

## Faculty Senate Minutes #2

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Members and Senators Present:** S. Anderson, C. Bennett, G. Birren, , E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, A. Fitz-Gibbon, H. Haines, A. Hasbrouck, C. Hickey, L. Jin, K. Ibe-Lamberts, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, P. Schroeder T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, , D. West, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

**Members and Senators Absent:** A. Addonisio, C. Badurek, M. Fox, R. Grantham, C. Grate, J. Hall, F. Ishaq, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, E. Owens, G. Sharer, S. Strause,

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from February 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 were approved by the Senate.

**II. Chair's Report:** M. DiVita – No report.

**III. Vice Chair's Report:** G. Birren – No report.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** K. Ibe-Lamberts – Continuing to accept donations.

**V. Secretary's Report:** F. Ishaq – No report

**VI. President's Report:** E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the search that is currently taking place in an effort to hire a new Chief Diversity Officer; J. Felton will be leaving the college in about two weeks.
- Expressed concern about the increase President Trump wants to impose on visa fees and how that would affect our international students across campus.
- Reported that there is a bill before both the House and the Senate to provide more mental health professionals
- Reported that there is also another bill before the House and the Senate regarding TAP funds for SUNY.

### **VII. Policy Committee Reports**

**Joint Committee on Student Interests:** A. Blavos – Reported that the JCSI met on 2/10/20, where they discussed the SGA's Manifesto, and the next steps to go forward with the items within the Manifesto. The JCSI is also in the process of reviewing applications for the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship.

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

**Educational Policy Committee:** C. Widdall, Chair:

- Reported that EPC will have their first meeting of the semester this Friday (2/14/20), since their previously scheduled meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather on 2/7/20.
- EPC will be sending out a vetting document regarding course work over the 500 level.

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

**Area Senators:** No report

**SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator:** R. Vooris/C. Badurek – No report.

**Student Senator:** C. Bennett:

- Reported that the SUNY Student Assembly was held this past weekend; there was a good turnout.
- Reported that SGA will be holding a meeting tonight for general student interest in student government.
- SGA elections are coming up in early April.

### **VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:** K. Bonafide, Chair – No report.

**College Curriculum Review Committee:** K. Polasek, Chair – No report.

**College Research Committee:** R. Vooris, Chair – Reported that the yearly FRP applications are due before spring break; there are thirty funding spots available, so, if interested please apply.

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

**Graduate Faculty Executive Committee:** N. Wilson, Chair – No report.

**Committee on Teaching Awards:** M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

### **IX. Unfinished Business:**

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – Additional nominations were taken from the floor; there weren't any nominations from the floor (*Please find document attached in email*)

### **X. New Business:**

- UFS Resolution SUNY/CUNY Budget – Brought before the senate for endorsement; discussion ensued.
  - Resolution was unanimously endorsed by the senate

### **XI. Announcements:**

- M. DiVita announced that Z. Newswanger reached out to her seeking Faculty Senate representation on the Campus Beautification Committee; if anyone is interested, please contact M. DiVita know by the end of this week (2/21/20) (*Please find committee charge attached in email*).
- R. Borden mentioned that at the Union Matters meeting, the Scholarship of Engagement Journal was introduced; it is a scholarly journal that J. Suarez and L. Dunbar are involved in, and R. Borden proposed inviting them both to a senate meeting.
- C. Widdall mentioned that the Faculty Senate meeting that is scheduled in two weeks (3/3/20) conflicts with the Middle States meeting that is also scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March; M. DiVita excused senators from Faculty Senate on 3/3/20, if they are obligated to attend Middle States, rather than trying to reschedule Faculty Senate for the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:42PM on 2/18/20**

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis