth Kolb, Karen Rauch, Stephen Rupprecht, Gabby Wilson

- I. Call to Order @ 4:00 – Lisa Frye
- II. Announcements – Thank you to Senators. Steve Lem is parliamentarian.
- III. Guest Speakers
  - A. Assistant Vice-President and Dean of Students – Stephen Rupprecht: He is an advocate for all KU students. He introduced himself, and noted what you can expect from him including problem-solving and team building. You can reach him at [DeanofStudents@kutztown.edu](mailto:DeanofStudents@kutztown.edu). He will send out a message on his platform in the coming weeks with the theme of civility.
  - B. Bookstore – Jacklyn Downing: KUSSI, Adoption Entry is October 15<sup>th</sup>, Discussed Inclusive Access, shared Summer Updates including Publisher Integrations, and changes with the cash management regulations of the Department of Education See research by Dr. Michael R. Moore. Note this website for more information. [keeptextbooksaffordable.org](http://keeptextbooksaffordable.org) Informative power point presentation can be viewed in September Senate Folder. See link below.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from May 2, 2024 – Accepted
- V. Reports

- A. Senate President – Lisa Frye: New signs in Old Main - Pictures in September Folder. Shared Governance – Brochures and infographics available. Goals for the Year – Executive Committee wants to hear from you.
  - B. Senate Vice President – Kim Shively: Reports from CoC openings - College of Business Institutional Climate Committee. Two positions are needed for Calendar Committee – non-teaching faculty or staff (1-year and 2-year). Need one at-large faculty for Events Advisory Committee. Willingness to serve for at-large faculty or coach senator will be up and running today. Elections tomorrow for at-large staff senator.
  - C. Student Government Board – Kyra Richards: Elections for SGB President are Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. First meeting was on Tuesday. Looking for focus on safety and wellness and since in the middle of middle states self-study announced SGB is willing to help.
  - D. Associate Provost Accreditation & Assessment - Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch: Assessment newsletter sent out today. Get your assessment reports in on time. This is super important. Need to have them on September 30<sup>th</sup>. In January they will share the complete report with the campus. Following that, they will send it to Middle States. Fall of 2025 will be the team visit. KU is the first one to use the new standards and mandatory evidence inventory.
  - E. Associate Provost Student Success & Academic Excellence - Andrea Kirshman - Announcement – Looking for FYE guides, forward names to Alyssa Oakley. Fall Fest is 9/10. Discussed tutoring. Great resources on the website. See slide in September Folder for more detailed information.
- VI. New Business
- A. Presidential Search Process – Lisa Frye – Look at policies in September Folder. Will be running an election for a faculty representative and an alternate.
  - B. Final Assessment Policy Discussion (ACA-025) – Open discussion to hear conversation around this policy. Decision to let it go for now and perhaps revisit it after this version has been in effect for several years.
- VII. Good of the Order – None
- VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Padraig McLoughlin and seconded by George Sirrakos.

The agenda, associated materials, and minutes from the previous meeting can be found in the September 2024 folder on the University Senate SharePoint Site.

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Respectfully submitted,  
 Julia L. Hovanec  
 University Senate Secretary