

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

May 7th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, C. Bennett, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, R. Fiddler, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, J. MacNamara, E. Owens, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, M. Prus, K. Rose, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, 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, E. Bitterbaum, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, C. Pass, P. Perkins, M. Sutherlin

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 23rd, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – Reported that the Senate emailed a notice of a pending referendum yesterday afternoon (5/6/19) regarding the Review of Governance's changes to Chapter 150 of the College Handbook; the changes to Chapter 150 will officially go out to campus for referendum on Monday, 5/13/19, and the referendum will close on Friday, 5/24/19.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reported a balance of \$1,392.37 in the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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 still does not have access to select a recipient of the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship.

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC already has 5 items that the committee will be working on during the Fall 2019 semester.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – No report.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Alternate Senator: R. Vooris, Chair – Reported that the Elsevier contract will be running out at the end of December 2019, and that SUNY is currently working on renegotiating the contract with Elsevier – this was also a topic that was discussed at the Spring Plenary.

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that the SGA had a meeting with President Bitterbaum and Chief Diversity Officer, James A. Felton, this past Friday (5/3/19) to discuss inviting a graphic designer who specializes in diversity art to our campus.
- Reported that the clothing closet has been a huge success this semester.
- Reported that K. Rose has set up the SGA's inventory system this semester.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

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

College Curriculum Review Committee: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

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:
 - Professional Studies, Professional Affairs Committee, Information Resources, S. Bergman
 - School of Professional Studies, Senator seat, Classified Staff, P. Schroeder
- 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; discussion ensued before voting took place (*Please find document attached*).
 - Vote: 18, 2
 - EPC Rescind Recommendation to Change E to F Grade was adopted by the Senate.
- EPC Revised Syllabus Requirements – Discussion ensued regarding the revised syllabus requirements (*Please find document attached*)
 - Title IX URL in the document has been amended in the final version of the document.
 - A. Curtis made a motion to amend the wording in item #5 Required Course Statements to the following: “The statements listed below must be included either as full text in the syllabus, or a link may be provided within the syllabus that directs students to the section of the College Handbook, in which the statements are provided.”
 - Motion was seconded by A. Blavos
 - Vote: 16, 4
 - Amendment was endorsed by the Senate.
 - The revised syllabus requirements with the endorsed amendment was then voted on.
 - Vote: 20,0
 - EPC’s Revised Syllabus Requirements was adopted by the Senate.

X. New Business:

- In the interest of time, it was decided that the 6 UFS Resolutions that were passed at the Spring Plenary would wait to be introduced at the first meeting of the Fall 2019 semester.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm on 5/7/19.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis