

## **Faculty Senate Minutes #5**

**April 5, 2016**

**Members and Senators Present:** K. Lawrence, W. Miller, R. Spitzer, D. West, A. Fitz-Gibbon, D. VanLangen, A. Blavos, J. Kobritz, R. Borden, A. Dearie, T. Hanford, G. Rineford, K. Pristash, R. Powell, Z. Newswanger, P. Schroeder, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, S. Anderson, J. Gardella

**Members and Senators Absent:** M. McGuire, P. Gipson, J. Hartsock, D. Kilpatrick, N. Karkov, L. Brady, S. Shi-Strause, O. White, M. Seyfried, N. Chaddock, T. Phillips, N. Kane, E. Bitterbaum

**Guests:** J. McNamara, Fred Pierce

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from both March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved.

**II. Senate Actions:** There were no Senate actions.

**III. Chair's Report:** K. Lawrence – The Chair opened the meeting with several announcements. She reminded committee chairs to please submit an outline detailing the committee's purpose to K. Lawrence and A. DeChellis so a chart can be made showing what each committee entails. The chair made an announcement on behalf of M. McGuire, stating that M. McGuire has a possible idea for a new committee. She also reminded members that there are only two Faculty Senate meetings left this semester, and that there is still a crucial need for a Vice Chair for next semester. The Chair sent out a reminder that the college's Transformations will be Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and the former dean of Arts and Sciences at SUNY Cortland, John Ryder, will be the keynote speaker; Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> is the student led Diversity Conference, and the following Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, is Honors Convocation; K. Lawrence encouraged participation in these upcoming events, if possible. Lastly, K. Lawrence thanked A. DeChellis for compiling binders with all the Faculty Senate Minutes from the past 12 years.

**IV. Vice Chair's Report:** Vacant

**V. Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report.

**VI. Secretary's Report:** Vacant.

**VIII. President's Report:** Since President Bitterbaum was at a conference in Albany, M. Prus presented the President's report:

- Reported that the budget did not allow for tuition increases
- Reported that our campus has an additional \$1.4 million in the budget.

## **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 – No report.

**Professional Affairs Committee:** K. Pristash, Chair – No report.

**Area Senator:** No report

**SUNY Senator:** No report

**Student Senator:** J. Gardella (Alternate) – Announced that elections for SGA representatives will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that there will be a debate held on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, in Sperry. J. Gardella commented that one of SGA's primary goals is to increase student participation throughout the campus.

## **X. Other Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Teaching Awards:** No report.

**Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:** No report.

**College Research Committee** – No report.

**General Education Committee** – J. McNamara, Chair – Reported that the committee has been working on assessments of GE 1 and 4. She also reported that the committee has passed eight courses through Curriculog this semester.

**Graduate Faculty Executive Committee** – No report.

**Committee on Committees** – No report.

## **XI. Unfinished Business:** Academic Calendar Committee Proposal.

**XII. New Business:** A. Fitz-Gibbon presented 2 proposals from his committee, Academic Faculty Affairs, concerning Chapters 220.06 and 230.00 in the College Handbook. He explained how the proposed changes to said chapters of the handbook are to clarify the language used, as well as to remove language which is no longer relevant. Discussion ensued regarding minor editorial concerns with the presented proposals.

**XIII. Announcements:** K. Lawrence announced that the Faculty Senate Plenary meeting will take place at SUNY Brockport on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for the spring, while the fall meeting will take place at SUNY Cortland October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm. on 4/5/16**

Minutes submitted by,

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