

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

November 19th, 2019

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

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, M. Fox, R. Grantham, J. Hall, L. Jin, C. Kuretich, E. Owens, G. Sharer, S. Strause

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

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – J. Felton was unable to attend today's meeting, but will attend next week's Steering Committee meeting.

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.

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

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on Cortaca update, visited with 500 alums
- Capital Campaign kickoff \$17.3 million (2 years in) with 3 years to go
- Two open houses – 700 (1st group), 900 (2nd group) – on track for 12,000 applications
- Sierra Club and Money Magazine, many parents heard of Cortland through those outlets
- Construction on schedule – Park Center and Moffett
- Campus climate survey is out
- RF staff unable to participate in climate survey and too late to add them

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – Meeting this week to discuss SGA's manifesto

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon – Working on green paper to present to Steering Committee on service and appointment

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – EPC currently has a vetting document out to campus for feedback, and asked that people please provide feedback, if they haven't done so already (Graduate Support Policy)

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

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/Vacant – No report.

Student Senator: C. Bennett – Reported that the manifesto was passed in last SGA meeting.

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 – 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; nominations taken from the floor were as follows: (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - Academic Grievance Tribunal, School of Education, Fill Unexpired Term 2020-2021; term will begin in Sp. 2020: C. Pass
 - General Education Committee, School of Professional Studies, 2019-21 Fill Unexpired Term: R. Fiddler
- CTE Course Teacher Evaluations – Side by side comparison of the old course teacher evaluation items with the projected new course teacher evaluation items (*Please see attachment in email*).
- M. Prus discussed responsibility to hold class as scheduled for classes prior to Thanksgiving break (sent via email).
- Provost cabinet met about evaluations, format of administration and software. Unanimously passed starting Fall 2020 evaluations will be administered all online. Decision by cabinet does not rule out either Watermark nor Scantron programs. Will likely end up purchasing cheaper of the two packages (Scantron). Cabinet to pursue new proposal for Watermark solution. Moving online – high value on workload consideration for secretaries. CTEs will be available via MyRedDragon.
- K. Bonafide sent report to the Senate on the CTE’s timeline:
 - Survey Spring 2018 (90 responses), 10 items presented March Faculty Meeting, Sent back again earlier this semester, student response data received two weeks ago
 - Removed professional item
 - Removed practical application item
 - Addition of accessible learning item
 - Discussed Committee work versus Senate work
 - C. Widdall – learning outcomes rather than stated goals (Item #1)
 - Motion to change “goals” to “student learning outcomes”
 - Seconded by A. Blavos
 - Motion: carries
 - A. Blavos – motion to approve final CTE items
 - Seconded by R. Vooris
 - Motion: carries

X. New Business:

- SUNY Cortland General Education Policy Revisions – EPC’s review of the GE Committee’s revisions to the General Education (GE) Course Proposal Guidelines (*Please find document attached in email*).
 - Document was vetted by only 4 faculty members
 - Issue with bullet #11 on old regarding approval by Faculty Senate (bullet removed and added indicator at the bottom of the document)
 - Committee questioned bullet #1 under purpose of General Education courses – what does the word assumption mean? Is it needed?
 - Will be voted on 12/3 Faculty Senate meeting

XI. Announcements:

- Email from Gwen Kay, (UFS President), looking for faculty and staff teaching online courses to service on advisory committee

- C. Widdall volunteered
- Protocol for concussion, no specific policy

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM on 11/19/19

Minutes submitted by: Farah Ishaq/Amy M. DeChellis