

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES #5**

**November 10, 2015**

**SENATORS AND MEMBERS PRESENT:** K. Lawrence, M. McGuire, P. Gipson, J. Hartsock, W. Miller, D. Kilpatrick, B. Spitzer, N. Karkov, D. VanLangen, A. Blavos, O. White, S. Shi, R. Borden, G. Rinefierd, K. Pristash, A. Fitz-Gibbons, K. Pristash, M. DiVita, M. Braun, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, Z. Newswanger, M. DiVita

**SENATORS AND MEMBERS ABSENT:** D. West, L. Brady, J. Kobritz, M. Seyfried, A. Dearie, T. Hanford, R. Powell, N. Chaddock, N. Kane, P. Schroeder, C. Widdall, T. Phillips, S. Buta, M. Curaj, J. Walkuski, B. Hodges, J. McNamara, J. Curtis, S. Anderson

**GUESTS PRESENT:** D. Harms, M. Bursani

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Minutes from October 27, 2015 were approved.

**II. SENATE ACTIONS:**  
There were no Senate actions.

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT** - The Chair opened the meeting asking a Senator to recognize D. Harms, Chapter Vice President for Academics and a member of the Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee for SUNY Cortland. D. Harms gave a brief report regarding UUP contract negotiations after the Chair's report, which included a form entitled, "Contract Negotiations, 2015 Needs Assessment and Member Input/Ad Hoc Suggestions. Individuals on campus are encouraged to fill it out and return it to the UUP office. {SEE Appendix 1}

Chair Lawrence then distributed an "items of interest folder" with topical information in it which was passed around the room.

Lawrence then reminded everyone that J. Barry is retiring and she encouraged everyone at the Senate to send her an e-mail thanking her for her important contribution to the Faculty Senate over the years. The Chair reminded everyone that Joanne was responsible for online voting, which had been laborious with the old system which included paper ballots. G. Evans has replaced J. Barry as Chair of Committees and so far is doing an excellent job. K. Lawrence will be sending flowers and a card of gratitude from the Faculty Senate.

Chair Lawrence then reported on the need for officers, Secretary and Vice Chair. Someone has expressed an interest in being Secretary, but there is an urgent need for Vice Chair, since Lawrence will be stepping down permanently next May 2016 as Faculty Senate Chair.

The Faculty Autumn Reception was well attended last Thursday and she thanked Vice President D. Duryea, President Bitterbaum and Provost Prus for their contribution, as well as the Faculty Senate Secretary, Barbara Kissel.

The Chair reported that J. Walkuski will be reporting after the Thanksgiving break as chair of the CTE Committee, at the last meeting on December 1. The other committees reporting at that meeting will be General Education, Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, Committee on Committees, and the report for the College Review Committee will be read (since due to a lack of time it was not conducted during this meeting.)

Chair Lawrence reminded everyone to speak up at the meetings due to the acoustics in the room and also with many new Senators it is important that everyone be able to hear and understand. She also repeated that the last meeting will be on December 1, with the Senate not meeting for the next three weeks, due to the Thanksgiving break.

K. Lawrence asked everyone to introduce themselves and announce their years of service at SUNY Cortland, department and position.

The Chair reported that J. Wilson will be taking pictures at the last Faculty Senate meeting on December 1 to be posted on the Faculty Senate webpage.

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

#### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT** – M. McGuire – No report.

#### **VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT** – No Secretary.

#### **VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Cortaca
- Rational Tuition Policy
- Student Survey Results
- Admissions – Open House

#### **VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Student Affairs Committee** – T. Phillips, Chair – *SEE Committee Reporting Schedule.*

**Academic Faculty Affairs Committee** – A. Fitz-Gibbons, Chair – *SEE Committee Reporting Schedule.*

**Planning Committee** – M. DiVita, Chair – *SEE Committee Reporting Schedule.*

**Educational Policy Committee** – C. Widdall, Chair – *SEE Committee Reporting Schedule.*

**Professional Affairs Committee** – K. Pristash, Chair – *See Committee Reporting Schedule.*

## **IX. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**College Research Committee** – B. Hodges, Chair – The report for the committee was not given as planned due to a lack of time. The report will be read in full at the next and last meeting of the Faculty Senate on December 1.

### **Report to the Faculty Senate College Research Committee (CRC)**

The CRC met for the first time this academic year on October 28, 2015.

The CRC reviewed the deadlines and qualifications of the Faculty Research Program and the DiNardo-Waring Outstanding Achievement in Research Award (OARA)

- FRP: Deadlines: To Dean's Office Friday, 1/29/16 - To RSPO Office Friday, 2/5/16
- OARA: Self-nominations and nominations from other SUNY Cortland faculty and professional staff will be accepted. The names and departments of nominees should be sent to Amy Henderson-Harr, Research and Sponsored Programs Office, 402 Miller on or before **February 5, 2016**. RSPO will notify nominees of their recommendation by **February 7, 2016**. Nominee packet of materials due to RSPO by **February 19, 2016**. The College Research Committee will evaluate nomination packet materials and make a recommendation(s) to the Provost by **March 4, 2016**.
  - OARA review meeting to occur in February will be set prior to Thanksgiving.
  - CRC will meet prior to the end of February to review FRP proposals

The CRC Chair indicated she has received a number of inquiries about the FRP which may indicate an increase in proposals.

The CRC agreed to craft an appeal for increased funding for FRP.

**Committee on Teaching Effectiveness** – J. Walkuski – K. Lawrence reported that the committee will give a report at the last meeting of the academic year on December 1, 2015.

**General Education Committee** – J. McNamara, Chair – *SEE Committee Reporting Schedule.*

**Graduate Faculty Executive Committee** – J. Curtis, Chair – *SEE Committee Reporting Schedule.*

**X. AREA SENATOR:** K. Pristash gave a report on Cortaca and planned student activities for the week. {SEE Appendix 2}

As a result of a question from Senator Borden a lengthy discussion ensued regarding race relations on campus. K. Lawrence suggested that it was unfortunate that N. Chaddock was unable to attend due to a last minute conflict, but suggested a possible diversity committee related to the Faculty Senate. She encouraged anyone interested to please contact N. Chaddock.

**XI. SUNY SENATOR:** N. Chaddock, Chair – No report (absent.)

**XII. STUDENT SENATORS' REPORT** – M. Braun –

Thank you to Student Affairs for supplying a week filled with exciting events! Cortaca Week should be a great success!

In hopes to increase participation in these events, Student Affairs adopted a "raffle-ticket" approach, that will give students a certain number of raffle tickets for each event attended, in order to win a prize at the end of the week!

**XIII. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES** – G. Evans, Chair – No report.

**XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** - There was no Unfinished 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) Contract Negotiations, 2015 Needs and Assessment and Member Input/Ad Hoc Suggestions, submitted by D. Harms, UUP
- (2) Cortaca Schedule of Activities, submitted by K. Pristash

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Contract Negotiations Form**  
**submitted by D. Harms**



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**CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**  
**2015 Needs Assessment and Member Input**

**Ad hoc Suggestions**

UUP's contract will expire on July 1, 2016. When we make demands at the negotiations table, we are frequently asked to provide examples and details to support our positions. The most convincing arguments often come from our members' anecdotal stories. Please describe the details of a need or problem you feel could be addressed through contract negotiations. Careful review of members' suggestions will be a crucial component of UUP's needs assessment and information gathering process leading up to contract negotiations.

**Need/Problem:**

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**Comments/Suggestions/Background Story:** (Please use back of form if needed)

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Please fill out the following so that we can contact you if we need more information.

**ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Suggestion Forms to be filled out before December 5, 2015. Please return this form to our Chapter Office at B-5 Moffett. The Ad hoc Committee will collect from there. All comments from members will be reviewed by the UUP Negotiations Committee and Negotiations Team.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**Cortlaca Jug Events**  
**submitted by K. Pristash**

## CORTACA JUG 2015 WEEK EVENTS:



**TUESDAY NOV 10:**  
CORTACA JUG Open Mic sponsored by SAB, ASC, and Health Promotions  
7pm, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge  
Free refreshments

**WEDNESDAY NOV 11:**  
Wellness Wednesday "Like a Tattoo: Digital Dirt, Social Media and Your Brand" sponsored by Health Promotions  
7pm, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge  
Free refreshments

**THURSDAY NOV 12:**  
CORTACA Car Smash Fundraiser for the USO sponsored by Theta Chi Fraternity  
4pm outside Memorial Library

**THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME ON THE BIG SCREEN**  
**-BILLS V JETS**  
8:25 pm, Corey Union Function Room  
Free refreshments: pizza, wings, beverages

**FRIDAY NOV 13:**  
► **FRIDAY** the 13th Psychic Readings  
4:30pm – 8:30pm @ the SLC

► The Pitch Perfect 2 Pre-Game Pool Party and Film Screening  
6pm at the pool in the Student Life Center

► **CORTACA Mug** sponsored by Cortland Nites, The Interfaith Center and the Cortland County Council of Churches  
9pm – 2am, Interfaith Center, corner of Calvert and Prospect

**SATURDAY NOV 14**  
► **CORTACA JUG Carnival** in the Corey Union Function Room, 10am – 3pm  
Come test your skills with the Melttdown and the Wrecking Ball Inflatable Challenges!

► **CORTACA JUG Football Game vs. Ithaca College**  
12 noon, Butterfield Stadium, Ithaca  
Pre-paid buses leave at 10am from the front of Corey Union  
Ticket and ID required for admittance

**SATURDAY NOV 14**  
► **Free VIEWING PARTY** in the Corey Union Function Room at high noon  
Tailgate refreshments provided

► **The Pitch Perfect 2 Post-Game Pool Party and Film Screening**  
5pm at the pool in the Student Life Center

► **2015 CORTACA CONCERT**  
sponsored by SAB and starring ECHOSMITH  
With special guest Cortland's own FREE HOUSE  
Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm  
Park Center Gymnasiums

**SUNDAY NOV 15**  
**Omega Phi Beta Sorority**  
**CORTACA Clean-up**  
sponsored by the Downtown Partnership  
11am to 1pm, meeting at Brix Restaurant



