

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

March 21st, 2023

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, O. Bassett, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, S. Clark, S. Daman, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, S. Dutkowsky, E. Edlund, R. Grantham, J. Hall, G. Hazard, L. Jin, P. Perkins, R. Powell, P. Schroeder, K. Sheets, G. Sharer, M. Yacavone, S. Yoo J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Blavos, A. Bowler, R. Davis, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myles, C. Pass, V. Placide, M. Prus, J. Radloff, K. Silvestri, T. Suzuki, A. Thompson, M. Wetter, B. Williams,

Guests: R. Bryan, D. Harms, J. Carrick-Hagenbarth

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from February 28th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that the Senate's open meeting will be on 4/18/23; since a new registrar was recently hired, and therefore will not be adequate time to draft a proposal regarding a common hour, the topic for the open meeting will focus on IPAC's strategic planning with stakeholders on campus.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: B. Williams – No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: C. Pass – G. Birren reported that the Senate's account has been officially closed out and that the funds have been allocated to the Faculty Senate's Memorial Scholarship Fund.

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that the SUNY Chancellor will be on campus on 3/28/23; there will be a meet and greet from 11:30AM-12:15PM in the Student Life Center
- Reported on the budget; there will be no tuition increase in the house budget, with the majority of the remainder of the budget going towards DEI
- TAP eligibility has increased from \$80,000 to \$100,000 per household

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – No report

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – No report

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – No report

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: S. Daman, Chair – Reported that due to being offered the M/C position of Associate Director for Institutional Research and Analysis, the PFAC is working on electing a new chair for the committee

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – No report.

Student Senator: A. Bowler: O. Bassett reported on behalf of SGA:

- Preparing for The Big Event on 4/23/23 from 9AM-2PM

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: J. Carrick-Hagenbarth, Chair – Committee is looking into Course Teacher Evaluation software, as following the Spring 2023 semester, there will be no CTE software in place; the committee has examined several platforms, including BrightSpace (which doesn't have a lot flexibility) and Design to Learn (D2L), which offers various options for faculty, with options such as adding open-ended questions, as well as pooled questions. J. Carrick-Hagenbarth also took the time to recognize the committee's 2 student representatives on the committee, Brett Fowler and Morgan Richardson, for their contributions to the committee.

College Curriculum Review Committee: Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: Chair – No report.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair – C. Badurek – Reported that ballot sent out to the graduate faculty members last week regarding the changes proposed to the committee's membership was endorsed; the endorsement of these changes will now help fill recurring vacancies on the committee.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2022** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies from the Spring 2022 call for nominations; there were no nominations received from the floor (*Please find document attached*).

X. New Business:

- **Faculty Senate Resolution** – Proposed resolution regarding staffing requirements (*Please find document attached*).
 - Resolution was introduced to the Senate by R. Bryan and R. Borden; clarifying questions were asked:
 - Q. Were there prior steps taken to address these enrollment/staffing concerns before bringing them to the Senate?
 - A. Yes, the deans were approached in an effort to provide a structure to alleviate advising overload issues within departments; was also taken to labor management prior to bringing to the Senate.
 - Q. Would it be a reasonable solution to have full time student advisors to alleviate the overload?
 - A. There are lead advisors who receive a course release, however, even the lead advisors are overloaded with advisees (supposed to advise 40 students and end up with over 80 students to advise).

XI. Announcements:

- G. Birren reminded everyone that the DEI Fellowship deadline is at the end of March.
 - Reminder to complete the campus Gender Climate Survey (emails were sent on 2/23 and 3/7)
 - Reminder to complete the Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) survey; the SVP went to all students and employees, and will be open until 4/9

- R. Borden announced that the College Writing Committee will be hosting a Sandwich Seminar on ChatGPT on 4/19/23 from 12:30PM-1:30PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:28PM on 3/21/23

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis