

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

September 7th, 2021

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: B. Addams (sub for C. Pass), M. Alvisi, S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, A. Catalfamo, S. Clark, S. Comins, K. Dames, S. Daman, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, E. Edlund, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, J. Hall, T. Hunter, L. Jin, K. Johnson, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myles, K. Nuhu, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, J. Radloff, K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, G. Vogt, D. West B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: C. Costell Corbin, M. Prus, T. Suzuki

Guests: K. Sheets, D. Harms

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from May 4th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported on updates from the Spring 2021 semester:

- The previously approved Course Teacher Evaluation questions by the Senate will not go into effect this semester; this is due to the fact that the language has not yet been changed in the College Handbook to reflect those changes, as well as Information Resources being down a programmer.
- LMS will not be in effect yet; the contract with Blackboard will continue through December 2022. We do not know when the implementation of the new LMS will begin.
- Time frame on the new Diversity GE has been extended; there was a temporary working group over the summer, on which Dr. S. Assumah served.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report: C. Widdall – On behalf of C. Widdall, G. Birren reminded senators to please submit their donations of \$10 (or more, if they would like); senate donations go toward the Faculty Senate's Memorial Scholarship award. All faculty/staff on campus are eligible to donate to the scholarship fund.

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the campus' vaccination compliance:
 - As of last week, faculty/staff is at 87.6%
 - As of this morning, students are at 79% (verified), 89% (unverified)
- M. Yaccovone is the new Vice President for Finance/Management.
- Middle States are currently in the works
- There are 28 new faculty searches
- Wished everyone a great start to the semester.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – Reported that the JCSI had their first meeting of the semester this morning.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the AFAC met once already, and also has a full agenda this semester:

- Working on three sets of policies that need reviewing

- Will meet with all dept. chairs, dept. personnel committee chairs starting in October
- Continue work on White Paper on Service

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – Introduced himself as the new chair of EPC, and reported that their first meeting will be this Friday, 9/10; committee will continue to work with SGA on modifications to the grievance process.

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

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek/A. Blavos – No report.

Student Senator: T. Hunter:

- T. Hunter introduced new SGA representatives M. Alvisi and G. Vogt to the Senate
 - G. Vogt is currently seeking 2 new faculty members for the SGA's Finance Committee
 - M. Alvisi is currently working on negotiating a contract with College Express, which is a company that busses students from campus to NYC and Long Island.
- T. Hunter also reported that she has sent out emails to campus reminding students about Cortland's masking policies.

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: 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*).

X. New Business:

- **UFS Resolution 188.01:** Implementation of 360 Reviews for SUNY's Management Confidential (MC) Employees – Encourage engagement in 360 Review; meant as a feedback mechanism
- **UFS Resolution 188.04:** Recognition of COVID 19 Pandemic Response – Need for continued support to honor everyone's hard work during the pandemic
- **UFS Resolution 188.03:** On Academic Planning for Responding to Future Crises – A comprehensive plan on the teaching aspect of responding to crises, SUNY continuity plan
- **UFS Resolution 188.02:** Holistic Student Space – Promote dedication of specified spaces for student wellness
- **UFS Resolution 188.05:** TIAA Divestment – Response to individual SUNY campuses that passed their own divestment plans

- All resolutions were introduced and clarifying questions were asked; the Senate will vote on these resolutions in two weeks at the 9/21/21 meeting.

XI. Announcements:

- E. Bitterbaum wished everyone a sweet and successful year!

Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 on 9/7/21

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis