

Faculty Senate Minutes #2

February 16, 2016

Senators and Members Present: K. Lawrence, M. McGuire, W. Miller, D. West, L. Brady, D. VanLangen, A. Blavos, J. Kobritz, S. Strause, R. Borden, M. Seyfried, T. Hanford, G. Rinefierd, K. Pristash, N. Kane, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, A. DeChellis, S. Anderson, M. Braun, C. Widdall.

Senators and Members Absent: P. Gipson, J. Hartsock, D. Kilpatrick, N. Karkov, B. Spitzer, O. White, A. Dearie, R. Powell, D. Newswanger, N. Chaddock, T. Phillips, P. Schroeder.

Guests Present: D. Harms and J. Westbrook, representatives for UUP.

J. Westbrook and D. Harms announced that the UUP Advocacy Days in Albany were up and coming, and explained that the conference discusses issues such as: Maintenance of Effort, tuition increases, and performance based funding. They also discussed an EOP trip that will take place on February 29th, 2016.

I. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from February 2, 2016 were approved.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – The Chair opened the meeting by announcing the SUNY Voices Workshop will be taking place March 4th and 5th in Albany. She also reminded people to support the Black History Month Events and passed around the calendar. K. Lawrence also reminded members it will be both the Professional Affairs Committee's and the Effectiveness in Teaching Committee's turn to give their report at our next meeting, which is on March 1st; bearing this in mind, it is important to remember that we need all Senators to make every effort to attend, so we are sure to have a quorum. The Chair gave a reminder that in the upcoming meetings members should expect a lot of new business

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

V. Treasurer's Report: M. McGuire – The treasurer reported that the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund is still currently seeking donations; she stressed the fact that if each faculty member were to contribute \$10 annually, the scholarship fund would be sustainable. The

treasurer also reported on the idea regarding applied learning criteria (i.e. how faculty and students are engaged).

VI. Secretary's Report: Vacant.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum

- Visit with Senator J. Seward; expect modest capital budget.
- Finish Moffett (within two years).
- Finish McDonald building.
- Finish Track and White Field.
- Renovate Brown Auditorium.
- Rational Tuition Policy
- Online Learning
- Professional Funding
- Performance Funding – 18 million dollars has been approved by the governor.

IX. Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the Residential Policy is currently out for vetting, as is the Transfer Credit Policy. Widdall also reported that the committee is working on the Final Examination Policy. She stated that the Major GPA definition, as it is outlined in the College Handbook, needs to be reviewed by the Dean, as do the Academic Dismissal and Suspension policies.

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

Area Senator: No report.

SUNY Senator: N. Chaddock, Chair – No report.

Student Senator: M. Braun – Reported on the Student Leadership Cabinet, and explained how its purpose is to bring students together in an effort for collaboration.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards – No reports

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness – No reports

College Research Committee – No reports

General Education Committee – No reports

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee – No reports

Committee on Committees – No reports

X. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business to report.

XI. New Business: No new business to report

XII. Announcements: There weren't any announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm. on 2/16/16.

Minutes submitted by,

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