

## Faculty Senate Minutes #5

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Via WebEx

**Members and Senators Present:** S. Anderson, M. Alvisi, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Clark, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, K. Dames, S. Daman, A. DeChellis, E. Edlund, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, J. Hall, T. Hunter, L. Jin, K. Johnson, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myers, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, J. Radloff, P. Schroeder K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, M. Stone, T. Suzuki, D. West, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

**Members and Senators Absent:** A. Dearie, K. Nuhu, , C. Pass, G.Vogt, S. Yoo,

**Guests:** L. Davies, D. Harms, R. Mostafa, N. Wilson, M. Yacavone

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from March 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved by the Senate.

**II. Chair's Report:** G. Birren – Reminded senators that the Spring UFS Plenary will be held in Westchester, NY this Thursday evening through Saturday. The new Spring 2022 Call for Nominations for Senate and committee vacancies will go out to campus later this week. We only have two Faculty Senate meetings left for this semester.

**III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report:** B. Williams – No report.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** C. Widdall – No report.

**V. President's Report:** E. Bitterbaum:

- Middle States are currently taking place on campus; met with the chair this morning where it was decided to cancel a few of the remaining meetings, since the reports given so far were so well written and concise
- NYS budget is being held; should be ready by this Friday 4/8/22
- Masks are being recommended again in indoor spaces due to the increase COVID in the 5 surrounding counties
- 4<sup>th</sup> floor in Miller to reopen by Thursday
- Over 90 students were accepted into the Kente Celebration over the weekend

### **VII. Policy Committee Reports**

**Joint Committee on Student Interests:** K. Silvestri – No report

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

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

**Professional Affairs Committee:** S. Daman, Chair – No report

**Area Senators:** No report

**SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator:** C. Badurek/A. Blavos – C. Badurek reiterated that the spring plenary will be held this weekend; more information to come to the Senate following the plenary. Two resolutions will be discussed focusing on administration costs and wellness improvement.

**Student Senator:** T. Hunter:

- Reported that the SGA's elections will be held this Wednesday and Thursday
- The SGA budget will be introduced at the student senate meeting tonight; it was approved at their Monday night meeting that SGA will be funding the 2022 Cortaca busses in the amount of \$50,000

### **VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:** M. Moyer, Chair – No report.

**College Curriculum Review Committee:** Chair – No report.

**College Research Committee:** Chair – FRPs are currently in the process of being reviewed by the committee.

**General Education Committee:** L. Delaubell, Chair – No report

**Graduate Faculty Executive Committee:** Chair – No report.

### **IX. Unfinished Business:**

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2021** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies from the Spring 2021 call for nominations (*Please find document attached*).
- **Renaming the PAC to the PFAC**– Update of 150.03(VII) of the College Handbook to rename the Professional Affairs Committee (*Please find document attached*)
  - No objections; passes
- **Transfer and Advisory Committee Memo to Retake Transfer Credit** – Clarification of policy regarding retaking earned transfer credit (*Please find document attached*)
  - No objections; passes
- **GFEC Resolution** – Alteration to the Instructional Delivery Policy (*Please find document attached*)
  - No objections; passes

### **X. New Business:**

- **SGA Resolution – Condemning the Requirement for Use of Prison Labor** (*Please find document attached*)
  - Resolution was introduced by R. Mostafa; clarifying questions were as follows:
    - Can the Faculty Senate's name be added to the resolution, so that it becomes a joint resolution between the senate and the JCSI, if the senate chooses to endorse it?
      - Yes, we can be listed as an endorser to the resolution
    - While prison labor is problematic, couldn't also be beneficial?
      - Not seen as beneficial due to the fact that the work is typically not done voluntarily; also, seen as not beneficial due to the fact prison labor isn't paid at a livable wage
- **Joint Committee on Student Interests Resolution – Endorsement of a Syllabus Request System** (*Please find document attached*)
  - Resolution was introduced by K. Silvestri; clarifying questions were as follows:
    - What was UUP's position on this resolution, particularly in regard to syllabi being the instructor's intellectual property and added workload?
      - Students have initial access to the syllabus when he/she is enrolled in the course
      - No additional workload, as this is already a requirement in the College Handbook to keep syllabi on file
      - Ran these explanations by UUP representative J. Pittsley, and she stated they were acceptable

- Since this resolution was created by a senate committee, it can always be returned to the committee, if needed
- **Joint Committee on Student Interests Resolution – Endorsement of Policy for Department Retention of Syllabi** (*Please find document attached*)
  - Resolution was introduced by K. Silvestri; clarifying questions were as follows:
  - Why a retention of 7 years?
    - SUNY records retention schedule policy is currently zero years or until no longer needed by the campus; we want to have a clearly established retention expectation, since there is currently no policy according to the records retention schedule

**XI. Announcements:** N/A

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:23PM on 4/5/22**

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis