

## Faculty Senate Minutes #3

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**Members and Senators Present:** L. MacDonald, D. VanLangen, C. Widdall, A. Fitz-Gibbon, J. McNamara, C. Badurek, B. Williams, D. West, H. Haines, A. Curtis, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, R. Fiddler, R. Borden, T. Suzuki, C. Costell Corbin, J. Zhe-Heimerman, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, J. Moore, K. Rose, S. Umansky, G. Sharer, P. Perkins, A. DeChellis, S. Anderson.

**Members and Senators Absent:** M. Prus, R. Grantham, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, V. Widdall, S. Comins, M. Fox, C. Kuretich, T. Wirth, G. Sharer

**Guests:** A. Thomas

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The revised Minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

**II. Senate Actions:** There were no Senate actions.

**III. Chair's Report:** L. MacDonald – Reported that she was looking forward to the college's sesquicentennial this coming weekend. The chair also took this time to welcome the newly elected members to the Senate, and asked them to introduce themselves.

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

**V. Treasurer's Report:** R. Grantham – No report.

**VI. Secretary's Report:** No Report.

**VII. President's Report:** E. Bitterbaum:

- Being that the winter months are approaching, the president took this time to remind faculty members that only the governor has the authority to close the college in the case of inclement weather; if a faculty member is unable to make it into work because of the weather, and the college is open, then they are able to use their accrued time to take the day off.
- President Bitterbaum reported on his visit with Chancellor Johnson and the other 63 SUNY presidents; they discussed items such as endowed term chairs.
- Reported that construction in Moffett will begin this coming Spring (2019).
- Announced that Corey Union is now open, along with the two new eateries that have been placed in Corey.
- Reminded members that the sesquicentennial takes place this weekend (10/5/18-10/7/18), and encouraged all to participate in the celebration.
- Reported that the college's performance of "Annie Get Your Gun," will take place both this coming weekend as well as the following weekend.

**VIII. Standing Committee Reports:**

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

**Academic Faculty Affairs Committee:** A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the committee is continuing to work on the criteria needed for continuing appointment, and that the committee will be visiting with 15 departments to discuss personnel policies.

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

**Professional Affairs Committee:** Vacant chair – No report

**Area Senator:** No Report

**SUNY Senator:** A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> term serving on the University Faculty Senate's Ethics Committee, and encouraged our Faculty Senate members to consider serving on the SUNY Faculty Senate and its committees as well. The call for these committees usually comes out at the end of the spring term.

**Student Senator:** S. Umansky:

- Reported that the SGA recently appointed 10 student representatives to the AGT board, and expressed that she was very pleased to see that our campus is committed to shared governance.
- Reported that she is in the process of bringing several of the University Student Government Association's procedures to SUNY Cortland's campus, such as holding voter for students on campus.
- Reported that the SGA had a meeting with ASC Board last Friday (9/28/18) in an attempt to bring about an initiative to prevent students from committing acts of vandalism with ice cream cones.

**IX. Other Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Teaching Awards:** No report.

**Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:** B. Lovett, Chair – No report.

**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 – No report.

**X. Unfinished Business:**

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the two calls for nominations that were sent on behalf of the Committee on Committees (*Please find the calls for nominations attached in email*).
- The vacancies that were voted on and approved by the Senate were as follows:
  - School of Arts and Sciences, Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund
  - School of Education, Academic Grievance Tribunal: K. Wiczorek
  - School of Education, Academic Grievance Tribunal: N. Wilson
  - School of Education, College Curriculum Review Committee: K. Rombach
  - School of Education, General Education Committee: J. Jimenez
  - Professional Staff, Committee on Committees: T. Das

***\*\*\*Please note: Ballots are currently out for the seats that have been contested\*\*\****

**XI. New Business:** Educational Policy Committee, Academic Forgiveness Policy, Chair, C. Widdall (*Please see policy attached in email*)

- C. Widdall explained that this policy had previously been brought to the Senate, and had also been vetted back in the Spring of 2018 (for which there were only 8 responses); based on those responses, the revised policy is being brought back to the Senate for approval.
- It was explained that this policy would only pertain to undergraduate students; for the time being, the policy is also intended for those undergraduate students who have left the college and are attempting to return (rather than students who are currently enrolled).
- It was also explained that this policy does not remove grades from students' official college transcripts.

**XII. Announcements:** There were not any announcements.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm on 10/2/18.**

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis