

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES #2

September 16, 2014

The second meeting of the Faculty Senate 2013-2014 was called to order by Chair Kathy Lawrence on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 1:15 PM in in Brockway Hall, Jacobus Lounge.

SENATORS AND MEMBERS PRESENT: K. Lawrence, R. Grantham, C. Schubert, J. Hartsock, R. Spitzer, D. West, E. Lind, B. Wodi, K. Polasek, O. White, J. Rayle, R. Borden, M. Seyfried, A. Dearie, T. Hanford, H. Lindh, K. Pristash, R. Powell, N. C. Paley, A. Fitz-Gibbon, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, S. Anderson

SENATORS AND MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Miller, M. McGuire, S. Shi, N. Kane, R Nauseef, G. Sharer,

GUESTS PRESENT: F. Pierce

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

II. SENATE ACTIONS:

The nominations from the Committee on Committee's were approved.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT –

There was a brief discussion regarding the content and format of the Minutes. The parliamentarian, Steve Anderson, addressed the issue, referring to Robert's Rules. The Chair stated that the Senate would abide by the parliamentary rules.

The Chair opened the meeting by reporting on the GE Open Meeting, led by D. Smuckler, the past Friday which she attended which was well attended, with more than adequate time for comments and feedback. The GE Committee is also attempting to schedule another Open Meeting soon. She then stated a discussion that has been taking place in the Steering Committee as to the roles of EPC and GE and then she read from the handbook regarding the role of EPC. There was a discussion addressing the handbook language about those roles and duties. C. Vanderkarr sent a brief synopsis to K. Lawrence covering the GE Committee's work from Spring of 2013 to March 2014. They had additional meetings, a retreat in the past two months, and met over the summer. The committee hopes to have all programs 126 credits or lower by Fall of 2015.

K. Lawrence also emphasized the need of a Vice Chair.

The Chair then reported on a Fall Diversity Conference at SUNY Albany, 189 Wolf Road, Albany on 11/12-13, 2014. SUNY Senator N. Paley-Chaddock offered to provide rides if anyone is interested.

Chair Lawrence then shared with the Faculty Senate something that R. Borden had provided her with a composition of faculty holding contingent appointments who vote in faculty governance in the SUNY System. R. Borden affirmed that the Board of Trustees does not proscribe who can vote and that more than half of the contingent faculty vote at other SUNY colleges. R. Borden reported that this issue has been brought to the attention of the Review of Governance Committee.

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – C. Schubert – No report.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT – R. Grantham read the report for the Committee on Committees. The committee vacancies were approved.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Meeting in Albany for two days with 64 SUNY Presidents
- 5 Year Capital Budget
- Moffett, Van Hoesen, Bowers, Library renovations
- Start-Up New York
- Investment Strategies, Performance Funding
- Online Education – C. Vanderkarr liaison Open SUNY

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Student Affairs Committee – E. Lind – No report.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee – A. Fitz-Gibbon -

1. Elected chair for the year: A Fitz-Gibbon
2. Meeting every second week.
3. Begun reviewing policies
4. Over the last three years twenty departments have had their policies approved by AFAC, three are making revisions, three have been received and are under review by AFAC, and four have not yet submitted their policies for AFAC consideration.

Long-Range Planning Committee – No report (absent)

Educational Policy Committee – No Chair elected yet.

Professional Affairs Committee – K. Pristash – K. Pristash reported that the committee will meet next Tuesday. There are two vacancies on the committee and the members are hoping to have a full slate.

IX. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

College Research Committee – No report (absent)

General Education Committee – R. Spitzer - Report on GE Committee:

--the GE Committee began its work in early 2013. In the Spring 2014 semester, it continued its rounds of soliciting comments through a variety of means, culminating in the two open meetings in the Faculty Senate. The Senate voted to send the GE Committee's then-recommendations back to the committee for further study, asking that it report back to the Senate with its recommendations "early in the Fall semester.: Over the Summer, the GE Committee held a retreat, during which it assimilated the feedback it had received from the past spring. Its revised recommendations appeared in a memo dated August 26, 2014, in which it proposed combining GE 4 and 5 (US History and Western Civilization) so that students

would choose a course from one of these two history-related categories (this based on comments from the History Department that history was not a social science and so should not be grouped with that category). It retained the reduction of the natural science requirement, and kept social science (GE 3) as a discrete category. At the start of the fall semester, the GE Committee is holding two open events, with the goal of reporting back to the Senate soon.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee No Chair elected yet.

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

X. AREA SENATOR: There were no Area Senator's Reports.

XI. SUNY SENATOR: N. C. Paley – No report.

XII. STUDENT SENATORS' REPORT – No report (absent)

XIII. Committee on Committees – {*SEE Senate Actions; SEE Secretary's Report*}

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

XV. NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

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

APPENDIX 1

Committee on Committees – Report to the Faculty Senate

April September 16, 2014

submitted by J. Barry, Chair

Item #1

The Committee on Committees recommends the following appointments. These require confirmation by the Faculty Senate:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:

Arts & Sciences (2014-17) – **Katherine Hicks**

Professional Studies (2013-16) – **Helena Baert**

General Education Committee:

Academic at large (2014-16) – David Smukler

Education (2014-16) – Susan Stratton

Math/Science (2014-16) – Brice Smith

Social/Behavioral Sciences (2014-16) – Kevin Sheets

Long Range Planning Committee:

Math/Science (2013-16) – Jeff Werner

Student Affairs Committee:

Professional Studies (2014-16) – Genni Birren

Item #2

The Committee on Committees received the following nominations for elected seats.

Faculty Senate Treasurer (2014-15) – Claus Schubert

Committee on Committees:

Fine Arts/Humanities (2013-15) – John Hartsock

Social/Behavioral Sciences (2013-15) – Mark Worrell

M/C Senator (2014-15) – Zach Newswanger

Since the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of seats, the Faculty Senate Secretary can be asked to cast a single ballot for the nominations above.

Item #3

Search committees have been formed as follows:

Vice President for Finance and Management

Two members elected by and from the professional staff reporting within the area of finance and management – Rob Shutts, Pam Sullivan

Two members elected by and from the academic faculty, including librarians – Brice Smith, Cathy MacDonald**

One member elected by and from management/confidential – Mark Prus

Two members elected by and from the classified staff reporting within the area of finance and management – Michelle Congdon, Tom Hingher

One student representative – Patrick Viscome*

HR representative – Joanne Barry*

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

One member elected by and from the professional staff reporting within the area of institutional advancement – Tracy Rammacher

Two members elected by and from the academic faculty, including librarians – Brice Smith, Amy Shellman**

One member elected by and from management/confidential – Greg Sharer

One member elected by and from the classified staff reporting within the area of finance and management – Melony Warwick

One member selected by and from the Alumni Association – Cheryl Sullivan*

One member selected by and from the Cortland College Foundation – Paul Blanchard*

One student representative – Michael Doris*

HR representative – Gary Evans*

*not Faculty Senate appointments

**since only one faculty member self-nominated by the deadline, these faculty were appointed by the President in accordance with the procedures

Item #4

The following vacancies remain:

At Large:

Faculty Senate Vice Chair

Faculty Representatives to the Student Senate

School Arts & Sciences:

College Curriculum Review Committee (Math/Science)

Committee on Teaching Awards (Arts & Sciences)

(Social/Behavioral Sciences)

Student Affairs Committee:

(Fine Arts/Humanities)

(Math/Science)

School of Professional Studies:

General Education Committee

Long Range Planning Committee

Student Affairs Committee

Senator

Professional Staff:

Professional Affairs Committee:

(Academic Affairs, 2 seats)

(Information Resources)

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barry, Chair