

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

December 4th, 2018

Members and Senators Present: C. Badurek, E. Bitterbaum A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, R. Fiddler, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, J. McNamara, J. Moore, C. Pass P. Perkins, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, S. Umansky, C. Widdall, V. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, M. Fox, M. Prus, M. Sutherlin, T. Suzuki, D. VanLangen, R. Vooris, D. West

Guests: N. Pasquarello, A. Cirriacione

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from November 6th, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: There were not any Senate actions.

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

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

V. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reported that, as of 11/23/18, there is a current balance of \$1,202.37 in the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund; the treasurer also reminded members to please pay their dues.

VI. Secretary's Report: D. VanLangen – No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Commented on the meeting that took place last week between all 64 SUNY presidents; it was surmised that the upcoming year will more than likely be an uneasy one for most SUNY, as well as CUNY, universities as there has been a decrease in admissions across the board.
- Reported that there will be renovations to Moffett that will begin in the Spring 2019 semester; renovations could take anywhere between 18 months-2 years.
- Reported that recently met with the mayor of Cortland to discuss the parking situation on Prospect and James streets; the two parties (SUNY Cortland and the City of Cortland) agreed to keep the topic open for further discussion.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

Planning Committee: No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC had a vetting document, regarding disability statements in syllabi, that went out to campus earlier this week; this vetting document will remain open until the Fall 2019 semester.

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

Area Senator: No report

SUNY Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – No report

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that one of the SGA's chief officers had a meeting with Senator Steward this past week to discuss the possibility of having a Title IX Coordinator who focuses solely on Title IX

procedures and/or issues (rather than having a Title IX Coordinator that is also responsible for other areas, such as diversity, simultaneously); Umansky commented that this meeting was very productive.

- Reported that the clothing closet that the SGA initiated will open in the Spring 2019 semester; there will be boxes put outside of the SGA office and the NYPIRG office so that faculty and staff can donate clothing.
- Reported that ASC recently had a board meeting where they discussed the possibility of having only one dining facility open per day of the weekend; the SGA is working to not have this go through, as it would negatively affect students that live on campus.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: No report.

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

College Research Committee: Vacant 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 – No report.

X. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the two calls for nominations that were sent on behalf of the Committee on Committees; there were not any nominations received from the floor (*Please find the calls for nominations attached in email*).
- Senator R. Borden's proposed Resolution on Transgender and GNC Initiatives was discussed; N. Pasquarello briefly spoke about the resolution
 - R. Borden made a motion for the Senate to endorse the resolution
 - The motion was seconded by Senator M. DiVita
 - The motion was then voted on; motion was carried by the Senate to endorse the Resolution on Transgender and GNC Initiatives (*Please find document attached in email*)
- Senator A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair of the Academic Faculty Affairs Committee, read through the committees' re-revisions on Chapter 220.06 of the college handbook (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - An amendment was made to page 5, Section F, point number 1, to read as follows: "...the Human Resources Office..." as opposed to "...the Office of Human Resources..."
 - An amendment was made to alphabetize the chart on page 13
 - Senator A. Blavos made a motion to accept the revisions made to Chapter 220.06, with the amendments suggested
 - The motion was then seconded by Senator J. Moore
 - The motion was voted on; motion was carried by the Senate
- SUNY Awards Procedures – Clarifying questions were asked by members of the Senate
 - Discussion of the SUNY Awards procedures will take place at the beginning of the 2019 Spring semester (*Please find document attached in email*)

XI. New Business: There was not any new business

XII. Announcements:

- Gender Policies and Initiatives Council (GPIC)/Consensual Relationship Policy Draft – L. MacDonald announced that there will be a survey link sent out to gather feedback from faculty and staff on these two documents; the deadline for feedback will be by the end of exam week (*Please find documents attached in email*)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm on 12/4/18.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis