

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

September 5th, 2023

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, R. Coyne, A. DeChellis, S. Decker, E. Edlund, L. Jin, K. Lawrence, L. Lopez-Janove, A. McClellan, J. Neretich, R. Powell, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, K. Sheets, K. Silvestri, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: S. Clark, J. Hall

Guests of the Senate: K. Ahern, R. Bryan, R. Davis, P. Donnelly, D. Fantacone, T. Herman, J. Radloff

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from May 2nd were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – Introduced herself as the Chair to the Senate for the current term, as well as thanked G. Birren for her service as the previous Chair of the Senate along with all the previous officers and senators for all their diligent work, especially during the pandemic. K. Lawrence recognized and welcomed A. McClellan as the new Provost. Reminded everyone to please be sure and copy the Faculty Senate's administrative assistant, A. DeChellis, when sending emails (especially those that contain nominations to fill current vacancies) in an effort to avoid miscommunication. Reminded everyone of the nominating process, and that we are following procedure that can be found in Chapter 150 of the College Handbook. Reminded committees that while each standing committee of the Senate has a specific scheduled reporting date to the Senate, any committee is welcome to make announcements regarding their committee's progress, projects, etc.; it was also noted that if it is in fact a specific committee's turn to report, that committee should please have a report to give, even if it is just a quick update (rather than a "no report"). Also reminded everyone that all Senate meetings are open to the campus and anyone may attend; however, if you are a guest of the Senate, you must be formally recognized by a current senator and then called on by the Chair of Senate if you wish to speak. It was announced that this year is the Review of Governance (ROG), and a call for nominations to serve on that committee will come out sometime within the next few weeks; it will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting of the Senate as to how to proceed with the call (i.e. a general call, or a call with more specific representation from each area/school).

Approval of the Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate (*Please find attached in email*): The Standing Rules of the Senate were reviewed, and a motion was made to edit Section D, Item 4:

- Motion: E. Edlund proposed that the section item be removed from the Standing Rules on the grounds that particular rule refers more to multi-day meetings/events, and therefore does not pertain to our Faculty Senate
 - Motion 2nd: P. Arras
 - No objections; motion adopted by the Senate
- Section D, Item 7 was also discussed as to whether or not we are to list specific names in the tally of a vote (specifically, who voted "yes" and who voted "no") in the minutes
 - When a roll call vote is **ordered** by at least 5 members of the Senate, then we list specific names in the tally of a vote; otherwise, a general count of the vote is sufficient for the minutes

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: No report.

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Announced that State Senator L. Webb will come to campus on 9/6/23 to discuss the budget
- Announced Provost A. McClellan will represent SUNY Cortland at the SUNY Day in Washington
- Reported on construction updates; once construction begins on Corey Union, the building will more than likely closed for about two years or so
- Announced that with students returning to working for ASC, several operations on campus will now have extended hours, compared to the previous semesters
- Announced Governor Houchel will distribute \$10.8 million to campus childcare within SUNY

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – Reported that, since the committee is not full yet (they are lacking 2 student representatives), they have yet to have their first meeting of the semester; the committee has reached out to SGA President J. Mascetta, so, they will hopefully have a full committee roster soon.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – Reported that the committee has met once already this semester (Fridays at 10AM is their standard meeting times); K. Sheets has been elected by the committee to serve as the chair again for this academic year. Committee is in the process of continuing to review department bylaws, continuing to clarify language in Chapter 220.07 regarding promotion procedures, as well as working with GPIC on service issues. Announced that there is a page on the SUNY Cortland website that is dedicated to information concerning campus committees (i.e. meeting times/meeting frequencies). Announced that the AFAC will be holding two different workshops for Personnel Review process; the first being 9/14/23 from 11-12PM, and the second being on 9/27/23 from 2-3PM with both being held in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – No report

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: J. Neretich, Chair – No report

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – L. Jin – No report

Student Senator: J. Mascetta – No report

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: H. Zang, Chair – No report.

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

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

General Education Committee: D. Radus, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: C. Badurek, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business

X. New Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2023** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the previous semester’s call for nominations (*Please find documents attached*).
 - The slate of nominations which were uncontested were unanimously approved by the Senate
 - Any seat that was contested will go out to ballot within the next few weeks

XI. Announcements: No announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37PM on 9/5/23

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis