

Faculty Senate Minutes #7

May 1st, 2018

Members and Senators Present: J. Ouellette, K. Lawrence, D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, G. Birren, A. Fitz-Gibbon, D. West, C. Schubert, W. Miller, H. Haines, A. Curtis, S. Strause, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, R. Fiddler, R. Borden, V. Widdall, G. Rinefierd, S. Comins, J. Zhe-Heimerman, R. Powell, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, C. Bennett, S. Umansky, G. Sharer, A. DeChellis, S. Anderson.

Members and Senators Absent: C. Manaseri, T. Suzuki, M. Fox, E. Owens, A. Arkayasa, M. Prus, P. Perkins.

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 17th, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: No Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: J. Ouellette – Announced that SLO information from her meeting with C. Van Derr Karr and V. Levine have been uploaded to our Faculty Senate webpage, under the Minutes and Agenda tab; the link is with the attachments under May 1.st

IV. Vice Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – No report.

V. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Thanked members for their contributions to the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship fund, and stated that she was looking forward to serving as the Senate treasurer in the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that for the first time in many years, admissions closed a few weeks ago with 13,300 student applications.
- Announced that the brick work that is to be done on Park Center will begin immediately following Commencement.
- Announced that the renovations being done to Corey Union will be completed by this coming August.
- Announced that the new writing and teaching centers will be opening on campus this fall semester.
- Reminded senators that 150th birthday of SUNY Cortland is approaching.
- Encouraged members to attend the concert that will be taking place in the Dowd Fine Arts Center this evening (5/1/18) at 8pm

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – No report

Planning Committee: No report.

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

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak, Chair – No report

Area Senator: No Report

SUNY Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon – No report

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa:

- Newly elected SGA President, S. Umansky, and SGA Vice President, C. Bennett, reported that the SGA's executive board has been chosen, and that they are both looking forward to the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Ouellette, Temp. Chair – 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 – J. Ouellette read through the election results of call that went out to campus between 3/26/18-4/5/18, and also read the remaining vacancies from that call; she explained that another call for nominations will be going out sometime in the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester, in an effort to fill those remaining vacancies (*Please see attachment in email*).

XI. New Business:

- **CTE Charge (Response)** – J. Ouellette gave a brief synopsis of the CTE's response given to them by the Senate chair (J. Ouellette) regarding the administering of Course Teacher Evaluations in online courses versus in class courses. In short, the response from the CTE was that during the fall and spring semesters, courses were giving out CTE's at a higher percentage than courses during the summer and winter semesters, but, still not as much as they should be (*Please see attachment in email*).
- **Academic Faculty Affairs Charge** – J. Ouellette thanked A. Fitz-Gibbon, as well as the rest of his committee for working on reviewing Section 220.06 of the College Handbook for clarity regarding the renewal and continuing appointment for academic faculty; the committee will continue to work on this charge into the Fall 2018 semester (*Please see attachment in email*).
- **Online/Blended Policy** – On behalf of Provost Prus, J. Ouellette gave a brief summary of the Provost's policy regarding online and/or blended courses; she explained that this policy only pertains to full-time tenured and non-tenured faculty (it does not include part-time or phased retirement faculty members). The policy states that faculty members are limited to teaching no more than fifty percent of their course load across the academic year as online and/or blended courses. Discussion and questions then ensued regarding the policy. Comments from this discussion will be provided to Provost Prus.

XII. Announcements:

- J. Ouellette introduced K. Lawrence as the new Chair of Faculty Senate; K. Lawrence then thanked J. Ouellette for all of her hard work in serving as the Chair of Senate over the past academic year (2017-2018).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:19PM on 5/1/18.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis