

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

September 5th, 2017

Members and Senators Present: J. Ouellette, D. VanLangen, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, G. Birren, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Schubert, W. Miller, M. Song, A. Curtis, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, R. Fiddler, C. Manaseri, R. Borden, J. Zhe-Heimerman, G. Rinefield, S. Comins, R. Powell, M. Fox, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, P. Schroeder, A. Arkayasa, M. Mavrogian, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, S. Anderson, A. DeChellis

Members and Senators Absent: M. DiVita, D. West, H. Haines, S. Strause, E. Owens, P. Perkins.

Guests: T. Suzuki, F. Pierce, and K. Lawrence

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from May 2nd, 2017 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: Standing Rules of Faculty Senate were approved by the Senate. The Senate also reviewed the Parliamentary Motions Guide.

III. Chair's Report: Chair J. Ouellette thanked K. Lawrence for her numerous past years of service to the Senate as the previous Chair. Ouellette then introduced herself to the Senate and welcomed all new members, as well as all returning members to the first full Senate meeting of the semester. The Chair concluded her report by announcing that there are still several vacancies in the Senate that need to be filled, including a Vice Chair and a Treasurer; the Committee on Committees is still in the process of sending out calls for these vacant seats.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

V. Treasurer's Report: Vacant.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum

- Reported that the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program has been rescinded, which is unfortunate due to the fact that several of our campus's students belong to this program.
- Reported that the Rational Tuition Policy has increased by \$200.00.
- Explained that the college is currently using the Excelsior grant; however, the grant is only guaranteed for one year. Hopefully, the grant will be extended.
- There will be construction on the PER Building.
- The College is opening up 24 new faculty lines.
- Reported that the College's 150th anniversary/birthday is approaching and encouraged participation from faculty members.
- Announced that Ken Blanchard will be coming to campus on 9/11/17 to give a seminar on leadership.
- Commented that the academic year is off to a good start.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: G. Birren, Chair – No report.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that his committee has already met twice so far this semester, and that they are currently working on meeting with all 13 department chairs to discuss Personnel procedures and policies.

Planning Committee: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No report.

Professional Affairs Committee: Chair vacant – No report.

Area Senator: No Report

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa – Announced that the SGA will be hosting a Walk for Harvey fundraiser, in which they will be collaborating with local businesses to raise funds to donate to the victims of the hurricane.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – Report read by J. Ouellette. Committee is continuing observation of candidates

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: K. Bonafide, Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: B. Hodges, Chair – No report

General Education Committee: J. MacNamara, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair vacant – No report.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – No report.

X. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

XI. New Business: Chair, J. Ouellette, discussed changes made to the Start Up NY application process (*Please find the **modified** document attached in email.*); the modifications were put into place as a means to clarify the requirements for membership. The Senate will return to this in two weeks (9/19/17) for further discussion and to be voted on.

J. Ouellette also brought up the topic of CTE's (Course Teacher Evaluations) to the Senate in order to gain a better understanding of the faculty's perception of them; since the CTE system will soon be updated, she wanted to have suggestions for a charge to better clarify future CTE's. One of the main issues that were discussed from members of the Senate in regards to the CTE's was that the updated version of them should be more applicable to online courses (rather than being tailored to the traditional in the classroom courses, as the older ones seemed to be.).

XII. Announcements: No announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24PM on 9/5/17

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis