

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES #8

February 3, 2015

The eighth meeting of the Faculty Senate 2014-2015 was called to order by Chair Kathy Lawrence on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 1:15 PM in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

SENATORS AND MEMBERS PRESENT: K. Lawrence, R. Grantham, C. Schubert, J. Hartsock, R. Spitzer, D. West, O. White, S. Shi, R. Borden, A. Dearie, H. Lindh, K. Pristash, R. Powell, N. Chaddock, A. Fitz-Gibbon, K. Pristash, S. Buta, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, J. McNamara, S. Anderson

SENATORS AND MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Miller, M. McGuire, E. Lind, B. Wodi, K. Polasek, J. Rayle, M. Seyfried, T. Hanford, Z. Newswanger, N. Kane, R. Nauseef, G. Douglas, M. Connell

GUESTS PRESENT: There were no guests present.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from December 2, 2014 were approved.

II. SENATE ACTIONS: There were no Senate actions due to a lack of quorum.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT - K. Lawrence – The chair reported on the General Education Referendum which would conclude at 4:00 PM with Joanne Barry announcing the outcome. She also reported that the Faculty Senate is still in need of a Vice Chair and stated that she has been working on that endeavor. In conclusion, she reported about a letter written by Natalie Finkle to thank the Senate for her award of the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship.

IV. VICE CHAIR'S REPORT - No Vice Chair.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – C. Schubert – The Treasurer reported that there is now \$877.00 in the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship account, which is up \$300 from \$577.00 since he took over. He will be sending out a reminder on e-mail and is still accepting donations.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT – R. Grantham – The Secretary read the report for the Committee on Committees. There were no actions due to a lack of quorum. {*SEE Appendix 1*}

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Chancellor – Pronouncement to increase to 150,000 students
- 2015-2016 student internship requirement from System
- “Finish in 4” or “Finish in 2”
- Statewide electronic transcript
- Schumer in support of JETS return to SUNY Cortland
- Peter Perkins, David Duryea
- Student Life Center
- Funding from Senator Seward funding to redo basketball courts

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Student Affairs Committee – M. Connell – No report (absent.)

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee – A. Fitz-Gibbon – The Chair reported that his committee met last Friday and will continue to meet once every second Friday.

Long-Range Planning Committee – G. Douglas – The Chair reported that the committee will be meeting on Friday to discuss the Review of Governance Committee changes.

Educational Policy Committee – K. Polasek – No report (absent).

Professional Affairs Committee – K. Pristash – Chair Pristash gave a report for the Professional Affairs Committee {*SEE Appendix 2*}

IX. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness – J. Walkuski – No report (absent)

College Research Committee – B. Hodges – No report (absent)

General Education Committee – J. McNamara – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee No Chair elected yet.

Review of Governance Committee – J. Walkuski – No report (absent)

XI. AREA SENATOR: There were no Area Senators reports.

XII. SUNY SENATOR: N. Chaddock – The majority of focus was on the chancellor's speech. While there were good things in her talk, the UFS is concerned about unfunded recommendations like the CDO requirement for all campuses. The UFS is also concerned about the expansion of EOP and what that will look like. A good deal of conversation was directed at the "Performance Improvement Plans" i.e. SUNY Excels Performance System which is tied to necessary funding for campuses. And finally the implementation of "experiential learning as a requirement of graduation. The UFS Executive Committee has created an Ad Hoc Committee on LGBTQAI matters in SUNY System chaired by Dr. Tim Gerken, Morrisville. The UFS Committee on Diversity and Cultural Competence, chaired by Noelle, has sent out its Diversity Survey Instrument to all campuses. That survey is due back February 23, 2015. The UFS received "skyped in" reports from Johanna Duncan-Poitier, Carey Hatch, Carlos Medina, and Eileen Mcloughlin.

XIII. STUDENT SENATORS' REPORT – S. Buta – The Student Senator gave a brief report as follows: We are aware that there is a petition going around campus about the meal plan. However, we are not getting involved in it but rather we are trying to get more information to present to the students and ASC, as well as encouraging students to give us their opinions. This will be discussed at our first senate meeting of the semester tonight in the Corey Function room at 8pm.

XIV. Committee on Committees – J. Barry, Chair – The Secretary read the report for the Committee on Committees. There were no actions due to a lack of quorum. {*SEE Appendix 1*}

XV. OLD BUSINESS: - There was no Old Business.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: J. Hartsock introduced a new business item regarding the lack of parking at the Park Center.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Kissel
Recording Secretary

The following reports are appended to the minutes in the order that they are distributed:

- (1) Committee on Committees Report, submitted by J. Barry, Chair
- (2) Professional Affairs Committee Report, submitted by K. Pristash, Chair

APPENDIX 1

Committee on Committees – Report to the Faculty Senate
February 3, 2015

Item #1

The Committee on Committees recommends the following appointment. This requires confirmation by the Faculty Senate:

Committee on Teaching Awards, School of Education (1/1/15 through 12/13/15) – complete unexpired term – Joy Mosher

Item #2

General Education Referendum – ballots issued today. Voting deadline is February 3, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Item #3

The following vacancies remain and a call for nominations has been issued:

At Large:

Faculty Senate Vice Chair 2014-15

Faculty Representative to the Student Senate 2014-15

School of Arts & Sciences:

College Curriculum Review Committee (Math/Science) 2014-16

Committee on Teaching Awards (Arts & Sciences) 1/1/15 – 12/31/17

Student Affairs Committee:

(Fine Arts/Humanities) 2014-16

(Math/Science) 2014-16

Senator (Math/Science) 2013-15

School of Professional Studies:

College Curriculum Review Committee 2014-16

Long Range Planning Committee 2014-17

Senator 2013-15

Professional Staff:

Professional Affairs Committee (Information Resources) 2014-17

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barry, Chair

APPENDIX 2
Professional Affairs Committee Report
submitted by K. Pristash, Chair

ATTENTION ALL PROFESSIONALS:

The Professional Faculty Affairs Committee (PFAC) invites you to participate in two open forums to gather feedback about applying for the President's Discretionary Awards (or PDA, formerly known as DSI) for full-time professionals. Gary Evans has brought to the PFAC a proposal on behalf of the vice presidents to establish an application process which would result in having fewer, but larger awards. The purpose of the open forums is to discuss this proposal to see if it has broad support or not. Other proposals for the PDA may be discussed as well if they are brought forth.

The two forums are both scheduled from 3-4:30 p.m., the first occurring on Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room and the second on Feb. 10 in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. We would like to see and hear from a large number of professionals; however, feedback can also be submitted in writing to any member of the Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: Kevin Pristash (chair), Ingrid Jordak, Thomas Hanford, Karen Gallagher, Brenda Chaffee, Holly Doty, Jeremy Zhe-Heimerman, Jody Maroney, John Scognamiglio, Lisa Kahle, Lori Schlicht.

More information on how the PDA was distributed in 2014 can be found via the link below.

President's Memo regarding PDA for full-time professionals may be found here: <http://www2.cortland.edu/dotAsset/155995.pdf>