

Faculty Senate Minutes #7

December 3rd, 2024

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: K. Ahern, S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, , E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, R. Bryan, E. Cisneros, S. Clark, S. Daman, R. Davis, A. DeChellis, P. Donnelly, D. Fantacone, A. Fitz-Gibbon, L. Jin, M. Kent-Landes, K. Lawrence, A. McClellan, J. Neretich,, R. Powell, H. Schmid, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, K. Sheets, T. Suzuki, D. Wilson A. X.

Members and Senators Absent: R. Coyne, S. Decker, K. Diggs, J. Hall, D. Harms, J. Jones, L. Lopez-Janove, J. Parks, J. Radloff, A. Thompson, B. Williams, M. Yacavone, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Guests: K. Dushko, L. MacDonald, C. Van Der Karr

I. Approval of Minutes: The Revised Minutes from November 19th were approved by the Senate

II. Chair's Report: K. Lawrence:

- Reminded senators that this is the last Faculty Senate meeting of the Fall 2024 semester; the Senate will reconvene for the first Faculty Senate meeting of the Spring 2025 semester on 2/4/25 in the Park Center, Hall of Fame Room.
- Thanked the Anthology implementation team for all their committed and diligent work; they have done an amazing job! If anyone is having any issues accessing the new system, you can reach out to that team and they are more than happy to assist.
- Thanked Parliamentarian S. Anderson and Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant A. DeChellis for all their hard work and support to the Faculty Senate; also, thanked the Faculty Senate Steering Committee members for their diligent work.
- Reminded everyone that proposals for Black History Month are due 12/15/24.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: D. Harms: No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: C. Badurek – Reported that the Cortland Challenge Annual Giving Day will be 4/9/25; deadline to submit applications is 12/31/24. More information will be provided sometime in the Spring 2025 semester

- A. McClellan mentioned that the reason the deadline is as early as it is this year is due to the launch of the new software program
- E. Bitterbaum commented that we had over 1,000 applications last year for the Cortland Challenge

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that there is a new contract, and explained the process
 - There is a letter that is sent to all 64 SUNY campuses; from there the draft of the new contract is compiled from the suggestions and input from all the SUNY universities. The contract also goes through employee relations. The meetings surrounding these contracts are held in Albany and are open to the public

- Announced that the College Community Orchestra will be putting on a concert tonight, 12/3/24, at Rose Hall
- As the new political administration prepares to occupy the White House in January, SUNY system is preparing for changes that will occur to Title IX, Pell Grants, DEI, etc.

VI. Provost's Report: A. McClellan:

- Announced there are several new fellowships, including 12 accessibility fellowships; C. Rudd has been selected for one of the 12 in accessibility.
- T. Mahoney will serve as interim for K. McCormick while she is on sabbatical
- Faculty searches are underway; wrapping up search for Associate Dean of Education
 - Candidates to come to campus in January, possibly a little earlier; open meetings for searches on campus

Guests: C. Van Der Karr/L. MacDonald:

- Presented on the IPAC's Strategic Plan for 2024-2030
 - Explained that there are 3 major themes: Academic Engagement, Life Foundations, and Red Dragon Wellness; explored all available data to see how these can be measured. That information is what is detailed in the Excel Workbook that was sent out to campus (*Please find documents attached*).
 - Next steps in this process include finalizing the data points with campus stakeholders
 - K. Lawrence commented that the IPAC is a very large committee, and that it has taken so many steps for the committee to get to this point
 - Thanked everyone who has been involved in the process. The committee has gathered information through a qualitative approach; track amount of engagement using 50 different surveys
 - Vote to endorse: Unanimously endorsed by the Senate

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. X/J. Radloff – No report.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – No report.

Educational Policy Committee: J. Parks, Chair – No report.

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: J. Neretich, Chair – No report.

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon, G. Birren, L. Jin, J. Hall – No report.

Student Senator: E. Cisneros/D. Wilson

- K. Lawrence thanked the SGA for all their work with the Faculty Senate over the course of the semester; wished them the best of luck with finals week approaching.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: I. Strasser, Chair – No report.

University Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek/C. Ortega, Chair – No report

Faculty Research Committee: C. Badurek, Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: D. Radus, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: L. Gathagan/L. Reichel, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Remaining Vacancies Call for Nominations, Spring 2024** – Presented slate of vacancies to the Faculty Senate for the Spring 2024 Call for Nominations; there were no nominations received (*Please find documents attached*).
 - Number of remaining vacancies are as follows:
 - Senator vacancies (6 total)
 - Committee vacancies (8 total; including student vacancies)
 - **We need to fill a seat on AFAC as soon as possible as the Member for Professional Studies is open for the Spring Semester. We need to fill it immediately. The AFAC Committee meets every Friday morning online. Kevin Sheets is the Chair. Please submit your name to Amy DeChellis and Kathy Lawrence for self-nomination**

X. New Business: N/A

XI. Announcements:

- C. Badurek announced that Faculty Research will be holding a meeting in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge on Thursday, 12/5/24, at 4PM to discuss the topic of lab scheduling

Meeting was adjourned by K. Lawrence at 1:45PM on 12/3/24

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis