Members Present: Francis Alonzo, Laura Baker, Timothy Classen, Philip Hale, Zelda Harris, Don Heider, Terri Kilbane, Joyce Knight, Ariana Lewis, Harrison Mbugi, Sergio Ortiz, Kim Oosterhouse, Natalie Pine, Richelle Rogers, Thomas Sallese, Kim Searcy, Noah Sobe, Nancy Tuchman, Susan Uprichard Talmadge Wright

Members Absent: Mary Kate Brueck, Pamela Caughie, Lisa Gillespie, Peter Jones, Anusha Mannam, Ginny McCarthy, Niamh McGuigan, Adam Roberts, Stephanie Romeo, Don Stemen, Maria Udo

Ex-Officio members Present: Jo Anne Rooney, Margaret F. Callahan, Emmanuelle Escandar

I. Welcome and Announcements
The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm. The chair (N. Sobe) welcomed everyone and noted that the Bylaw amendments passed at the previous meeting had been approved by the President and thus the Senate was now operating under its new Bylaws. He asked if there were any motions to amend the agenda. No motions were introduced

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
J. Knight moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as circulated, T. Kilbane seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Updates on Previous Senate Resolutions
N. Sobe and Faculty Council Chair T. Classen noted that a joint letter from the Senate Chair and Faculty Council Chair had been sent to the President and Provost in December regarding the proposed Faculty Handbook change that would create a faculty hearing committee. They expect to meet with the President and Provost shortly. The University is still waiting for a response from the Office of Civil Rights in Washington regarding possible changes to the University’s Title IX reporting requirement policy as proposed by the Senate. DACA concerns we also discussed in relation to the Senate’s November resolution on the importance of the University’s continued strong support for its undocumented students and their allies. The
discussion of previous Senate Resolutions branched into an extensive discussion with President Rooney on various dimensions of the state of the university.\(^1\)

**IV. Continuation of Discussion of Diversity**
The Senate briefly discussed the university’s recently released annual diversity report for 2016 but decided to postpone substantive discussion until the next meeting so that the Diversity Committee could meet and prepare any recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Joyce D. Knight
Secretary, University Senate

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\(^1\) President Rooney’s remarks at the Senate meeting relayed much information similar to what had been discussed at recent “Pizza with the President” events, a record of which is available online at [http://luc.edu/staffcouncil/staffresources/newsandevents/pizzawiththepresidentreview/](http://luc.edu/staffcouncil/staffresources/newsandevents/pizzawiththepresidentreview/)