

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

September 3rd, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, 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. Hickey, L. Jin, C. Kuretich, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, T. Suzuki, D. West, C. Widdall, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, C. Badurek, N. Estrada, A. Foster, M. Fox, H. Haines, J. Hall, J. MacNamara, E. Owens, S. Strause, R. Vooris, V. Widdall,

Guests: G. Ketcham, B. Williams

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from May 7th, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

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

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

IV. Treasurer's Report: Vacant

V. Secretary's Report: Vacant

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that Middle-States will return during the 2021-2022 academic year; announced the co-chairs for SUNY Cortland's Middle-States; they are: C. Van Der Karr, L. MacDonald and V. Levine.
- Announced that SUNY Cortland has hired a company to assist in the sign-age project that will take place across campus over the next several years; the sign-age project will be for all sig-age across campus, both inside the buildings on campus, as well as our outdoor sign-age.
- Reported that we had solid enrollment numbers for the current enrollment period.
- Reported that the construction that is taking place in PER (Park Center) and Moffett is all on schedule.
- Announced that the Bookmark in the Memorial Library has recently expanded, and encouraged faculty/staff to go and check it out.

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

Joint Committee on Student Interests: Vacant

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon – reported that the AFAC has met with all 9 department chairs this semester to discuss each department's personnel committee.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC's first meeting of the semester will take place this Friday, 9/6/19. Widdall also announced several of the items that the committee will be responsible for working on this semester; they are as follows:

- Creating a policy that describes how earning a minor differentiates from earning a concentration
- Putting in place a policy that outlines the correct procedure for labs
- Creating a policy on academic forgiveness for currently enrolled students at SUNY Cortland
- Putting in place a policy that delineates the proper handling of final exams.

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

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon/R. Vooris, Chair – No report

Student Senator: C. Bennett:

- Reported that the SGA has their first meeting of the semester this evening at 7pm in Corey Union.
- Reported that the club fair that the SGA hosted this past Sunday was a success.

Approval of the Senate's Standing Rules:

- R. Grantham made a motion to accept the Senate's Standing Rules as is.
 - Motion was seconded by A. Blavos
 - Standing Rules were approved by the Senate.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

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

College Curriculum Review Committee: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

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

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

IX. Unfinished Business: There wasn't any unfinished business to report.

X. New Business:

- SUNY Cortland's Consensual Relationship Policy – Was brought before the Senate for endorsement (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - Discussion ensued
 - M. DiVita made a motion to endorse the policy
 - Vote: 2 senators against, 16 senators for the policy; the endorsement was approved by the Senate.

XI. Announcements:

- President Bitterbaum encouraged faculty and students to visit the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery
- A. Blavos asked the Senate's approval to attend the SGA's meeting tonight, as there is no longer a Faculty Senate representative to the Student Senate until the newly created Joint Committee on Student Interests' vacancies are filled by the recent call for nominations; the Senate approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm on 9/3/19

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis