

Faculty Senate Minutes #3

March 21st, 2017

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

Senators and Members Absent: P. Gipson, D. West, L. Brady, O. White, M. Seyfried, G. Rinefierd, T. Phillips, D. Duryea, S. Anderson.

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from February 14th, 2017 were approved.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: Chair, K. Lawrence, opened the meeting by reviewing the Call for Nominations that was sent out earlier in the week by G.Evans. She explained that the officer position of Chair is not open for nominations, even though it was originally listed that way on the Call for Nominations; Lawrence went on to explain that the position for Vice Chair is open for nominations, and that whoever is elected as Vice Chair will take over when the current Chair steps down. The deadline to submit names to G.Evans for senator, officer, and/or committee positions is Thursday, March 23, 2017 no later than 4pm.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, M. McGuire reported that there is a current balance of \$962.00 in the Senate treasury.

VI. Secretary's Report: Vacant.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum

- Reported that the governor will be on campus March 22nd to talk about the proposed Excelsior Tuition Scholarship Program; the presentation will take place in Jacobus Lounge, and all are encouraged to attend. President Bitterbaum explained that the scholarship program would allow students of families who make up to \$125,000 a year attend any SUNY institution without having to pay tuition, so long as the student is enrolled in at least 15 credit hours per semester (full-time).
- Announced that James Felton was chosen to be SUNY Cortland's Chief Diversity Officer.

- Reported that the college will hopefully receive the funding that is needed to finish the renovations on the Moffett Building.

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 – Shared the results of the committee’s survey regarding campus-wide views/concerns about Faculty Senate (*Please see report attached in email.*).

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No 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
- Shared that he will be traveling to Washington D.C. to attend Students on the Hill.
- Along with Student Senator G. Hulede, presented on SGA’s Cortland Connect program. They explained how the program simplifies accessibility through having everything in one place; for example, students can log into Cortland Connect and take surveys, vote for SGA elections, and also see upcoming club events all on the same site.

X. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – On behalf of J. Mosher, K. Lawrence reported that the committee is actively reviewing candidates for Chancellor’s Awards and that there are candidates who will receive awards at the next commencement ceremony.

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

College Research Committee: B. Hodges, Chair – On behalf of B. Hodges, K. Lawrence read the College Research Committee’s report (*Please see report attached in email.*).

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

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

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

XI. Unfinished Business: There wasn't any unfinished business to report.

XII. New Business: On behalf of J. Curtis, K. Lawrence presented the Graduate Faculty Executive 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 discuss the proposal in two weeks, and vote on the proposal in two weeks as well.

XIII. Announcements: C. Widdall announced that there are currently two proposals from the Educational Policy Committee out for vetting.

I. Jordak encouraged participation in the college's 321 Champions Challenge.

K. Lawrence announced Faculty Senate's upcoming open forum meeting, which will take place on March 31st, 2017 in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, from 2-4pm; she encouraged all Senate members to invite colleagues (*Please find flyer attached in email.*).

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm on 3/21/17.

Minutes submitted by,

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