

Faculty Senate Minutes #2

February 19th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, C. Bennett, A. Blavos, R. Borden, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, J. McNamara, P. Perkins, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, S. Umansky, R. Vooris, D. West, C. Widdall, V. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, S. Comins, R. Fiddler, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, E. Owens, C. Pass, J. Pomeroy, M. Prus, M. Sutherlin, D. Van Langen

Guests: A. Cirrincione

I. Approval of Minutes: The amended Minutes from February 5th, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – No report

III. Vice Chair's Report: M. DiVita – No report

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – No report

V. Secretary's Report: D. VanLangen – No report.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Commented on Chancellor Johnson's visit to the Cortland campus; he stated that she enjoyed her visit to our campus, and that she was impressed with the campus's Star-NY online tutoring program as well as with the SGA's Clothing Closet Program.
- Reported that the renovations to Moffett are in progress; Moffett is scheduled to be completed in 18 months. The President then stated that they hope to renovate Van Hoesen sometime in the near future, after the completion of Moffett.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: G. Birren, Chair – No report

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon/H. Haines, Chair – No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC has one vacant seat for the School of Education, and also reported that the committee will have the Disability Statement ready to introduce to the Senate at the next Senate meeting (3/5/19).

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – Reported that the PAC has been reviewing the campus's employee evaluation processes; he encouraged members of the faculty to share their thoughts, questions, and/or concerns with the committee regarding Cortland's employee evaluation process.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Alternate Senator: R. Vooris, Chair – Reported on the winter plenary that took place at SUNY Cobleskill:

- There are projected changes concerning GE's
 - This is due to the reduction in GE's from SUNY Central
- There has been an increase in online education, as well as an increase in micro-credentialing
- PRODI-G (Promoting Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth) Program – a program that supports a growing diverse faculty across SUNY campuses – the goal of the program is to obtain at least 1,000 hires within 10 years
- Tele-Counseling initiative – would provide counseling to students in an online environment

- There were two resolutions passed:
 - 181.01 – Length of Service for Distinguished Professorships
 - 181.03 – New Deal for SUNY and CUNY

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that she will be running the 2019 SGA elections, which will decide who will become the new President, Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer; the results of the election will be announced on 4/13/19.
- Reported that the SGA's Clothing Closet is operating very successfully; there have been several students who go in and ask to look through clothing items and try items on.
- Announced that the SUNY's Got Your Back event will take place on 2/21/19; she explained that this is an event that supports victims of sexual assault.
- SGA representative C. Bennett announced that the Student Senate has 10 At-Large seats, 7 of which are vacant; he encouraged faculty and staff to recommend students to the SGA, if they know of any, who may be interested.

VIII. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: B. Lovett, Chair – L. MacDonald reported on behalf of the CTE Committee the committee would be reporting on the topic of introducing new Course Teacher Evaluations (CTE's) at the Faculty Senate's open, which will take place on 3/26/19.

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: J. McNamara, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – G. Birren reported on behalf of the GFEC that any faculty member holding the rank of Assistant Professor can apply to serve on the GFEC; the faculty member must also have at least 3 years of graduate teaching in order to be eligible to apply.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the call for nominations that was sent out on behalf of the Committee on Committees on 1/31/19 (*Please find the call for nominations attached in email*). The approved nominations are as follows:
 - CCRC – School of Education – fill unexpired term – M. Gonzalez
- There are still 6 remaining vacancies that are as follows:
 - EPC - School of Education – fill unexpired term
 - CCRC - Arts/humanities - – fill temporary vacancy for spring semester
 - GFEC – BIO/CHEM/GEO/MATH/PHYSICS – fill unexpired term
 - GFEC – CH/EC, FSA – fill unexpired term due to retirement
 - GFEC – Library & departments having no graduate programs - fill unexpired term due to retirement
 - Senator – MATH/SCIENCE – fill unexpired term
- UFS Resolutions from Fall 2018 – There were 4 resolutions passed in the Fall of 2018 by the UFS; each resolution was voted on for endorsement by the Senate (*Please find documents attached in email*). The results are as follows:
 - Resolution on Gender Neutral Language in All SUNY Correspondence – Carried by the Senate
 - Support for Lactating Persons and Lactation Space(s) on All SUNY Campuses – Carried by the Senate
 - To Encourage SUNY to become the First Test-Optional System of Higher Education in the Nation – Motion by R. Borden to postpone voting until M.

Yacavone and J. Fenton are able to attend the Senate and voice their opinions; seconded by R. Vooris; motion to postpone carried by the Senate.

- To Re-institute the Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program – Carried by the Senate
- Nominations for chair for Ad-Hoc Committee on Transgender & GNC Initiative – email L. MacDonald with nominations.

X. New Business:

- EPC A.A.S Transfer Credit Policy - This policy expands our current transfer credit policy from the A.S. and the A.A. degrees to include the A.A.S. degree; the policy will be introduced to the Senate (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - The policy was introduced to the Senate and clarifying questions were answered; discussion of the policy will take place at the next Senate meeting on 3/5/19, and the Senate will also vote on the policy at the 3/5/19 meeting following the discussion
- UFS Resolutions 181.01, Length of Service for Distinguished Professorships, and 181.03, New Deal for SUNY and CUNY were introduced to the Senate and clarifying questions were asked (*Please find documents attached in email*).
 - Discussion of the resolutions will take place at the next Senate meeting on 3/5/19, and the Senate will also vote on whether to endorse these resolutions at the 3/5/19 meeting following the discussion.

XI. Announcements:

- Senator S. Strause reminded faculty of the application for SUNY IITG; the deadline to submit the application is 5/3/19.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:11pm on 2/19/19.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis