

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES #3

October 6, 2015

SENATORS AND MEMBERS PRESENT: K. Lawrence, P. Gipson, W. Miller, D. Kilpatrick, B. Spitzer, D. West, D. VanLangen, J. Kobritz, O. White, S. Shi-Strause, T. Hanford, K. Pristash, R. Powell Z. Newswanger, N. Chaddock, P. Schroeder, A. Fitz-Gibbons, K. Pristash, C. Widdall, M. Braun, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, D. Duryea, S. Anderson

SENATORS AND MEMBERS ABSENT: M. McGuire, J. Hartsock, N. Karkov, L. Brady, A. Blavos, R. Borden, M. Seyfried, A. Dearie, N. Kane, T. Phillips, S. Buta, M. Curaj, G. Sharer

GUESTS PRESENT: F. Pierce

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Minutes from September 22, 2015 were approved.

II. SENATE ACTIONS:

The nominations for the Committee on Committees were approved. (**Approved**)

III. CHAIR'S REPORT – Chair Lawrence opened the meeting announcing that the Senate is still in need of a few officers, Vice Chair and Secretary, however, there has been success at filling some new seats. She read from the committee reporting schedule consisting of chairs, and which committee will be reporting next: Student Affairs Committee, T. Phillips Chair; Academic Faculty Affairs Committee, A. Fitz-Gibbons, Chair (already reported on 9/22/15); Planning Committee (the committee is being convened to elect a chair); Educational Policy Committee, C. Widdall, Chair (to report at the meeting); ***Professional Affairs Committee, K. Pristash, Chair; Committee on Teaching Awards, K. Lawrence, Chair (both committees to report on 10/27/15;*** Committee on Teaching Effectiveness, J. Walkuski, Chair; College Research Committee, B. Hodges, Chair (both committees to report on 11/10/15); General Education Committee, J. McNamara, Chair; Graduate Faculty Affairs Committee, J. Curtis; Committee on Committees, G. Evans (three committees to report on 12/01/15.)

The Chair asked everyone to ***“SAVE THE DATE”*** on ***Thursday, November 5, 2015*** for a wine tasting reception for faculty and staff from ***3:30 – 5:30 at the Alumni House at 29 Tompkins Street*** (the date was changed after the meeting to accommodate individuals who were unable to attend.) She announced that there would be name tags specifying the position of the Senators and officers, so that everybody can get to know one another and their role in the Senate, in an effort to reach out and take some time to socialize and get to know all of our constituents as far as faculty/staff, and specifically to meet individuals who are new to campus. She also reported that the attempt is to put a face on the Faculty Senate and encourage more people to get involved. More information will be available when the e-mail invitations are sent out.

Chair Lawrence also mentioned the SUNY Faculty Senate Plenary being held on our campus next fall and an ad hoc group

which may be designated to handle the arrangements. She also asked people to ***SAVE THE DATE*** of ***October 20-22, 2016***, for the ***SUNY UFS Plenary*** being held on our campus next fall, as well as the Faculty Senate reception, and to keep in mind there will be lots for volunteers to do and her hope that many will participate from our campus.

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – M. McGuire – K. Lawrence announced that M. McGuire has been elected as the Treasurer and will be happy to receive donations to the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT – No Secretary. K. Lawrence read the report for the Committee on Committees. {*SEE Appendix 1*}

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- White papers submission to system
- The Greenhouse Expansion
- Star NY3
- The Completion path Collaborative Project with Broome and TC3
- Liberal Studies degree – a completion concept
- Performance Improvement Plan for submission on October 21

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Student Affairs Committee – T. Phillips – See Committee Reporting Schedule.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee – A. Fitz-Gibbons – See Committee Reporting Schedule.

Planning Committee – Committee is being convened to elect a chair.

Educational Policy Committee – C. Widdall – The EPC report noted that the EPC committee is currently reviewing two pieces of information that was brought to the EPC committee's attention.

Transfer Credits and Residency Requirements – SUNY Cortland is currently at 45 while other SUNY Campuses are at 30. We are researching and reviewing this item to see if our campus needs to consider any need for change.

Second item was the item of GPA language in our current handbook. What is a Major GPA and should there be some new language to distinguished Major GPS versus Discipline GPA. This would not be a change in programs but we are looking

at the language that is found in the catalog and how the language may need to be changed.

Both items are just being reviewed by EPC at this time.

Professional Affairs Committee – K. Pristash – See Committee Reporting Schedule

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness – J. Walkuski – See Committee Reporting Schedule.

College Research Committee – B. Hodges – See Committee Reporting Schedule.

General Education Committee – J. McNamara – See Committee Reporting Schedule.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee - J. Curtis – See Committee Reporting Schedule.

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

X. SUNY SENATOR: N. Chaddock – The SUNY Senator gave a report and distributed a flyer: *{SEE Appendix 2}*

XI. STUDENT SENATORS' REPORT – M. Braun gave a brief report as follows:

Homecoming Results:

Homecoming King Competition: Raised \$893 for the American Cancer Society

Homecoming Queen Competition: Raised \$2,492 for the V Foundation for Cancer Research

Committee on Committees – G. Evans – K. Lawrence read the report for the Committee on Committees. The nominees were approved for committee vacancies. *{SEE Appendix 1}*

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - There was no Unfinished Business.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

XIV. 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 G. Evans, Chair
- (2) SUNY Senator's Report; Let's Talk: The President's Conversation Series on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at SUNY Cortland.

APPENDIX 1

Committee on Committees Report
submitted by G. Evans, Chair

Committee on Committees – Report to the Faculty Senate
October 5, 2015

Item #1

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

Seat	Representing	Term	Nomination
College Curriculum Review Committee	Education	2015-17	Katrina Bridge
Planning Committee	Library	2015-18	Rick Powell

Item #2

An election resulted in the following seats being awarded:

Seat	Representing	Term	Nomination
Senator	Professional Staff	2015-17	Gemma Rinefierd

Item #3 No nominations have been received to date.

- Committee on Committees

- Educational Policy Committee (2 representatives needed)
- General Education Committee
- Planning Committee
- Student Affairs Committee (2 representatives needed)

Item #4

The following seats remain unfilled:

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair, at large, 2015-16

Faculty Senate Secretary, at large, 2015-16

College Curriculum Review Committee, Math/Science, 2014-16

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness, Academic Faculty at large, 2015-18

GE Committee, Social/Behavioral Sciences, Fall 2015 sabbatical replacement

Student Affairs Committee – Fine Arts/Humanities, 2014-16

Senator, School of Education, 2015-17

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Evans, Chair

A request for the following student representative seats were made on Sept. 24, 2015 to the SGA President. No nominations have been received to date.

- Committee on Committees
- Educational Policy Committee (2 representatives needed)
- General Education Committee
- Planning Committee
- Student Affairs Committee (2 representatives needed)

Item #4

The following seats remain unfilled:

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair, at large, 2015-16

Faculty Senate Secretary, at large, 2015-16

College Curriculum Review Committee, Math/Science, 2014-16

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness, Academic Faculty at large, 2015-18

GE Committee, Social/Behavioral Sciences, Fall 2015 sabbatical replacement

Student Affairs Committee – Fine Arts/Humanities, 2014-16

Senator, School of Education, 2015-17

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Evans, Chair

APPENDIX 2
SUNY Senator's Report
submitted by N. Chaddock, SUNY Senator

SUNY Senator Report:

The UFS Plenary is set for October 22 and 23 2015 in Buffalo. We will be talking about digital citizenry and the 8 recommendations going to BOT on social media ... campus policy... speech policies... these recommendations are very controversial... it is recommended that all campuses should create a communication process to share concerns about social media.

Student information survey: Noelle and Thom Hanford talked about the diversity survey, issues of nationality, race, gender identity, and more... spring 2016 registration is the designated date and the campuses have not seen it. This is a SUNY created survey. This is a "forced" survey as we understand it students are able to opt out of it. There is a conference call tomorrow morning. Understandable concerns - where will this information live for one...

Chancellor will be joining us on October 23 at the UFS plenary meeting to talk about the diversity policy and mandate for CDO.

The University SUNY Faculty Senate is pleased to announce that we will be hosting **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: What is our Responsibility** on Thursday October 22 at the Arthur O Eve Educational Opportunity Center in Buffalo, NY at 1:30pm. If you are interested in attending please let Noelle know asap.

Chief Diversity Officer Report:

Good turn out for the Provost's workshop.. need more people to join us so that we have more impact in this work around building faculty capacity to engage diversity in the classroom

President's Conversation on Race "Let's Talk about Race" will be on this Thursday at 3pm in Sperry 105. Flyers were distributed.

Let's Talk: The President's Conversation Series on Diversity Equity and Inclusion at SUNY Cortland

Conversation I: Let's Talk about Race

President Bitterbaum invites the campus community to join him in an institutional conversation about Race in the United States and at SUNY Cortland.

October 8, 2015 3-5pm in Sperry Room 105

President Bitterbaum will be hosting a series of three conversations this year that address issues of race, LGBTQAI, and cultural climate. The President is inviting all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to join him in thinking about who we are in relationship to these issues. These conversations are meant to gather perspective, cultivate a communal respect for difference, and to shape the direction we as a campus community might take to achieve a truly equitable and inclusive SUNY Cortland. Without all your voices, there is no diversity.

Each conversation will include an invited speaker with expertise and experience in the topic, a faculty/staff/student panel that will respond to the speaker, and then facilitated group discussion about strategies for moving the institution forward in these areas.

Please think about attending, bringing your class and encouraging your supervisees to attend. Every voice and lived experience is important to building a safe, welcoming, and inclusive SUNY Cortland.

For more information please contact: multicultural.life@cortland.edu x2336