

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

January 30,th 2018

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

Members and Senators Absent: C. Manaseri, M. Prus, P. Perkins.

Guests: E. Edlund

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from December 5th, 2017 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: No Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: J. Ouellette – Announced that the Senate webpage has been updated, explaining that we will now be posting the agenda along with any attachments for each meeting using the meeting dates in the Minutes section of the webpage. Once the meeting minutes are completed – the “Agenda” will be replaced by the actual “Minutes.”

IV. Vice Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – Passed around a copy of the Africana Studies Department's events calendar for events taking place during Black History month, which takes place throughout the month of February.

V. Treasurer's Report: Reminded members about dues; dues are \$10, and can be paid either in cash or by check. As a reminder, please send dues to: Regina Grantham, Communication Disorders & Sciences Dept. PRST, Room 2201.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that there has been an increase in enrollment, as well as in the admissions department; the campus is one-thousand applications ahead of last year, so far.
- Reported that the Excelsior Scholarship is currently in its second year; this means that students whose parents make \$110,000 or less annually are able to attend any SUNY or CUNY institution tuition free.
- Announced that he will be absent from the next Senate meeting (2/13/17), as he will be in Cuba for a conference with all the other SUNY campus presidents.
- Renovation on Park Center will begin to take place this spring; the tiles on the outside of the building are going to be replaced.
- Reminded members that the 150th birthday of SUNY Cortland will be taking place this summer.

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 currently in the process of visiting 12 departments, and that they have already met with 7 of the 12 departments.

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 – Reported on attending SUNY winter plenary; he explained that the SUNY Chancellor attended and that several UFS resolutions were discussed, including a resolution on defining liberal arts.

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa:

- Reported that the SGA club fair this past weekend was a success.
- Introduced Chester Bennett as the new SGA representative to serve on Senate, who will be replacing M. Mavrogian.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – No report.

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: K. Bonafide, 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 – J. Ouellette read remaining vacancies for the Senate and committee representatives, taking nominations from the floor (*Please see attached document in email.*). There were no nominations from the floor.

X. Unfinished Business:

- The revised update to GFEC bylaws will be discussed and voted on by the Senate at our next meeting on 2/13/18 (*Please see attachment in email.*)
- The following UFS resolutions from 12/5/17 were discussed for endorsement and then voted on (*Please see attachments in email*)
 - Indigenous Peoples' Day – endorsed
 - Academic Advising – endorsed
 - Attendance Policy Accommodation for US Military – endorsed
 - Broad-based fees – endorsed

XI. New Business:

- EPC proposal regarding the review of transfer credit from non-regionally accredited colleges/Transfer Advisory Committee will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting on 2/13/18 (*Please see attachment in email*)
- GE 4 SLO Update will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting on 2/13/18 (*Please see attachment in email*)
- The final version of the Title IX Statement will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting on 2/13/18 (*Please see attachment in email*)

XII. Announcements:

- J. Ouellette reminded senators to review documents that are pending discussion/voting prior to Senate meetings; J. Ouellette also reminded members to be sure to bring previously

distributed documents to subsequent meetings when there is a vote pending on such documents.

- J. Ouellette announced that the AGT policies are currently being updated, and that the Senate will be reviewing the revised document soon.
- The EPC will be reporting at the next full senate meeting on 2/13/18.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05PM on 1/30/18

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis