Faculty Senate Minutes #5

November 5th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, C. Badurek G. Birren, , E. Bitterbaum, C. Bennett, A. Blavos, R. Borden, , C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Grate, H. Haines, L. Jin, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, , P. Schroeder T. Senior, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: S. Comins, A. Dearie, M. DiVita, M. Fox, R. Grantham, J. Hall, C. Hickey, K. Ibe-Lamberts, F. Ishaq, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, E. Owens, G. Sharer, D. West

Guests: A. Berg, J. Kronenbitter, K. Bonafide

<u>I. Approval of Minutes:</u> The Minutes from October 15th, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

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

<u>III. Vice Chair's Report:</u> G. Birren – Filled in for the chair, since M. DiVita was attending a conference; no report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: K. Ibe-Lamberts – No report

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

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on his meeting with the other SUNY presidents and the SUNY Chancellor
 - o Main focus of the meeting was that admissions is down this year
 - o In terms of online education, over 40 thousand New York state residents are taking online courses in other states.
 - Another topic discussed at the meeting with the Chancellor was printing and xeroxing; over 50 million dollars are being spent across campuses in printing and xeroxing. As a result, printing is being monitored in an effort to collect data to try to reduce the amount of excessive printing.
- Announced that there have been over 43 thousand Cortaca Jug tickets sold for the game, which will be held on 11/16/19 at Jersey Stadium
 - There is still a need for one more person to chaperone the last bus that will be taking students to the game, if anyone is interested; the chaperone will receive a free ticket to the game.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – No report.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon:

- AFAC chair A. Fitz-Gibbon and Provost M. Prus met with department chairs to discuss each department's Personnel Committee process.
- AFAC has been charged by the Senate's Steering Committee to look at the processes for service and permanent appointment, as well as the external review process.

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.
- EPC has been working with SRRS regarding 500-level courses, to provide clarity as to when students are eligible to receive credit for these courses.

• EPC is also currently working on creating a policy for minors (as opposed to concentrations and/or majors).

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:

- The SGA's Town Hall meeting last Monday went well, however, they are currently working on ways to improve the student turnout for their next Town Hall meeting during the Spring semester.
- SGA is also currently working on completing their manifesto; it will hopefully be completed sometime within the next few weeks.
- SGA is also working on starting their election process earlier this semester, so that everything will be all set and running when the new semester starts in the spring.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

<u>Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:</u> K. Bonafide, Chair – No report.

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

<u>College Research Committee</u>: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

<u>General Education Committee</u>: J. McNamara, Chair – Emailed her report to the Senate, as she was unable to attend; the report is as follows: Business as usual right now – just the assessment. The only thing that is different is the review of GE 11 with the newly approved SLOs that were mentioned earlier in the semester.

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

<u>Committee on Teaching Awards</u>: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

• Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – Additional nominations were taken from the floor; there were no nominations from the floor (*Please find document attached in email*)

X. New Business:

- UFS Resolutions There were 5 resolutions that were passed at the Fall Plenary that were voted on for endorsement by the Senate (*Please find resolutions attached in email*)
 - Resolution: Support for SUNY Negotiations for a fair and reasonable contract with Elsevier – Discussion ensued.
 - Vote by show of hands: resolution endorsed
 - Resolution: Research Misconduct Investigation Policies It was explained that if this
 resolution was endorsed by the Senate, that SUNY Cortland would need to update our
 misconduct policy, as it is from 2007 and therefore outdated; discussion ensued.
 - Vote by show of hands: resolution endorsed
 - Since this resolution was endorsed, the Chair of Faculty Senate will email the Provost to charge the IRB (Institutional Research Board) with updating our current misconduct policy.
 - o Resolution: Establishment of Standing Campus Senate EID Committees discussion ensued.

- A motion was made to table the endorsement on this resolution until the Senate was able to invite representation from the campus' Excellence in Diversity Committee to attend a Senate meeting.
 - o Motion: A. Blavos
 - 2nd: C. Widdall
 - Vote by show of hands: resolution tabled.
- o Resolution: Maintaining Welcoming, Inclusive and Safe Campus Environments through Annually Affirming SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Values Discussion ensued.
 - Vote by show of hands: resolution endorsed
- Resolution: Recognition of 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry Awarded to Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science M. Stanley Whittingham – Discussion ensued.
 - It was suggested to R. Vooris by G. Birren that he write a resolution on behalf of SUNY Cortland congratulating M. Stanley Whittingham on his accomplishment.
- New CTE Software The new CTE software, Class Climate, was discussed for possible endorsement by the Senate (information for this software can be found by using the following link: https://www.scantron.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CC_Brochure_HigherEd_277-633-038.pdf)
 - Our campus' CTE (Course Teacher Evaluation) system needs to be replaced by a more up to date system; the one that we have in place is from the early 90s.
 - A motion was made that the Senate table the endorsement of the Class Climate software until the Provost's cabinet has a chance to meet and discuss all their options in terms of a new CTE software platform.
 - Motion: A. Fitz-Gibbon
 - o 2nd: C. Widdall
 - Vote by show of hands: endorsement of Class Climate tabled.

XI. Announcements:

- UFS Opportunities The UFS currently has 2 opportunities available for those who are interested:
 - On behalf of Joe Marren, fellow CGL and chair of the Communications Committee, the UFS needs help updating/maintaining their webpage.
 - The UFS' provost office is conducting a strategic planning process in international education, entitled "Global Learning for All: Educating for a Sustainable Future." They'd like to be inclusive, get folks from all sectors, and that includes us. If you can suggest people on your campus who might be willing, interested and able to serve on this working group, please send me their names.
- S. Strause Reminded everyone that the SUNY CIT 2020 applications are now open and that the
 deadline for applications is 12/31/19; the conference will take place at SUNY Oswego May 26thMay 29th 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM on 11/5/19

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis