

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

April 18th, 2017

Senators and Members Present: K. Lawrence, M. McGuire, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, A. Fitz-Gibbon, P. Gipson, W. Miller, D. West, H. Haines, D. VanLangen, A. Blavos, J. Kobritz, T. Suzuki, R. Borden, A. Dearie, G. Rinefierd, S. Comins, R. Powell, P. Schroeder, M. Prus, G. Hulede.

Senators and Members Absent: M. DiVita, D. Kilpatrick, L. Brady, S. Strause, O. White, M. Seyfried, M. Fox, C. Kurelich, T. Phillips, E. Bitterbaum, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, M. Braun.

I. Approval of Minutes: There was a correction made to the Minutes from April 4th, 2017, which was as follows: under the Chair's Report, the change was made from "...the Office of Associate Vice Provost of Institutional Advancement..." to "...the Office of Associate Provost for Academic Affairs...". The Minutes were then approved with these corrections.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: Chair, K. Lawrence, opened the meeting by announcing that the recent election of officers and committee representatives has produced a full set of new people serving on the Senate. Lawrence expressed her gratitude to all the newcomers, as well as to the many returning members who continue to support the Faculty Senate. The Chair then reminded everyone that the Senate is still in need of officers and committee representatives. It is important these vacant positions are filled, especially when it comes to the Steering Committee; as it is, the Steering Committee only has input from about ten individuals to create an agenda for the full Senate meetings, and with those positions being empty, that's even less input the committee has. K. Lawrence then announced that J. Ouellette will be attending the final meeting of Faculty Senate, which will be on May 2nd, in preparation for the 2017-2018 academic year.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, M. McGuire – No report.

VI. Secretary's Report: Vacant.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum – M. Prus reported on behalf of the President Bitterbaum, as he was absent due to attending a President's meeting.

- Reported that the Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee (IPAC) will be holding two upcoming open meetings; the first meeting will be on Thursday, April 20th from 8:30am-10am in Brockway Hall, Jacobus Lounge, and the second meeting will be on Friday, April 21st from 2-3:30pm in Park Center, Hall of Fame Room.

- M. Prus encouraged participation in these two IPAC meetings from faculty members, stating that any input during the meetings would be greatly appreciated.
- Reminded everyone that Honors Convocation is this Saturday, April 22nd; participation from faculty was encouraged by both M. Prus and K. Lawrence.

IX. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: T. Phillips, Chair – K. Lawrence reported on behalf of T. Phillips.

- The Student Affairs Committee met and decided on two winners of the Faculty Memorial Scholarship - \$1250 each.
- The SAC will be submitting their names this week via Academic Works.
- The committee agreed with Tina Aversano's recommendation that the Faculty Senate Scholarship monies be not awarded and used, as they may be, by the Faculty Senate for operational purposes. So there is \$500 from the foundation that you can use as needed by the Senate.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – No report.

Planning Committee: M. DiVita, Chair – K. Lawrence reported on behalf of M. DiVita.

- The Planning Committee's proposal to dissolve the committee was presented to the Faculty Senate (*Please find proposal attached in email*).
- The proposal will be brought back to the Senate in two weeks (5/2/17) for further discussion and to be voted on.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Please see "Unfinished Business" for report.

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak, Chair – No report.

Area Senator: No report.

SUNY Senator: No report

Student Senator: M. Braun – G. Hulede reported on behalf of M. Braun

- Reported that M. Braun was attending the SGA spring conference in Rochester, NY.
- Announced that M. Braun was awarded the best SUNY SGA student advocate.
- Announced SGA held their elections; those elected were as follows:
 - President – Aristotle Arkayasa

- Executive Vice President – Gloria Hulede
- Chief Financial Officer – Zachary Curtis
- NYPRIG Board of Directors – Toni Yancey and Madison Zizzi

K. Lawrence congratulated the SGA on their newly-elected officers and also invited the new President and CFO to join G. Hulede in attending our next full Senate meeting on May 2nd.

X. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – No report

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: J. Walkuski, Chair – No report.

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

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – Please see “Unfinished Business” for report.

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

XI. Unfinished Business: The EPC had three proposals that were discussed and voted on (*Please find proposals attached in email*); the results of the three proposals were as follows:

- Change in A+ Grading – motion passed
- Change in Grading from E to F – motion passed
- Minimum Grade on Coursework and Transfer Credit – motion passed, with amendment made by Senator A. Fitz-Gibbon to change wording in proposal to “...transfer credit will be counted as meeting the necessary minimum grade for Cortland courses...”

The Graduate Faculty Executive Committee’s proposal to revise the GFEC bylaws outlined in the College Handbook Section 150.04, Articles III and IV was also voted on (*Please find proposal attached in email*); the motion was passed by the Senate.

XII. New Business: Proposed Handbook Amendments regarding the Planning Committee and Policy Committee Chairs was read through and discussed (*Please find amendments attached in email*); these amendments will be brought back to the Senate in two weeks (5/2/17) for further discussion and to be voted on.

XIII. Announcements: There weren't any announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24pm on 4/18/17

Minutes submitted by,

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