

Faculty Senate Minutes #2

September 22nd, 2020

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, A. Catalfamo, C. Chatfield, C. Costell Corbin, S. Comins, A. Curtis, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, C. Grate, D. Harms, C. Hickey, C. Humphrey, L. Jin, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, , D. West, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: M. Fox, J. Hall, C. Pass, M. Prus, S. Anderson

Guests: L. Lopez-Janove

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from September 8th, with a correction to the attendance list, were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported on a question that she received from a senator earlier in the week regarding the transferring of office equipment from an individual's campus office to their home; she explained that individuals may put in an ADA request to HR to take their office equipment home. G. Birren also reported that the campus has recently created the COVID-19 Coordinating Committee, which consists of four faculty members: G. Birren, J. Murphy, K. Burke, and J. Pittsley; the committee also has a student representative, C. Humphrey.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: C. Chatfield – No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reminded members about dues; dues can either be sent in the mail (campus mail) or to R. Grantham's campus office (check or cash is acceptable).

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that the campus has tested a total of 1,148 individuals, so far, in two separate testing pools; out of the two different pools, only 6 individuals tested positive and are currently self-isolating.
 - Currently, the two days for testing take place on Wednesdays and Fridays; considering changing the Friday testing day to a Monday or Tuesday (keeping Wednesday as a testing day).
- The campus is also conducting waste water analyses as a form of testing.
- Winter/Spring semesters – Winter semester will be conducted remotely online, whereas we are still unsure about what form the spring semester will take; there will more than likely not be a spring break in 2021.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – Reported that the JCSI will have their first meeting of the semester tomorrow afternoon. Items for business this semester are flu shot marketing, as well as the continuation of working on last year's SGA Manifesto.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon – Reported that the AFAC had their first meeting of the semester yesterday afternoon. There are still 12 departments that need to review their personnel process (there are 3 departments that are currently in the process of reviewing their personnel process); A. Fitz-Gibbon and the provost have met with all sub-school chairs. AFAC will also be looking at what the personnel review process will be like during the pandemic situation.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Met 2 weeks ago, and will meet again for the 2nd time this semester on Friday (9/25/20). Reported that their committee currently has a full roster, and is looking for student representation on their committee. EPC will be finishing work from last semester regarding minors/concentrations as it pertains to the College Handbook; that work will be ready to go out for vetting in a week or two. EPC will also work on SGA documents concerning AGT issues (Ch. 340.03 of the College Handbook) this semester.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – Met yesterday for the first time this semester. The PAC is putting last year’s activities on hold for the time being in an effort to focus on professional faculty’s concerns during the pandemic/

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/C. Badurek – Reported that SUNY Chancellor J. Meltras came to campus about a week ago and discussed a comprehensive policy concerning COVID-19 violations by students.

Student Senator: C. Humphrey

- Reported that she was elected SGA president for the 2020-2021 term, and that C. Grate was elected the SGA’s CFO for the term.
- SGA is currently in the process of trying to fill their cabinet; they plan to hire by the end of this week. They are also in the process of trying to fill committee vacancies where student representation is needed.
- Student Assembly elections will take place this weekend (9/25/20).

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – Met for the first time this week.

General Education Committee: Vacant Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: C. Badurek (Fall sabbatical replacement), Chair – Met for the first time yesterday. Announced that the MA English program will now be a 31-credit program.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Spring 2020 – Nominations that were received via email for the Spring 2020 call were approved by the senate; additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies (*Please find document attached*).
 - College Curriculum Review Committee, representing Social/Behavioral Sciences, for the remaining 2019-2021 term: M. McGuire was approved

X. New Business:

- Chief Diversity Officer, Ex-Officio – Discussion to include new CDO L. Lopez-Janove as an ex-officio member to the Faculty Senate ensued; it was determined that, in the interest of shared governance, L. Lopez-Janove should be included as an ex-officio member of the senate. Since the inclusion of L. Lopez-Janove as an ex-officio member will require a change to the senate’s bylaws (which will not take effect until Fall 2021), the senate offered L. Lopez-Janove an open invitation to the senate meetings every 2 weeks for the remainder of the academic year.

XI. Announcements: G. Birren introduced and welcomed new senator A. Catalfamo to the Faculty Senate; A. Catalfamo represents the part-time faculty senator position on the senate.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 on 9/22/20

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis