

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

September 6th, 2022

Hall of Fame Room

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, S. Clark, C. Costell Corbin, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, S. Dutkowsky, E. Edlund, R. Grantham, L. Jin, A. Myles, V. Placide, P. Perkins, R. Powell, M. Prus, P. Schroeder K. Sheets, K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, D. West, B. Williams, S. Yoo, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: J. Bucciferro, S. Daman, J. Radloff, T. Suzuki, M. Wetter, C. Widdall,

Guests: B. Adams, D. Harms, A. Thompson, M. Yacovone

Approval of Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate: As this was the first in-person meeting of the Senate in over two years, there was a quick review of the standing rules by the Parliamentarian; standing rules were approved by the Senate.

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from May 3rd were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Announced that the Senate will be including a 2nd UFS SUNY Senator, as well as a 2nd UFS SUNY Alternate Senator seat on the next updated call for nominations that will go out to the campus; many other SUNYs have 2 SUNY Senator/Alternate SUNY Senator seats represented in their Faculty Senate. For our Spring 2023 Senate meetings, we are hoping to have them in the Fireside Lounge in Corey Union, if the space is available during our meeting times.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: B. Williams – No report.

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Introduced SUNY Cortland's new Chief of Staff, April Thompson, to the Senate.
- Provost search is underway; there have been 23 applicants and over 80 inquiries so far regarding the search.
- There are 28 new faculty searches
- Renovations in Miller will hopefully be finished within the next few weeks
 - Renovations in Van Hoesen will begin soon
 - Future renovations in Corey, Memorial Library, and the science building will hopefully take place
- If faculty have students who test positive for COVID, they should advise those students to contact their associate dean, as they would with any other illness which would cause them to be absent from classes from any prolonged period of time; students testing positive for COVID should also isolate for 5 days and mask after those 5 days of isolation as well.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – Committee is completely filled, and will meet for the first time next Monday.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – Committee is currently reviewing department policies and procedures, sent notices to department chairs; AFAC and GPIC working on proposal regarding faculty workload, which will hopefully be presented to the Senate sometime this fall semester.

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – Committee has a charge from the Senate they are working on regarding AGT policies, specifically procedures dealing with students withdrawing from courses. Committee will meet this Friday.

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: S. Daman, Chair – No report

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek/A. Blavos – C. Badurek:

- Reported that the Fall 2022 Plenary will be held 10/20-10/22 at SUNY Purchase
- Call for Distinguished Faculty nominations will go out to campus this week; deadline to submit nominations will be mid-January.

Student Senator: A. Bowler:

- Reported that the SGA's club fair that was held yesterday was a success, despite all the rain.
- SGA officer training will be happening this week.
- This past Friday, the issue of student parking was "tabled;" tabled meaning a table was set up in Corey Union where students could give opinions, ideas, and resolutions on the given topic.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: M. Moyer, Chair – No report.

College Curriculum Review Committee: Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: L. Delaubell, Chair – No report

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2022** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies from the Spring 2022 call for nominations (*Please find document attached*).
 - Nominees approved by the Senate this afternoon will receive confirmation letters by the end of the week.

X. New Business:

- **UFS Resolution 190-01-1** – Successful Implementation of the SUNY Health, Wellness, and Well-Being Infrastructure and Leadership Architecture (*Please find document attached*).
 - Introduced to the Senate and clarifying questions were asked
 - Q. What are the specific tasks and/or responsibilities of a Chief Wellness Officer?
 - Each campus would decide those duties
- **UFS Resolution 190-02-1** – Costs of Administration Study (*Please find document attached*).

- Introduced to the Senate and clarifying questions were asked
- Q. Define administration, does it refer to all professional faculty, or just at the director level?
 - The goal is to have a better sense of transparency with upper level administration costs, so, upper level administration.
- **UFS Resolution 190-04-1** – Updating, revising, and clarifying The State University of New York Guide to Presidential Searches at State-Operated Institutions (document #8400) (*Please find document attached*).
 - Introduced to the Senate; there were no clarifying questions
 - This resolution is SUNY-wide; we at Cortland have our own policy pertaining to searches, and this resolution would not impact our current policy.

XI. Announcements:

- G. Birren: An ad-hoc committee has been created to nominate SUNY Cortland for the SUNY Shared Governance Award; nominations are due in November, and the recipient will be announced sometime in the Spring of 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:08PM on 9/6/22

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis