

Faculty Senate Minutes #3

March 5th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, C. Bennett, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, R. Fiddler, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, L. MacDonald, P. Perkins, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, T. Suzuki, S. Umansky, D. Van Langen, R. Vooris, D. West, C. Widdall, V. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, E. Owens, C. Pass, M. Prus, S. Strause, M. Sutherlin,

Guests: A. Cirrincione, M. Yacavone

I. Approval of Minutes: The amended Minutes from February 19th, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – Reported that she has charged the AFAC with developing guidelines for faculty service in Chapter 220 of the Handbook.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – No report

V. Secretary's Report: D. VanLangen – No report.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Commented on his recent trip to California, in which he visited alumni from Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco; he reported that through gifts from alumni, the college has already accrued 12 million dollars in contributions.
- Commented that the Black Student Union's panel discussion was well-done.
- Announced that after more than 25 years of service and dedication to the college, head softball coach J. Lenhart will be retiring this year.
- Thanked M. Yacavone for attending the Senate meeting today to share his opinions on the UFS's resolution to encourage SUNY to become test-optional.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC will send out a vetting document sometime within the next few weeks regarding requirements in course syllabi (Ch. 220.02 of the Handbook). She strongly encouraged participation in vetting this document, as it needs input from faculty across campus.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – No report.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Alternate Senator: R. Vooris, Chair – No report

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that she will be running the 2019 SGA elections, which will decide who will become the new President, Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer; the results of the election will be announced on 4/13/19.

- Since she is running the elections this year, she has made changes to the regulations regarding campaigning during the voting period; in the past, students were not allowed to hang posters on campus, or make posts on social media regarding their campaign, if they were running for SGA, and so she has made it so that students are now allowed to campaign on campus using avenues such as social media.
- Reported that the SGA's Clothing Closet is continuing to operate very successfully; the Parks Alumni House is a drop off site for alumni to donate to the Clothing Closet.
- Announced that the SGA will be hosting an event on 4/25/19 for all student leaders who were recommended by a faculty and/or staff member.
- C. Bennett indicated that the SGA's Manifesto has gone out to campus; he thanked faculty members for their positive response to it.

VIII. Other Committee Reports:

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

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – Reported that the deadline for the Faculty Research Program proposals was on 2/22/19, and that the committee will be reviewing the proposals that were submitted this week; he will report more to the Senate after the committee has completed the reviews.

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

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

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the call for nominations that was sent out on behalf of the Committee on Committees on 1/31/19 (*Please find the call for nominations attached in email*).
 - There are still 6 remaining vacancies that are as follows:
 - EPC - School of Education – fill unexpired term
 - CCRC - Arts/humanities - – fill temporary vacancy for spring semester
 - GFEC – BIO/CHEM/GEO/MATH/PHYSICS – fill unexpired term
 - GFEC – CH/EC, FSA – fill unexpired term due to retirement
 - GFEC – Library & departments having no graduate programs - fill unexpired term
 - Senator – MATH/SCIENCE – fill unexpired term
- Nominations for chair for Ad-Hoc Committee on Transgender & GNC Initiative:
 - E. Morris emailed L. MacDonald previously and put in a self-nomination
 - Hearing no other nominations from the floor, E. Morris was approved as the chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Transgender and GNC Initiatives.
- UFS Resolution 180.03 – To Encourage SUNY to Become the First Test-Optional System of Higher Education in the Nation
 - Guest, M. Yacavone commented on this resolution, expressing that outreach and recruitment are better ways to appeal to prospective incoming students, rather than being test-optional; he also expressed that the implementation of becoming test-optional may cause accreditation issues, and would be problematic for selection of scholarships and awards. The proposal would also impact graduate programs that use the GRE.
 - Further discussion ensued.
 - Following the discussion, the resolution was voted on
 - Motion to endorse was not carried by the Senate.
- UFS Resolution 181.01 – Length of Service for Distinguished Professorships
 - There was a vote to endorse
 - Motion to endorse was carried by the Senate
- UFS Resolution 181.03 – New Deal for SUNY and CUNY

- There was a vote to endorse
 - Motion to endorse was carried by the Senate
- EPC A.A.S Transfer Credit Policy - This policy expands our current transfer credit policy from the A.S. and the A.A. degrees to include the A.A.S. degree.
 - There was a vote to endorse
 - Motion to endorse was carried by the Senate

X. New Business:

- Review of Governance Committee (ROG) – Chair, M. DiVita, introduced editorial changes to Chapter 150.03 of the College Handbook to the Senate; she noted that these changes predominately reflect the change to gender neutral language throughout the document. *(Please find document attached in email)*
 - Clarifying questions were asked.
- EPC – Revised Disability Statement – Chair, C. Widdall, introduced the revised statement to the Senate; she reminded Senate members that this document had already gone out to campus for vetting last semester, but, it was determined that the document should be re-revised for clarity *(Please find document attached in email)*.
 - Clarifying questions were asked.
- AFAC – Chair, H. Haines, introduced minor edits made to Chapter 220.06 (K) of the College Handbook to the Senate *(Please find document attached in email)*.
 - Clarifying questions were asked.

XI. Announcements:

- Senator R. Borden, announced that J. Goon, who is the head of the organization Colleges Against Cancer, is hosting the Relay for Life event that will take place on Saturday, 3/30/19, from 12pm-8pm in the Park Center Alumni Arena; registration is \$15 and there will be raffles, activities, performances, and free food.
- Chair, L. MacDonald, reminded senators that the ratification vote for the UFS, sent out to campus by G. Evans, closes this Friday, 3/7/19.
- L. MacDonald also reminded members that the next Senate meeting will not be until 3/26/19 (due to spring break), and that this meeting will also be the Senate’s open meeting, where the progress on CTE items and delivery systems will be discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13pm on 3/5/19.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis