

Faculty Senate Minutes #2

February 23rd, 2021

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, A. Catalfamo, C. Chatfield, S. Clark, C. Costell Corbin, S. Comins, A. Curtis, S. Daman, K. Dames, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, L. Delaubell, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, C. Grate, J. Hall, T. Hunter, L. Jin, A. Myles, C. Pass, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, D. West C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: M. Fox, S. Strause,

Guests: L. Lopez-Janove, J. Kronenbitter

I. Approval of Minutes: The Amended Minutes from February 9th were approved by the Senate; the charge given to the AFAC for a white paper on service was when L. MacDonald served as Faculty Senate Chair, not when J. Ouellette served as chair.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – No report.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: C. Chatfield – Reminded senators that we still have seven vacancies to fill from the Spring 2020 Call for Nominations.

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reminded senators to please submit their dues of \$10 to her, if they haven't already done so; senate dues go toward the Faculty Senate's Memorial Scholarship award. As of 1/31/21 our current balance is \$1,482.37.

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that the SUNY Chancellor recently held a press conference at which he announced that the ten SUNYAC schools are approved to have spring athletics.
 - In an effort to maintain safety and adhere to COVID guidelines, SUNY Cortland will compete in East/West Division as a means to limit travel
 - There will be no spectators at sporting events; all events will be streamed
 - All athletes will be required to wear masks when not on the playing field
 - Buses will be at a 50% capacity
- Reminded everyone to please continue to practice social distancing, wearing of masks, washing of hands frequently and strongly encourage students to adhere to these protocols as well
- Cortland City Police is currently working with the campus in an added effort to prevent large gatherings
 - Students who were responsible for the gathering a few weeks ago were either suspended or dismissed from the college
 - Students are now required to attend testing twice a week as opposed to once per week
- Reported COVID numbers are at the following:
 - All SUNYs are at .5%
 - As of 2/23/21, our campus is at 2.09%
- M. Prus reported that he, along with the deans and associate deans, are currently working on a resolve regarding online courses, as there has been some confusion over the conflicting language between Chancellor Malatras' proposal, F. Pierce's statement, and the information found on the Judicial Affairs' webpage; they hope to have a resolve by 2/24/21.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – Reported that the committee is reviewing final applications for the Faculty Senate’s Memorial Scholarship Award.

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that EPC has had their first meeting, and that they will have a vetting document out to campus in about another week; the vetting document concerns the updating of the language found in the College Handbook in regards to examinations and labs. The committee is also working on clarification on how tests are stored, as well as making final edits to the SGA’s proposal in the AGT Handbook.

Professional Affairs Committee: S. Daman, Chair – No report.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/C. Badurek – No report.

Student Senator: D. Reischer – SGA is currently working on sending messages out to the student body regarding good behavior as it pertains to COVID protocols.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: K. Bonafide, Chair – No report.

College Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek, Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: A. Davalos, Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: L. Delaubell, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: N. Wilson, Chair – No Report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2020** – Nominations that were received via email for the Spring 2020 call were approved by the senate; additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies; there weren’t any nominations received from the floor (*Please find document attached*).
- **Proposed Resolution on TIAA and Global Warming** – Resolution regarding the SUNY Cortland faculty to urge the SUNY Board of Trustees to support and advocate for the divestment of TIAA funds from all fossil fuel holdings was brought to the Senate floor for discussion and endorsement (*Please find proposal attached in email*)
 - R. Borden thanked President Bitterbaum for his leadership and the campus commitment to renewable energy.
 - L. Jin thanked R. Borden and C. Badurek for creating the resolution
 - As there weren’t any objections to the endorsing of this resolution, the resolution was unanimously endorsed by the Faculty Senate

X. New Business:

- **Revised Essential Worker Resolution** – A resolution regarding how the COVID 19 pandemic placed ever-expanding demands on the Student Health Services, Counseling Center, Residence Life and other campus offices. To protect the campus community, paid and volunteer staff were compelled to invest enormous effort above and beyond their usual responsibilities, and for those efforts, we express our deepest gratitude to those individuals (*Please find document attached*).

- Resolution was created by C. Chatfield and G. Peterson, working with members of UUP; endorsed by UUP E-Board.
- **SUNY Cortland Open Access Policy** – A resolution regarding the development of campus-specific open access policies for faculty, student, and staff scholarship and creative works and the creation of searchable repositories (*Please find documents attached in email*)
 - Introduced by R. Powell and J. Kronenbitter of the Library
 - Explained there was a March 2020 deadline which was then extended due to COVID
 - R. Powell and J. Moore developed draft policy based on other comprehensive colleges' policies
 - Has been reviewed by M. Prus as well as the Office of Library and Information Services
 - Emphasized that this is an opt-in policy.
- **UFS Resolution 187.01** – Shared Governance in Times of Extraordinary Challenges was introduced for endorsement; vote to endorse will take place on 3/23/21 (*Please find documents attached in email*)
- **UFS Resolution 187.03** – Board of Trustees Support of Black Lives Matter was introduced for endorsement; vote to endorse will take place on 3/23/21 (*Please find documents attached in email*)
- **UFS Resolution 187.04** – Faculty Senate Support of Black Lives Matter was introduced for endorsement; vote to endorse will take place on 3/23/21 (*Please find documents attached in email*)

XI. Announcements:

- C. Widdall announced Phi Kappa Phi is planning on having honors inductions this spring; they are looking for assistance; they are also in need of officers. They are hoping to have an honorary induction for the late V. Levine, as she was a great supporter of PKP.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 on 2/23/21

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis