

Faculty Senate Minutes #2

February 14th, 2017

Members and Senators Present: K. Lawrence, M. McGuire, A. Fitz-Gibbon, P. Gipson, W. Miller, D. Kilpatrick, D. West, H. Haines, L. Brady, A. Blavos, J. Kobritz, S. Shi-Strause, O. White, T. Suzuki, R. Borden, A. Dearie, S. Comins, C. Kurelich, M. Fox, R. Powell, P. Schroeder, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, M. Braun, G. Hulede, M. Fox, S. Anderson.

Members and Senators Absent: M. DiVita, T. Phillips, D. VanLangen, M. Seyfried, G. Rinefield.

Guests: S. Asumah, M. Nagel, K. Kone, S. Rayl, S. Strasser, and B. Wodi.

I. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from January 31st, 2017 were approved with an amendment made to the President's report; under the President's report, the language was changed from "Irrational Tuition Policy," to "Rational Tuition Policy."

II. Senate Actions: There weren't any Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: Chair, K. Lawrence, opened the meeting by reviewing the Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate. She stressed the importance of attendance as well as the importance of the 3-minute time limit on speaking during the meetings, as is described in the Standing Rules; she explained that the 3-minute time limit will be enforced in an effort to be fair to all members of the Senate, so that whomever wishes to speak has the opportunity to do so (*Please find a copy of the Standing Rules as an email attachment.*).

K. Lawrence also acknowledged and congratulated Senator D. West for being selected by the CGIS Board to serve as the official liaison for issues of diversity and inclusion between CGIS and Faculty Senate; this liaison serves the continuing efforts of FS to make steps toward inclusion and diversity.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

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

VI. Secretary's Report: Vacant.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum

- Reported that they have narrowed the candidacy pool down to 4 individuals for the position of Chief Diversity Officer; President Bitterbaum encouraged campus members to reach out and meet the candidates.

- Mentioned that SUNY Cortland and TC3 has met with the mayor of Cortland to see if the two campuses, along with the city of Cortland, can all work together to on a grant to revitalize the downtown corridor.

VIII. 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. The Planning Committee will report at the next full Senate meeting, which will be on February 28th, 2017.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair –

- Reported that the EPC is down two faculty members, one in the area of Arts and Sciences and the other in the Academic Faculty at Large category.
- Explained that the committee will have two student senators join this semester.
- Reported that their proposal on the minimum grade course and training credit is currently out for vetting.
- Reminded members that the EPC's transfer credit proposal was approved by the Senate last semester.
- Announced that the committee is in the process of working on several proposals this semester, including: removing the "A+" from SUNY Cortland's grading scale, producing a definition of a Major GPA, revising the AGT Handbook (for clarification), as well as a grade forgiveness policy.
- K. Lawrence commended C. Widdall, and the EPC, for all the work and research she and the committee has completed so far this semester.

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak – No report.

Area Senator: No report

SUNY Senator: No report

Student Senator: M. Braun – reported that SGA has created a new program, titled Cortland Connect. He then asked K. Lawrence if he may present information to the Senate at a future meeting this semester, in an effort to fully explain what Cortland Connect is about.

K. Lawrence commended M. Braun and the SGA on all the work and research they have done so far this semester as well. .

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: K. Lawrence, Chair – No report

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

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

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – No report.

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

X. Unfinished Business: R. Borden's, D. West's, and S. Strause's resolution for Africana Studies Department was discussed before being voted on.

- A. Fitz-Gibbon suggested an amendment to the proposal, that the year be changed from 2017 to 2018; D. West seconded the suggestion, it was voted on and then approved.
- S. Strause recognized guest M. Nagel to speak in support of the resolution; M. Nagel commented that the approval of this resolution would put our campus more in sync with other SUNY campuses.
- M. McGuire recognized guest B. Wodi to speak in support of the resolution.
- M. McGuire recognized guest S. Asumah to speak in support of the resolution.

After the resolution was discussed, it was voted on and approved by the Faculty Senate.

XI. New Business: No new business

XII. Announcements: No Announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:06pm on 2/14/17.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis