

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

February 4th, 2020

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek 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, R. Grantham, C. Grate, H. Haines, A. Hasbrouck, C. Hickey, L. Jin, K. Ibe-Lamberts, F. Ishaq, J. McNamara, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, P. Schroeder T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, , D. West, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addoniso, M. Fox, J. Hall, E. Owens, M. Prus, S. Strause, C. Widdall

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from December 3rd, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – Welcomed everyone back from the winter break, and reported on attending the President's opening meeting; the Senate's presence at the opening meeting was well received.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report: K. Ibe-Lamberts – Currently collecting faculty donations for the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund, and reported a current balance of \$1,482.37.

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

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the renovations taking place in Moffett, explaining that there is now much more space; renovations to Moffett are expected to be completed sometime in late July 2020.
- Renovations to the outside skin of Park Center are now completed as well. Reported that Van Hoesen is next on the list for renovations.
- Enrollment is doing well.
- Announced the Lt. Governor will be on campus tomorrow (2/5/20) afternoon at 1:15PM in Jacobus Lounge to discuss the budget; encourage attendance.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – Reported that the JCSI has created a small group to review scholarships; she will email group today to set up first meeting.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon:

- Reported that AFAC has had one committee meeting so far this semester; they will have four extra meetings this semester.
- Currently working on a charge regarding service in the personnel process; the committee has already met with the provost, three of the deans, as well as all of the Arts/Sciences department chairs regarding the charge.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – R. Grantham reported that EPC will hold their first meeting this Friday (2/7/20).

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – Reported that the PAC is working on reviewing the College Handbook in an effort to clarify its purpose (i.e. new faculty members, or current faculty members).

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/C. Badurek:

- R. Vooris reported on his attendance to the winter plenary, which was held in Albany this year:
 - Gwen Kay spoke on the topic of budgeting
 - Chancellor reported on the SUNY retroactive salaries, explaining that they are unfunded by the state.
 - Discussion regarding GEs; hopefully, GEs will be fully implemented by the ended of this calendar year.
 - There has been an increase in the cap to the Excelsior Scholarship.
 - The UFS bylaws have all been updated.
 - There was one resolution that was passed; will bring the resolution before Faculty Senate for endorsement at our next full senate meeting in two weeks.

Student Senator: C. Bennett:

- Reported that Angela Foster has resigned as the SGA's vice president due to a class conflict, and announced that Allyson Hasbrouck was elected as the SGA's new vice president; Allyson will also be the new SGA representative to the Faculty Senate.
- Announced that SGA's elections take place during the spring semester, and encouraged faculty members to reach out to their students about running for SGA.
- Campaigning for elections begin in March, and elections take place on April 2nd 2020.
- The SGA is continuing to make progress on their Manifesto.

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 – No report.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: N. Wilson, Chair – Had first meeting yesterday afternoon.

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

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – Additional nominations were taken from the floor; nominations taken from the floor were as follows: (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - Professional Staff, Professional Affairs Committee, representing Student Affairs/VP of Student Affairs, Term 2018-2020: E. Quinlan

X. New Business – No new business

XI. Announcements:

- M. DiVita announced that Ginny Levine will be added to the ex-officio list of non-voting members to the Senate.
- M. DiVita also reminded everyone that Middle States are coming.
- A. Blavos announced that the Diversity Narratives are currently taking place on campus; photoshoots for students are held on Weds, Thurs., and Fridays for those students who are involved with the project; there will be a soft launch by the end of this semester.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM on 2/4/20

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

