Meeting #1

University Senate Meeting Monday, 27 September, 2021 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Via Zoom

## **Minutes**

- 1. Senate President Fran Moran asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Max Hermon's mother and Donna Piscopo's father.
- II. <u>Approval of Senate Parliamentarian</u>: Gita Sharma without objection was approved as Parliamentarian.
- III. <u>Test Zoom Voting</u>: Not done. President Fran Moran asked that only Senators vote on motions.

IV.

 We have four student Senators-at-large: Welcome Laney Fox, Salvatore Cardaci, Bassimo Sadeu, and Brianna Esteves; there were two alternate senators, Crystal Genthe and Khadija Diop.

## Senate Committees:

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o The President and Jim White answered questions on the budget, pay off date, and cash on hand.

## IX. Vote of No Confidence Resolution

(Attachment #2)

- Rules of Debate
  - o Follow Roberts rules. There is a list of speakers.
  - Consider a motion to reduce the length of time speaking. Motion made to reduce the speaking time from 10 minutes to 5 minutes. Motion seconded. No objections.
  - Ann Mabry amended the Vote of No Confidence Resolution. Fran Moran asked for the changes to be approved by no objections.
    - o 335 corrected to 315. No objections.
    - o Change from over \$175 million to nearly \$170 million. No objections.
    - o Change Faculty Senate to University Senate. No objections.
    - o Change "that the Faculty Senate" to that the University Senate. No objections.
    - Removed the recipients to only Board of Trustees, and to the public. No objections.
    - o The faculty participation in the referendum was removed. No objection.
    - o Removed reference to John Melendez.
- Fran Moran noted that the motion came from the floor of the Senate and was not reviewed by any Senate committee nor did the SEC take a position on the motion. Point of order from Joel Katz: The Senate President should preside and not inflect opinion, it is not a requirement that a motion from the floor be reviewed by any committee or any Senate, seems that the Senate President is trying to delegitimize or undermine the legitimacy of the motion by saying it hasn't gone through that process. Tis was denied by Fran Moran who stated it was informational.
- Debate
  - List of speakers: Joel Katz, Ann Mabry, John Grew, Bill Calathes, Max Hermon, Barbara Hildner, Laura Wadenpfuhl, Thyquel Halley, Crystal Genthe, Khadija Diop, Veronica Garcia, Gloria Boseman, Morteza Aabdollah. Speakers spoke on elements either for or against the motion.
  - Meriem Bendaoud asked for members to respect each other in the chat. Donna Ho-Shing reminded the Senators that they are voting as directed by their department, not for themselves.
  - o Fran Moran called the question on behalf of the body. Fifty-