

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

April 9th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, G. Birren, 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, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, J. MacNamara, P. Perkins, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, 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. Addoniso, E. Bitterbaum, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, E. Owens, C. Pass, M. Prus, M. Sutherland

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from March 5th, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – No report.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reported that the current balance in the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund is \$1,392.37; she noted that further contributions to the fund are welcome.

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

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- V. Levine reported on behalf of President Bitterbaum, as he was in Washington D.C. attending legislator meetings at SUNY Day.
 - Reminded members that Honors Convocation takes place this weekend (4/13/19), and encouraged all to attend; she also reminded members that commencement is coming up in about a month, and encouraged faculty to participate.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: G. Birren, Chair – Reported that the Student Affairs Committee is in the process of making selections for the Faculty Senate Scholarship.

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC recently sent out a vetting document 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 – Announced that he will be attending the spring Plenary, which takes place this Thursday (4/11/19) at SUNY Potsdam; he will report on the events of the plenary at the next Senate meeting (4/23/19).

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Commented on the Open House that took place over this past Saturday (4/6/19), stating that there was a great turn-out for the event; members of the SGA attended and were able to get a chance to interact with prospective incoming freshmen as well as transfer students.
- Announced that the SGA's elections are currently underway, and commented that there is a nice pool of applicants

- Now that campaigning is allowed during the election period, it will hopefully increase participation in the elections.
- Announced that there is a Meet the Candidates event that will be taking place this evening (4/9/19) at 7pm in Corey Union, at which other students as well as faculty members are encouraged to attend.

VIII. Other Committee Reports:

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

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: J. McNamara, Chair:

- Reported that the revision to the GE 11 description was based on the feedback that was received when the committee initially sent out the document for vetting.
 - Also reported that the GE Committee is currently working on the assessment of GE's 2, 6, and 12.

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

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

IX. Unfinished Business:

- EPC – Revised Disability Statement – Chair, C. Widdall, introduced the revised statement to the Senate on 3/5/19; 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*).
 - Vote: the EPC's Revised Disability Statement was adopted by the Senate
- AFAC – Chair, H. Haines, introduced minor edits made to Chapter 220.06 (K) of the College Handbook to the Senate on 3/5/19 (*Please find document attached in email*).
 - Vote: the AFAC's minor edits to Chapter 220.06 (K) of the College Handbook were adopted by the Senate
- Review of Governance Committee (ROG) – Chair, M. DiVita, introduced editorial changes to Chapter 150.03 of the College Handbook to the Senate on 3/5/19; she noted that these changes predominately reflect the change to gender neutral language throughout the document. (*Please find revised document attached in email*)
 - Vote: the ROG's revised editorial changes to Chapter 150.03 of the College Handbook were adopted by the Senate

X. New Business:

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – The slate of nominations from the Committees on Committees' call that was sent out to campus on 3/25/18 was presented to the Senate; additional nominations were taken from the floor
 - Nominations received from the floor were as follows:
 - At-Large or At-Large Academic, At-Large, Senate Vice Chair – G. Birren
 - School of Education, Education, Senator Seats – T. Suzuki
 - School of Professional Studies, Professional Studies, College Curriculum Review Committee – M. Moyer
 - School of Professional Studies, Professional Studies, Senator Seats – V. Placide, A. Dearie
 - Professional Staff, Student Affairs, Professional Affairs Committee – M. Baker
 - Professional Staff, At-Large Professional Staff, Professional Affairs Committee – G. Ketcham
- All non-contested seats were approved by the Senate, following nominations taken from the floor; electronic balloting will take place for the seats that are contested (*Please find an updated*

version of the nominations received, that include floor nominations as well as the results for the non-contested seats attached in email).

- EPC Definition of Major GPA – Was introduced to the Senate; clarifying questions were asked (*Please find document attached*).
- Revised GE 11 description – Was introduced to the Senate; clarifying questions were asked (*Please find document attached in email*).
- Future Academic Calendars were presented to the Senate (*Please find documents attached in email*).
- Review of Governance Committee (ROG) – Procedural changes to Chapter 150.03 of the College Handbook were introduced to the Senate; clarifying questions were asked (*Please find documents attached in email*).
 - Changes to the Student Affairs Committee (SAC)
 - Change to Duties of Committees
 - Additional Responsibilities for Professional Affairs Committee
 - Additional Responsibilities of the Chair of Senate
 - Past-Presiding Chair
 - Change to Secretary/Committee on Committees (COC)/Dissolving the COC

XI. Announcements:

- Senator R. Borden - Announced that UUP has an information desk set up in the lobby of Park Center, and will be there until 4pm this afternoon (4/9/19) if anyone would like to stop by and ask them any questions regarding UUP.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm on 4/9/19.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis