

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

April 20th, 2021

Open Meeting

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, K. Dames, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, L. Delaubell, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, C. Grate, J. Hall, T. Hunter, L. Jin, K. Johnson, 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: S. Strause

Guests: L. Lopez-Janove, T. Miller, J. Ouellette, L. Davies

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 6th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – With the exception of the Spring 2021 Call for Nominations to fill remaining vacancies and the introduction of the EPC's Review of section 414.03 Examination Polices College Handbook, all other reports were suspended in an effort to make time for our guest speaker, Teresa Miller, Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiative and Chief Diversity Officer.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum: No report.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – No report.

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No report.

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 – No report.

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 2021** – Nominations that were received via email for the Spring 2021 call were approved by the senate; additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies (*Please find document attached*).

X. New Business:

- **EPC's Review of Section 414.03 Examination Polices College Handbook** – The Educational Policy Committee's (EPC) proposal to the change in language to the 415.03 Examination Policies of the College Handbook was introduced to the Senate; clarifying questions were asked (*Please find revised document attached*).
 - C. Widdall thanked faculty for all the feedback that was submitted during the vetting for this proposal; also thanked the EPC, including student representatives, for all their hard work.
 - New vetting document will be sent sometime during Fall 2021 semester in regards to the discontinuation of examination week.

Open Meeting - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- L. Lopez Janove introduced guest speaker Teresa Miller, Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiative and Chief Diversity Officer.
- T. Miller began by thanking everyone for inviting her to our Senate open meeting; expressed appreciation for all faculty/staff's hard work during this unprecedented time
- **DEI Board Committee:** DEI Action Plan created at the 2/25/21 BOT meeting by Chancellor Malatras has 5 main goals/implementations:
 - Create an effective process to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion on all SUNY campuses.
 - Campus Climate Surveys
 - Assess progress as pertains to the campus' diversity, equity, and inclusion/measure satisfaction
 - Re-Enroll to Complete Program
 - Created by Chancellor Malatras and implemented on 3/1/21
 - Provides financial and academic support to students who have completed part of a college program, but, did not obtain a degree
 - Strengthen the role of Chief Diversity Officers among SUNY campuses
 - Increase diversity among faculty/staff members on SUNY campuses
 - Diversify UPD
 - Diversify candidate pools, both academic and UUP.
- **Prodi-G Update:**
 - There are now a total of 149 Prodi-G representatives from 31 different SUNY campuses
- **1st Amendment Challenges on Campuses:**
 - There have been an unprecedented rise in racial intolerance across several campuses
 - Creates a very fine line to tread; can't censor individuals due to their 1st amendment rights

XI. Announcements:

- D. Reischer reminded everyone that SGA elections are currently in process.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 on 4/20/21

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis