

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

April 16th, 2024

Open Meeting

Exhibition Lounge

Members and Senators Present: K. Ahern, S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, A. Blavos, R. Borden, R. Bryan, S. Clark, R. Coyne, S. Daman, R. Davis, A. DeChellis, E. Edlund, D. Fantacone, E. Gallagher, J. Hall, L. Jin, J. Jones, K. Lawrence, L. Lopez-Janove, A. McClellan, J. Neretich, T. Punn, J. Radloff, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, K. Sheets, K. Silvestri, T. Suzuki, A. Thompson B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: E. Bitterbaum, S. Decker, P. Donnelly, D. Harms, R. Powell, M. Yacavone, C. Widdall,

Guests: G. Birren, K. Polasek

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 2nd were approved as amended by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: K. Lawrence: No report.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: D. Harms – No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: C. Widdall – No report.

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum (A. McClellan):

- Reported that the SUNY Chancellor will be at SUNY Cortland on 4/22/24; a tree will be planted in honor of Arbor Day
- Honors Convocation will be Saturday, 4/20/24
- R. Coyne reported that SUNY Cortland Challenge Day will be tomorrow afternoon (4/17/24); thanked everyone for donations raised thus far (\$12,000)
- Encouraged participation in commencement

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – No report

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – No report

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – No report

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: J. Neretich, Chair – No report

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – No report

Student Senator: E. Gallagher/T. Punn

- Big Event scheduled for 4/21/24; so far, we have over 400 student volunteers
- Elections are completed

- Khyla Diggs, President
- Tannu Punn, Vice President
- Patrick Kiernan, Chief Financial Officer
- Kaylee Evans and Alex Jackson, NYPIRG Board of Directors
- Pamphlets to improve student advising are now completed; copies can be found outside of the SGA Office, Advisement and Transition Office, as well as at Career Services
- Chair K. Lawrence congratulated the SGA Reps on all their hard work across the semester

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: E. Faulkenbury, Chair – No report.

University Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek, Chair – Reported that the committee has been very busy this semester; reminded faculty to please be sure that they are submitting assessments under the correct level, as there have been several issues with that lately, which in turn slow down the process

College Research Committee: C. Badurek, Chair – No report

General Education Committee: D. Radus, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: L. Gathagan, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Review of Governance, Changes to Chapter 150 of The College Handbook** – G. Birren, J. Neretich, and K. Sheets opened discussion/debate to the floor of the Faculty Senate
 - G. Birren introduced an amendment to be added to Section 150.04; the amended language is as follows: "Two elected seats representing the interests of full-time lecturers, one to be elected at large from full-time lecturers in the School of Arts and Sciences, and one elected at large from the full-time lecturers or tenure track faculty from the School of Professional Studies or Education. (Approved by President Bitterbaum, June 2009. Updated XXXX 2024) "
 - Concern was raised as to this new language limiting FTL representation
 - It was then further explained that this amendment wouldn't limit FTL representation, as the seat has to be elected by the FTL constituencies
 - Discussion regarding whether changes made throughout Chapter 150 are substantive changes, rather than changes for clarity
 - Most of the changes made were for clarity, as well as to align the language to be compatible with the Board of Trustee's (BOT) language

X. New Business:

- **AFAC Changes to Chapter 220.07** – AFAC's revisions to Chapter 220.07 of the College Handbook was introduced to the Faculty Senate; clarifying questions were taken from the floor (*Please find documents attached*)
 - K. Sheets thanked the members of the AFAC for their diligent work on this proposal. Explained many of the changes throughout the document are organizational changes
 - Q. Why is advising being moved from teaching to service?
 - A. To align with the BOT's definition of service
 - Q. Who decides if the service level has been met?

- A. The appropriate personnel committees in the review process
 - Q. How will this affect extra service pay?
 - A. Can't speak to this personally, so, unsure of how this would affect extra service pay
 - Q. How does this align with other SUNY institutions?
 - A. Many SUNY's model after Cortland
- **EPC Changes to Chapter 415** – EPC's revisions to Chapter 415 of the College Handbook was introduced to the Faculty Senate; clarifying questions were taken from the floor (*Please find document attached*)
 - Q. Will these changes go before an external group?
 - A. goes before the Faculty Senate, so, that is considered external input
- **EPC Transfer and Prior Learning Credit** – EPC's proposal regarding transfer and prior learning credit was introduced to the Faculty Senate; clarifying questions were taken from the floor (*Please find document attached*)
 - Q. Who wrote this document?
 - A. The EPC and a sub-committee of the EPC comprised of various members from each of the schools

XI. Announcements:

- S. Daman announced the College Research Committee (CRC) has officially changed its name to the Faculty Research Committee (FRC)
- L. Jin announced that The SUNY FACT2 AI Symposium will be held at University of Buffalo on 5/21/24
- A, Blavos announced that Gay Prom is this Friday (4/19/24).

Meeting was adjourned by K. Lawrence at 2:26PM on 4/16/24

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis