

Faculty Senate Minutes #2

September 18th, 2018

Members and Senators Present: L. MacDonald, D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, C. Widdall, A. Fitz-Gibbon, J. McNamara, D. West, H. Haines, A. Curtis, S. Strause, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, R. Fiddler, R. Borden, T. Suzuki, V. Widdall, C. Costell Corbin, S. Comins, J. Zhe-Heimerman, R. Powell, C. Kuretich, J. Moore, P. Schroeder, K. Rose, S. Umansky, G. Sharer, P. Perkins, A. DeChellis, S. Anderson.

Members and Senators Absent: M. Prus, A. Addoniso

Guests: F. Pierce, E. Edlund

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from September 4th, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – Reported that she attended Chancellor Johnson's inauguration; the Chair also commented that she was pleased to see that there was support from the students on campus during the chancellor's inauguration, as several members of the SGA were in attendance.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant

V. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reported that dues are \$10, and reminded members that the money acquired from dues go towards items such as the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship, as well as name plates for the plaque that lists retired faculty members.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that Kyle Richards, a SUNY Cortland alum who has been honored for his heroic act of saving another individual's life, was also in attendance for Chancellor Johnson's inauguration.
- Reported that the college has achieved its goal of 6,900 students.
- Announced that there are three new majors, including: health management, geological sciences, and inclusive childhood education, birth-two years old.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: G. Birren, Chair – No report.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the committee is currently working on the criteria needed for continuing appointment, and that the committee will be visiting with 15 departments to discuss personnel policies.

Planning Committee: No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No report

Professional Affairs Committee: Vacant chair – No report

Area Senator: No Report

SUNY Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – No report

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that the SGA is currently working on a professional clothing closet initiative for students across campus – the initiative would provide professional clothing for students that needed it for internships and/or interviews, and would make it so that they wouldn't have to spend a lot of money to dress professionally at such events.
- Announced that the SGA is also currently working on putting together a committee of SGA senators in an effort to promote shared governance across campus.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: No report.

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

College Research Committee: B. Hodges, Chair – No report.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – No report.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – No report.

X. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the two calls for nominations that were sent on behalf of the Committee on Committees (*Please find the calls for nominations attached in email*).
- All seats that were not contested were voted on and approved by the Senate; the results were as follows:
 - Faculty Senate Vice Chair, M. DiVita
 - Senator, Arts and Sciences, B. Williams
 - Senator, Professional Staff, J. Pomeroy
 - Senator, Soc./Beh. Sciences, C. Badurek
 - At-Large, Faculty Rep. to Student Senate, A. Blavos
 - School of Arts and Sciences, Academic Faculty Affairs, C. Chatfield
 - School of Arts and Sciences, Educational Policy Committee, B. Williams
 - Professional Staff, Professional Affairs Committee, K. Sackett

*******Please note: Ballots will be sent out to determine the results of the seats that have been contested*******

XI. New Business: There wasn't any new business.

XII. Announcements:

- C. Widdall announced that Phi Kappa Phi will be doing their inductions in the fall this year, as opposed to in the spring semester; the reasoning behind this is so that students will be eligible to apply for scholarships that require membership in Phi Kappa Phi.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:33 on 9/18/18.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis