

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

March 22nd, 2022

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, M. Alvisi, G. Birren, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Clark, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, K. Dames, S. Daman, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, A. Fitz-Gibbon, , R. Grantham, J. Hall, T. Hunter, L. Jin, K. Johnson, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myers, A. Myles, , C. Pass, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, P. Schroeder K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, T. Suzuki, D. West, C. Widdall, B. Williams, S. Yoo, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: C. Badurek, E. Bitterbaum, E. Edlund, K. Nuhu, J. Radloff, M. Stone, G. Vogt,

Guests: L. Delaubell, D. Harms, K. Gallagher, K. Sheets, N. Wilson

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from March 1st were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reminded senators that Middle States will be in two weeks. Encouraged faculty to participate in commencement, as there will be three undergraduate ceremonies, one graduate ceremony, as well as an additional ceremony that will be held in honor of the graduating class of 2020; ceremony for the class of 2020 is expected to have at least 100 students attending.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- In lieu of the president's absence, L. Davies shared his report with the Senate; President Bitterbaum is in Albany meeting with the other 64 SUNY presidents this week.
- Continuing to closely monitor COVID on campus
- The NYS budget should be ready within the next weeks
 - Letter has been drafted requesting the hire of more professional faculty lines
- SUNY Cortland has been recognized as a bicycle-friendly campus; there are 220 universities in total that are recognized as being bicycle friendly

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – No report

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

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – C. Widdall reported on behalf of the committee regarding a memo that EPC had sent out to campus concerning the possibility of a course reset policy for current students; the EPC had been charged by the Faculty Senate to look into the possibility of a course reset policy; however, after multiple discussions with the Associate Deans and representatives of the Registrar's Office, it has been concluded that a course reset policy for current students is not feasible at this time, mainly due to workload and financial aid implications (*Please find document attached*)

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

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek/A. Blavos – A. Blavos reported that the UFS will be meeting sometime within the next few weeks to discuss/plan Fall 2022 Plenary

Student Senator: T. Hunter:

- Reported that the SGA has been reviewing two resolutions they have been working on and will submit them to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee next week.

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 2021** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies from the Spring 2021 call for nominations (*Please find document attached*).
- **Academic Calendars, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026** (*Please find documents attached*)
 - L. Davies explained that the beginning and ending dates for the winter and summer sessions need to be revised and updated; Senate can still approve the current calendars as is, and then approve the amendments to the summer and winter sessions later once they are revised
 - No objections to approving; academic calendars are approved.

X. New Business:

- **Renaming the PAC to the PFAC**– Update of 150.03(VII) of the College Handbook to rename the Professional Affairs Committee (*Please find document attached*)
 - No clarifying questions
- **EPC Memo to Retake Transfer Credit** – Clarification of policy regarding retaking earned transfer credit (*Please find document attached*)
 - Will the grade on student’s transcript be an “E” as though he/she failed the course?
 - Grade on transcript for the course that was retaken will fall under different notation on the student’s transcript
 - Will a student’s financial aid be impacted?
 - NYS will not allow re-take as part of full-time status; a student could potentially lose \$500 in aid
 - Will the change be admissible in the Banner system?
 - The change should be compatible with banner; will depend on if the student is a new student vs. a continuing student
- **GFEC Resolution** – Alteration to the Instructional Delivery Policy (*Please find document attached*)
 - How many online graduate programs are there currently within our campus?
 - 6 in total; however, that number is continuing to grow
 - Why was this resolution made to the administration before it was presented to the Faculty Senate?
 - Not a Senate policy, it is an administrative policy
 - The Faculty Senate does not own this policy, and therefore cannot make any changes to it

XI. Announcements:

- C. Widdall – Phi Kappa Phi is in desperate need of a new treasurer and secretary, due to the fact that the current treasurer and secretary have been in those roles for the past 15 years; faculty members who wish to serve in either of these roles must be a member of Phi Kappa Phi. Phi Kappa Phi is also currently accepting applications for students to join; so far, there are around 100 students who have submitted applications. Deadline to submit applications is 4/1/22.
- G. Birren – The new Spring 2022 Call for Nominations for both Senate seats and committee seats will be sent out to campus sometime within the next few weeks.
- Thanked M. Prus for his time serving as Provost; M. Prus will be returning to academia in the Fall 2022 semester in the Economics Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56PM on 3/22/22

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis