

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

October 24th, 2017

Members and Senators Present: J. Ouellette, K. Lawrence, D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, I. Jordak, G. Birren, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Schubert, J. McNamara, M. Song, D. West, H. Haines, S. Applin, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, S. Strause, C. Manaseri, T. Suzuki, R. Borden, J. Zhe-Heimerman, G. Rinefierd, S. Comins, M. Fox, R. Powell, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, E. Owens, P. Schroeder, A. Arkayasa, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, A. DeChellis

Members and Senators Absent: C. Widdall, W. Miller, R. Fiddler, M. Mavrogian, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, S. Anderson, P. Perkins.

Guests: F. Pierce, N. Pasquarello, J. Felton, S. Umansky, K. Bonafide

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from October 3rd, 2017 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: No Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: J. Ouellette – Reported that she was unable to attend the CGL (Campus Governance Leaders) conference that was held over the past weekend. J. Ouellette then introduced Regina Grantham as the new treasurer.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – No report.

V. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reminded members to please pay their dues. Dues can be paid either in cash or with a check made out to Faculty Senate.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum – No report.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

Planning Committee: No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No report

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak, Chair – No report

Area Senator: No Report

SUNY Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon:

- Attended the CGL Conference with the SUNY Faculty Senate over this past weekend, 10/20/17-10/23/17, where he met the new SUNY Chancellor.
- Reported that the new SUNY Chancellor is very interested and involved with promoting shared governance.
- There were several resolutions passed at the conference, and are as follows:
 - Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day, as opposed to Columbus Day
 - Free access to menstrual products in *all* restrooms on campuses

- Academic advising and financial aid – faculty advisors should refer students to financial aid office in regards to scholarships and other financial questions, rather than advising students themselves on such matters
- United States military personnel - Attendance Policy Accommodation for United States Military Drills and Training
- On 10/11/17, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution that allows charter schools to implement their own accreditation for teacher education; this was vehemently opposed by the University Faculty Senate

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa:

- Reported that the SGA leaders have been building relationships with new students, particularly freshmen and transfer students
- Explained that SGA is eligible to receive the SUNY Shared Governance Award, if a faculty member nominates them; the deadline for nominations is 11/21/17
- A. Arkayasa nominated Sophie Umansky to serve on Faculty Senate as an SGA representative

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – J. Ouellette reported on behalf of the chair, stating that the committee is continuing observation of candidates.

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: K. Bonafide, Chair:

- Reported that the committee is currently working on the charge given to them by the Senate regarding Course Teacher Evaluations (CTEs); the committee plans to send out a survey to faculty and students sometime soon (*Please see attached report in email*)
- The committee plans to have a formal recommendation for Senate regarding the charge of CTE's sometime in the Spring of 2018

College Research Committee: B. Hodges, Chair – No report

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – No report.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – On behalf of the chair, J. Ouellette read remaining vacancies for the Senate and committee representatives, taking nominations from the floor (*Please see attached document in email.*)

J. Ouellette also explained that the Committee on Committees has been given a charge to review their duties. Since the introduction of electronic balloting all of the work has been completed by the Chair of COC and the Faculty Senate Chair ; hopefully, Senate will hear something back regarding this charge sometime in the Spring of 2018 (*Please see attachment in email*)

Before moving on to new business, J. Ouellette introduced Title IX Officer, Nan Pasquarello, and Chief Diversity Officer, James Felton.

X. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

XI. New Business:

- K. Lawrence made a motion to discuss the Inclusive Learning Environment Statement proposal, which was seconded by E. Owens (*Please see attachment in email*)
- J. Zhe-Heimerman made a motion to amend the term "...ability..." to the term disability, which was seconded by J. Ouellette:

- Vote: 10 to 4; motion failed
- A. Fitz-Gibbon made a motion to amend the phrase “...ability, age...” to “...ability or disability, age...” which was seconded by R. Grantham:
 - Vote: 17 to 4; motion approved
- L. MacDonald made a motion to strike entire second sentence of the first paragraph, beginning with the term “Likewise...” which was seconded by A. Arkayasa:
 - Vote: 8 to 15; motion failed
- R. Borden made a motion to amend “...with dignity and with respect to age, ability or disability, ethnicity...” which was seconded by A. Arkayasa;
 - Vote: 23 to 0; motion approved
- G. Rinefierd made a motion to amend “...this commitment or its expression in this course...” which was seconded by A. Blavos:
 - Vote: 7 to 14; motion failed

**** We were unable to finish discussing this proposal, but will continue discussing the motion on the table (endorsement of the statement) at the next full Senate meeting, which will be on 11/7/17*****

XII. Announcements: No announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM on 10/24/17

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis