

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

October, 25th 2016

Members and Senators Present: K. Lawrence, M. McGuire, M. DiVita, A. Fitz-Gibbon, D. Kilpatrick, H. Haines, W. Miller, D. West, D. VanLangen, A. Blavos, J. Kobritz, R. Borden, A. Dearie, S. Comins, R. Powell, P. Schroeder, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, D. Duryea, G. Hulede (SGA Alternate).

Members and Senators Absent: C. Widdall, T. Phillips, P. Gipson, L. Brady, S. Shi-Strause, M. Seyfried, G. Rinefierd, G. Sharer, M. Braun, S. Anderson.

Guests: C. Van Der Karr, V. Levine, and J. Wilson

I. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from October 4th, 2016 were approved.

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

III. Chair's Report: Chair, K. Lawrence, opened the meeting discussing the SUNY Faculty Senate Plenary that took place this past weekend, October 20th – October 22nd. Lawrence commented that the Plenary went very well, and that there was an excellent turnout; many people from Cortland contributed to its success, and the visiting colleges found SUNY Cortland to be very accommodating. The chair then reminded members there is still a critical need for a Vice Chair and Secretary for the Senate.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: Vacant.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, M. McGuire reported a balance of \$922.00 in the treasury, and commented the goal is to get the balance up to at least \$1,000.00. McGuire also mentioned that the Faculty Senate treasury account was previously First Niagara Bank, however, it has been switched to Key Bank.

VI. Secretary's Report: Vacant.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum – President Bitterbaum opted not to give a report, so that our guest speakers could have the extra time for their presentation.

Guest Speakers, Carol Van Der Karr, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, and Virginia Levine, Executive Assistant to the President: Carol and Ginny's presentation outlined the responsibilities of the Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee, and also detailed the process involved in Middle States (*See email PowerPoint attachment.*).

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No report

Professional Affairs Committee: Chair vacant – No report.

Area Senator: No report

SUNY Senator: A. Fitz-Gibbon – Reported on SUNY Faculty Senate Plenary, stating some of the major topics discussed during the three days were: SUNY funding, enrollment issues (management), curricular issues (specifically, micro-credentialing), and concerns regarding general education. Fitz-Gibbon also touched on the report given by the Chancellor of SUNY, and how it is her goal to leave a legacy of teacher education, particularly STEM teacher education.

Student Senator: M. Braun – G. Hulede reported on behalf of SGA president M. Braun. Hulede explained how SGA has recently met with the Cortland City Chief of Police, in an effort to ensure safety, both for students as well as for the community, during Cortaca weekend. She commented that this was an extremely productive meeting, and that the SGA hopes the meeting was the first step towards building a stronger relationship between SUNY Cortland and the Cortland community.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

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

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

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

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis – Faculty Senate Chair, K. Lawrence, reported on behalf of the GFEC; currently, the GFEC is working on two programs, the GFEC Small Grants Program, and the GFEC Research Travel Grants Program (*See Appendix I*).

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – Senate Chair, K. Lawrence, reported on behalf of the Committee on Committees. She announced the three nominations for senator seats, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor, which there were none; the three nominations were then voted on and approved. The approved slate of nominations is as follows:

Faculty Senate Officers and Senators:

Position/Rep. Area	Type	Term
Vice Chair (No nominations)	Officer	16-17

Secretary (No nominations)	Officer	16-17
Fine Arts/Humanities (No nominations)	Senator	16-18
M/C (C. Kurelich)	Senator	16-18
Professional Staff (M. Fox)	Senator	16-18
School of Education (T. Suzuki)	Senator	15-17

X. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

XI. New Business: No new business.

XII. Announcements: There weren't any announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24pm on 10/25/16.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

Appendix I

SUNY Cortland's Graduate Faculty Executive Committee is pleased to announce funding opportunities for SUNY Cortland graduate students for their independent research and creative projects, and for travel to present their project findings at conferences during the 2016-2017 academic year that includes:

- 1. GFEC Small Grants Program (applications accepted throughout the fall semester. Spring deadline Friday, April 7, 2017)- to support original research or creative activities that students complete independently or in collaboration with other graduate students.*
- 2. GFEC Research Travel Grants Program (Fall deadline Friday, November 18, 2016. Spring deadline Friday, April 7, 2017)- designed to assist with reimbursing travel costs of SUNY Cortland graduate students who travel to present the results of their original research at regional, national, or international conferences. Awards are for travel between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.*

For additional information regarding these funding programs, specific eligibility requirements, and application forms, please visit <http://www2.cortland.edu/academics/curriculum/committees/GFEC.dot>. Faculty are asked to encourage their graduate students to apply for these competitive awards.