

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

April 4th, 2017

Senators and Members Present: K. Lawrence, M. McGuire, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, M. DiVita, A. Fitz-Gibbon, P. Gipson, W. Miller, D. Kilpatrick, D. West, D. VanLangen, A. Blavos, J. Kobritz, S. Strause, O. White, T. Suzuki, R. Borden, A. Dearie, S. Comins, M. Fox, R. Powell, C. Kurelich, P. Schroeder, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, M. Braun.

Senators and Members Absent: M. Seyfried, H. Haines, G. Rinefierd, T. Phillips, D. Duryea, G. Hulede.

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from March 21st, 2017 were approved.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: Chair, K. Lawrence, opened the meeting by thanking Carol Van Der Karr, Pam Schroeder, and the Office of Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, for donating the refreshments for the Faculty Senate open meeting that took place on Friday, March 31st. Lawrence also stated that she appreciated the comments and discussion that were raised at the open meeting, and also acknowledged M. Divita's report that was given at the meeting on behalf of the Planning Committee; such topics as CTE's, adjunct faculty, faculty governance, college policies, system for the evaluation of administration, and service to the College were discussed at the open meeting. Lawrence then thanked everyone that came and spoke so openly and candidly, and shared with Faculty Senate issues and ideas that were significant to them. In conjunction with what was reported about the open meeting, K. Lawrence also passed around three articles; two articles were from the Chronicle of Higher Education, that dealt with the inequity among faculty who serve across campuses state-wide, while the third article focused on SUNY New Paltz and the issues that part-time faculty might face due to proposed budget costs (*Please find articles attached in email*).

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, M. McGuire – K. Lawrence reported for M. McGuire that there is a current balance of \$1,001 in the Faculty Senate treasury.

VI. Secretary's Report: Vacant.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum

- Reported on the Excelsior Scholarship; he explained that if the scholarship gets approved, all SUNY campuses would be charged a 10% surcharge, which would financially burden SUNY campuses.
- Announced that AnnaMaria Cirrincione has recently been named the Interim Director of Multicultural Life and Diversity.
- Announced that Mark DePaul was named the new Chief of Police.
- Announced that James Felton will take over as SUNY Cortland's Chief Diversity Officer beginning May 1st, 2017.
- Reported about 5,000 prospective students and their families attended the Open House that took place over this past weekend (4/1/17).
- Announced that University Police (UPD) and Facilities have both moved to Whittaker Hall.

IX. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: T. Phillips, Chair – No report.

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

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

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

- Reported that SGA has elections coming up. He explained that SGA has changed their V.P. seat to what is now referred to as E.V.P., for which there are two candidates running for, and also that the seat of Treasurer has been changed to what is now referred to as C.F.O., for which there is one candidate running for.
- Shared that he currently travelled Washington D.C. to attend Students on the Hill, where students from a wide range of campuses attend to lobby on issues regarding funding in higher education (Tap, Pell, and federal work study programs).

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 – Reported on assessment, GE course proposal guidelines, GE 11 prejudice and discrimination, and presentation skills (*Please find report attached in email*).

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

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – Two calls for nominations, one for vacant Senator and Officer positions and the other for vacant committee positions, were read and presented to the Senate; nominations were also taken from the floor. The two calls for nominations were then voted on as a slate of nominees and approved by the Faculty Senate. (*Please find both approved slates of nominees attached in email*).

****Please Note: Official appointment letters will be forthcoming from the Committee on Committees***

The Senate also voted on and approved members of the Academic Grievance Tribunal (AGT) for the academic years of 2017-2020. The approved members of the AGT are as follows:

- Holly Manaseri – School of Education
- Tim DeLaune – School of Arts & Sciences
- Larissa True – School of Professional Studies

XI. Unfinished Business: J. Curtis, chair of the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, discussed the committee’s proposed revisions to the GFEC bylaws outlined in the College Handbook Section 150.04, Articles III and IV (*Please find proposal attached in email*). Faculty Senate will vote on the proposal in two weeks (4/18/17).

The Educational Policy Committee went over three proposals: one on retiring the A+ from SUNY Cortland’s grading scale, one on changing the letter grade of “E” to the letter grade of “F”, and one regarding the minimum grade on coursework and transfer credit. Faculty Senate will vote on these proposals in two weeks (4/18/17); A. Thomas and C. Costell Corbin, who also serve on EPC, will attend the Senate meeting on 4/18/17 to answer any questions regarding the proposals (*Please find proposals attached in email*).

XII. New Business: There wasn't any new business to report.

XIII. Announcements: A. Blavos reminded Senate members that the Take Back the Night event takes place this evening outside of Corey Union.

K. Lawrence thanked the EPC, the GE Committee, GFEC, and the Planning Committee for all their dedication and the substantial commitment of time, energy, and interest the chairs of these committees, as well as their members, have made to these Faculty Senate Standing Committees.

Cheers & congratulations from the Chair to all the people newly elected to serve on the Senate and/or Faculty Senate committees!

Meeting was adjourned at 2pm on 4/4/17

Minutes submitted by,

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