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- **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Bernstein, Bhat, Bliss, Broome, Colley, Cunningham,
- 5 D'Haem, Diamond, Dinan, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine, Finnegan, Furst, Gazzillo-Diaz, Harris,
- 6 Kearney, Kim, Kothandaraman, Ku, Lee, Levitan, Maganuco, Makarec, Martus, Gundling (for
- 7 Natrajan), Nyaboga, Nyamwange, Pavese, Perez, Rosar, Sabogal, Sandmann, Schwartz,
- 8 Sheffield, Slaymaker, Smith, Snyder, Thompson (for Steinhart), Swanson, Tardi, Verdicchio,
- 9 Wagner, Waldron, Wallace, Wicke

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**ABSENT:** Alon

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- 13 **GUESTS:** Chabayta, Bolyai, Rajput, Daniel-Robinson, Potacco, Maggie Williams, Martin
- Williams, Obrecht (Lindemann), Cohen, Champanerkar, Rabbitt, Wolf, Schneider, Sherman,
- 15 Trelisky, Miller, Godar, Hahn, Rosenberg, Zeff, Nauta, V. Wagner, Burns, Goldstein, Olaye,
- Brenenson, Seal, Ciliberti, Rosengart, Noonan, Liautaud, Refsland, Stanfield, Weisberg, Orr,
- 17 Jaehyun Kim, Avdeer, An, Feola

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- **PRELIMINARIES:** Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:32PM. *Dinan and Falk-Romaine moved and seconded a motion to accept the Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.*
- 21 A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 28, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate
- was made and seconded by Dinan and Lee. The motion was approved with one abstention (43-
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- 25 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** The Chair informed Senators that agendas are prepared one week prior to
- 26 the Senate meeting and significant items that arise after this point in time are included in the
- chair's report. Due to inclement weather, the Chair advised the Senate body, the Council Chairs
  Luncheon scheduled for February 13, 2014 would be postponed. Trelisky distributed an
- 29 informational document on the Ellucian Degree Works program. A letter was distributed by the
- 30 Provost's office that addressed bookstore issues and promoted Harris to comment that
- 31 Blackboard would be able to handle e-books. The agenda item regarding changing the Senate's
- 32 constitution to include a voting member from the Student Government Association was
- postponed to a later date at the request of Maganuco (SGA President). Finnegan's report from
- 34 the meeting of the Finance, Audit and Institutional Development Committee of the Board of
- 35 Trustees, distributed in the packet, was reviewed. President Waldron reported on the recently
- 36 renovated Shea Auditorium with its fine new seating and improved acoustics. The President also
- commented on the recent tenure reform and reiterated the information regarding this matter she
- had provided in a recent e-mail. President Waldron commented on the "Advisement Memo".
- 39 She discussed the process that led to this point in time and stressed that the discussion has not ended with regard to this matter.

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VICE CHAIRS REPORT: Dinan and Duffy moved and seconded the following replacement council seats for only the Spring 2014 semester; Assessment (COE) ~ Huckvale, Advisement

council seats for only the Spring 2014 semester; Assessment (COE) ~ Huckvale, Advisement and Registration (Adjunct Faculty) ~ Mboga, and Assessment (Professional Staff) ~ Kim and

45 for a term expiring in May 2015 on the Technology (A&C) expiring May 2015 ~ Link. The

46 motion was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATIONS: Sheffield and Makarec moved and seconded the motion to accept the recommendations in the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Evaluation of Administrators. After a discussion and a number of questions the motion was approved unanimously (23-0-1).

**ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION COUNCIL:** Trelisky and the Council members discussed the material that was distributed at the meeting's onset. The material outlined attributes of the advisement software entitled "Degree Works" along with a partial list of other institutions using the software. A number of questions were posed regarding the implementation/transition to the new system in terms of flexibility with special cohorts, articulation with Banner, training of faculty/administration, and the complex structure of the programs. Trelisky responded to the inquiries and remarked that the previous Banner transition was an administrative project, whereas this is an university project that will include faculty.

UCC ASSESSMENT: Weisberg presented a Powerpoint presentation that recapped the previously distributed material in the packet. Sheffield pointed out that some Area 4 courses (2000) level) were now being taken by freshmen prior to their establishing an effective knowledge base (1000 level courses). This has now introduced students into these courses who are ill prepared and requires a lowering of the course's baseline of knowledge. *Duffy and Lee moved and seconded the UCC Assessment Report. The motion was approved unanimously.* 

ADJOURNMENT: Ku and Duffy moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved at 1:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Martus, Secretary

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