

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

April 14th, 2020

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, C. Badurek, C. Bennett, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, C. Costell Corbin, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, H. Haines, J. Hall, A. Hasbrouck, C. Hickey, K. Ibe-Lamberts, F. Ishaq, L. Jin, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, A. Myles, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, G. Sharer, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, , D. West, B. Williams, C. Widdall, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Dearie, M. Fox, C. Grate, P. Perkins, P. Schroeder, E. Owens

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from March 31st were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – Remarked that she hopes everyone is staying/doing well. She mentioned that she would be sharing a couple of informational documents from the UFS later in the meeting.

III. Vice Chair's Report: G. Birren – No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: K. Ibe-Lamberts – No report.

V. Secretary's Report: F. Ishaq – Reminded members and senators that the Spring 2020 Call for Nominations is open until this Friday, 4/17/20 until 4PM.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that construction on Moffett and Casey resumed this past week; hopefully, construction on Moffett will be completed by late August and construction on Casey will hopefully be completed by the fall 2020 semester to be ready for students to move in.
- Due to the COVID-19 crisis, there have been cuts made to the state budget; SUNY is urging campuses to try and keep cash on hand, if they are able to.
- Given the situation with Covid-19, current searches are being examined and discussed.
- Care Act – half of the funding from this program is to go towards students (to assist with such things as housing), and the allocation of the remaining half hasn't been decided yet; perhaps the remaining half could go towards partial refunds.
- Planning to open for Fall 2020 as usual; we will have to see where everything is at with the current COVID-19 crisis before anything is definite.
- Admissions are looking good, despite the current crisis; we have received over 12,000 applications for the Fall 2020 semester.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – Reported that the JCSI has a scheduled WebEx meeting this week, where they will be discussing one of the proposals in the SGA's Manifesto and how best to go forward with the proposal now that everything has been moved to an online platform.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon:

- Reported that there was a department on campus that approached AFAC concerning the suspension of CTEs for the Spring 2019 semester. AFAC's response was that, depending on each individual department's personnel policies, CTEs are only required once every 3 times a particular course is taught. There are some departments, however, that their personnel policy states CTE's are to be conducted every semester; in that case, it was suggested by AFAC that the department make an exception for this semester (Spring 2019) only where CTE's would not have to be conducted.

- AFAC has completed white paper on service and personnel processes; hoping to bring to senate soon.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that EPC has written a note explaining how they have been delayed in creating the course reset policy for students who have no time away; the memo to the policy will be sent out as an attachment with the Faculty Senate’s minutes from today’s meeting.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – Reported that the PAC’s work has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 situation; the College Handbook Review Committee has also put their work on hold for the time being.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/C. Badurek – R. Vooris reported that the UFS Plenary is scheduled for 4/17/20, and that it will be held virtually; will have an update from the plenary at the next senate meeting on 4/28/20.

Student Senator: C. Bennett:

- Reported that the SGA is continuing to work on their budget, along with also trying to assist other clubs/organizations on campus as best they can during this difficult time.

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: R. Vooris, Chair – the CRC is in the process of reviewing FFRP applications.

General Education Committee: J. McNamara, Chair – Reported that the GE has suspended their assessments for the time being, but, they are continuing to review Curriculog.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: N. Wilson, Chair – G. Birren reported that the GFEC will have a meeting in two weeks.

Committee on Teaching Awards: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 (*Please find document attached in email*) – Additional nominations were taken from the floor; there was one nomination brought to the senate, and it is as follows:
 - Senator seat, representing FTL Education, School of Education/ Professional Studies to fill an unexpired term for 2019-2021: C. Pass
 - Approved by the senate
 - There was also an additional seat added to the call for the following vacancy:

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (Duncan)	Childhood/Early Child., Foundations & Social Advocacy	2020	Fill Unexpired Spring TERM ONLY
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- Mediation and Resolution Service – A proposed service to provide academic and professional faculty members with an informal, confidential, impartial, and independent resource to address concerns or questions openly without fear of retaliation or judgment;

will be postponed to a later date, as there have been a few delays that have arisen with the proposal (*Please find documents attached in email*).

X. New Business: There wasn't any new business.

XI. Announcements:

- M. DiVita shared two documents with the senate that came from UFS; one document outlines guidelines for pass/fail grading for the 2020 Spring semester, while the other is a list of FAQs concerning academic continuity (*Please find documents attached in email*).
- Following the meeting, there were several senate members who made a photo collage to encourage students during these difficult times (*Please find photo attached in email*).

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50PM on 4/14/20

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis