

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

April 23rd, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, C. Bennett, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, R. Fiddler, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, M. Prus, K. Rose, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, S. Umansky, D. Van Langen, R. Vooris, D. West, C. Widdall, V. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, C. Costell Corbin, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, J. MacNamara, E. Owens, C. Pass, P. Perkins, G. Sharer, M. Sutherlin

Guests: V. Levine, A. Thomas, C. Van Der Karr

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 9th, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – Reported that the Committee on Teaching Effectiveness's (CTE) revised items will hopefully be submitted to the Steering Committee by 5/1/19. Recommendations for the delivery system will be ready for the start of the fall; therefore, these items will be carried over to the Fall 2019 semester as New Business. The Chair also reported that a few of the editorial changes from Chapter 150 of the College Handbook that the Senate approved from the Review of Governance Committee (ROG) will need to go out to referendum at the end of this semester.

III. Vice Chair's Report: M. DiVita – No report

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – No report

V. Secretary's Report: D. VanLangen – No report.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum – No report

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: G. Birren, Chair – Reported that the Student Affairs Committee is still working on selections for the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon/H. Haines, Chair – Reported that the committee is currently working on personnel policies, as well as the Senate charge that was given to the committee regarding service guidelines.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC had recently sent out a vetting document regarding requirements in course syllabi (Ch. 220.02 of the Handbook). She had strongly encouraged participation in vetting this document, as it needed input from faculty across campus, however, the committee only received 8 responses.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – Reported that the committee is currently working on filling committee vacancies.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Alternate Senator: R. Vooris, Chair – Reported on the Spring Plenary, that took place on 4/11/19, at SUNY Potsdam:

- It was announced at the plenary that Carl H. McCall was stepping down as the Board of Trustees Chairman.
- The majority of the discussion at the plenary focused on SUNY's online initiative; there was a great deal of hesitancy among several of the campuses concerning the online initiative.

- There were 8 resolutions that were passed at the plenary, which will be presented to the Senate on 5/7/19 for endorsement.

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Announced the results of the SGA's elections that recently took place:
 - Chester Bennett – President
 - Angelo Foster – Vice President
 - Nicolas Estrada – Chief Financial Officer
- The SGA elections were a huge success; a total of 1,668 students voted, which is one of the largest voter turn-out that the campus has ever seen (25% of student community voted).
- Announced that the SGA will be hosting an event for aspiring student leaders this Thursday, 4/25/19, at 5pm at the Alumni House; encouraged faculty members to inform students they may know who could be interested to attend the event.
- Reported that SGA has collaborated with ASC to form a committee that is comprised of students, faculty members, and ASC employees in an effort to prevent further incidents of prejudice/racism in the future.
- Also announced that the SGA is currently underway with its annual Corn Ducky Derby; if anyone is interested, he or she can stop by the SGA office in Corey Union to purchase a duck for \$5.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: B. Lovett, Chair – No report.

College Curriculum Review Committee: M. DiVita, Chair – Reminded Senate members that the committee does meet all throughout the semester, and announced that the committee has 2 meetings remaining for this semester.

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

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.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – Nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill the remaining vacancies from the initial call that was sent out to campus on 3/25/19; nominations from the floor were as follows:
 - At Large, Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, C. Badurek
 - School of Professional Studies, Educational Policy Committee, L. Darwin
- Future Academic Calendars were voted on and adopted by the Senate (*Please find documents attached in email*).
- Revised GE 11 description – Was voted on and adopted by the Senate (*Please find document attached in email*).
- EPC Definition of Major GPA – Discussion ensued before voting took place; the document was then voted on, and was adopted by the Senate (*Please find document attached*).
- Review of Governance Committee (ROG) – Procedural changes to Chapter 150.03 of the College Handbook were voted on by the Senate; the results were as follows: (*Please find documents attached in email*).
 - Additional Responsibilities for Professional Affairs Committee – Adopted by the Senate
 - Additional Responsibilities of the Chair of Senate – Adopted by the Senate
 - Change to Duties of Committees – Adopted by the Senate

- Change to Secretary/Committee on Committees (COC)/Dissolving the COC – Adopted by the Senate
- Past-Presiding Chair – Adopted by the Senate
- Changes to the Student Affairs Committee (SAC):
 - Motion was made by C. Widdall to change the wording from “...co-chair...” to “chair with collaboration leadership with the student leader”
 - Motion was seconded by R. Grantham
 - Vote: 2 in favor, 8 against
 - Motion: defeated
 - Motion was made by R. Borden to revise the wording from “...student co-chair...” to “...student chair...”
 - Motion was seconded by D. Van Langen
 - Vote: 10 in favor, 2 against
 - Motion: adopted by the Senate
 - Changes to the SAC, with the amended language from “...student co-chair...” to “...student chair...” was adopted by the Senate
- L. MacDonald reminded members that all of the approved changes to Chapter 150.03 of the College Handbook will have to go out to referendum.

X. New Business:

- EPC Rescind Recommendation to Change E to F Grade – the motion that was approved by the Senate in April 2017 to remove the letter grade of “E” and replace it with the letter grade of “F” needs to be rescinded, due to extenuating circumstances concerning implementation; clarifying questions were asked (*Please find document attached*)
- EPC Revised Syllabus Requirements – Clarifying questions were asked regarding the revised syllabus requirements (*Please find document attached*)

XI. Announcements:

- A. Thomas announced the Stay Strong, Finish Strong campaign to help support students who may be struggling with the end of the semester approaching; there are buttons available in the Advisement and Transition Office for anyone on campus that would like to express his/her support for this campaign.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:21pm on 4/23/19.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis