

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

October 15th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, C. Badurek G. Birren, , E. Bitterbaum, C. Bennett, 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, J. Hall, C. Hickey, K. Ibe-Lamberts, F. Ishaq, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, A. Myles, C. Pass, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, T. Senior, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: M. Fox, L. Jin, E. Owens, M. Prus, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, D. West

Guests:

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from October 1st, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – The Chair reported on her attendance to the UFS Plenary this past week in Albany, explaining that it was interesting in having the opportunity to meet with CGL's from other SUNY campuses.

III. Vice Chair's Report: G. Birren – 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 that the construction across campus is continuing to go well.
- Thanked faculty/staff members for a great Open House that took place yesterday on campus; reminded everyone that another Open House will take place in November.
- Reminded faculty members that students enjoy seeing faculty/staff members participating in student-led events; encouraged participation in such events on campus.
- Announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony that will take place tomorrow afternoon, between 12:15-12:30PM, in front of the Bookmark to celebrate its reopening.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – reported that the committee has completed reviewing applicants for the five Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarships that are awarded in May; she explained that because the former Student Affairs Committee was unable to have access to the scholarship information last spring semester, the JCSI reviewed applicants for those scholarships this semester. The applicants that the JCSI selected have been forwarded to the Financial Aid Office for confirmation of eligibility.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon – Reported that he and Provost M. Prus would be meeting with all department chairs sometime this week to discuss each department's Personnel Committee process.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair:

- Thanked everyone who responded to the Evaluation Survey that the EPC sent out to campus this past week; the survey catalogs how evaluations are completed across campus. The survey closes tomorrow, and vetting will take place sometime near the end of October.
- Reported that the Course Reset Policy that was passed last year by the Senate was only **for** students that had time away from the college, and there still needs to be an additional policy put into place for students **without** time away from the college. EPC will be consulting with the Registrar, Associate Deans and other stakeholders in creating a draft policy.

- Reported that the EPC is beginning work on how minors and concentrations are defined.

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

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/Vacant:

- Reported on the UFS Plenary that took place last week in Albany
 - Discussion on budgeting season – there was a charge put into place to encourage local representatives to collaborate with local senators.
 - Chancellor’s Report – there was an emphasis to increase the hiring of full-time faculty/staff.
 - Mental Health/Wellness Initiative – The name of the new program is Take 5; it is a crisis hotline that is a free 24-hour service available to all students.
 - Negotiations with Elsevier – still ongoing; publishing contracts expire at the end of this year (12/31/19).
 - Several resolutions were discussed – will be brought to our Senate in 2-3 weeks.

Student Senator: C. Bennett:

- Announced that all Faculty Senate student seats have been filled.
- Announced that the SGA’s town hall meeting will take place on 10/28/19 from 6:30PM-9PM; the main topic for this town hall will center on diversity, and there will also be an open forum.
- The SGA is hopeful to have their Manifesto completed by early November.
- Announced that the SUNY Student Assembly conference will take place in Albany, NY on 11/11/19.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: K. Bonafide, Chair – M. DiVita met with K. Bonafide this past week, and reported that she (K. Bonafide) will be attending the SGA’s meeting on 10/29/19 in an effort to gain student input on the CTE’s Proposal for Course Teacher Evaluations Revisions; the revisions will be brought back to the Faculty Senate for endorsement sometime in mid-November.

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 that were approved from the floor were as follows (*Please find document attached in email*):
 - General Education Committee, Professional Staff, 2019-21, Fill Unexpired Term – C. Costell-Corbin

X. New Business: There wasn’t any new business to report.

XI. Announcements:

- S. Strause – Announced 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 26th-May 29th 2020.
- C. Widdall – Announced that Phi Kappa Phi will be holding their inductions on 11/2/19 at 11AM in Brown Auditorium, Old Main.
- M. DiVita – Reminded everyone that, due to Fall Break, the next full Senate meeting will be held on 11/5/19.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55PM on 10/15/19

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis