

## Faculty Senate Minutes #7

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Via WebEx

**Members and Senators Present:** S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, C. Chatfield, S. Clark, C. Costell Corbin, S. Comins, A. Curtis, S. Daman, K. Dames, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, L. Delaubell, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, C. Grate, C. Humphrey, T. Hunter, L. Jin, 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:** A. Catalfamo, M. Fox, J. Hall, S. Strause,

**Guests:** L. Lopez-Janove, C. Van Der Karr

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from November 17<sup>th</sup> were approved by the Senate.

**II. Chair's Report:** G. Birren – Reported that before faculty members can return to campus for the Spring 2021 semester, testing for COVID-19 will be required; this testing will take place 10 to 14 days prior to the start of the semester, so please check campus email a few weeks before the start of the spring semester for further instructions. The chair also reported that the administration is aware of the concerns regarding uniform sanction policies and there are plans to look into the impact of those policies.

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

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

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

- The president deferred his report to guest C. Van Der Karr so that she may speak to the memo that was sent out to campus last night regarding the Spring 2021 schedule as it relates to student stress, breaks, and COVID-19 (*Please find document attached in email*)
  - C. Van Der Karr discussed memo, and answered concerns about the admission tours that are currently taking place on campus
    - It was explained that those tours are self-guided tours of the campus, as a means to reduce contact between campus and community members.

## **VII. Policy Committee Reports**

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

**Academic Faculty Affairs Committee:** A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the AFAC is continuing to work on their white paper regarding service; the committee plans on having the proposal ready to bring to the senate at the beginning of the spring 2021 semester.

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

**Professional Affairs Committee:** S. Daman, Chair – S. Daman was introduced as the newly elected chair of the PAC.

**Area Senators:** No report

**SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator:** R. Vooris/C. Badurek – No report.

**Student Senator:** C. Humphrey – 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:** R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

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

**Graduate Faculty Executive Committee:** C. Badurek (Fall sabbatical replacement), Chair – Reported that the GFEC had their last meeting of the semester where they discussed communication and policies as it relates program deactivation.

## **IX. Unfinished Business:**

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2020** – Nominations that were received via email for the Spring 2020 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*).
- **EPC Minor and Concentration** – The EPC’s proposal regarding a change in how minors can be achieved in connection to concentration and other major course work; this proposal stems from past policies that have deterred students from achieving a minor due to course work being applied to the minor and/or a concentration or other majors (*Please find document attached*)
  - Discussion about the proposal ensued
    - Motion to Vote: A.Fitz-Gibbon
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Vooris
    - Vote: 35 Aye, 0 Nay
      - Motion: Passes
- **Essential Worker Resolution** – A resolution was introduced to the Senate by C. Chatfield regarding how the COVID 19 pandemic placed ever-expanding demands on the Student Health Services, Counseling Center, Residence Life and other campus offices. To protect the campus community, paid and volunteer staff were compelled to invest enormous effort above and beyond their usual responsibilities, and for those efforts, we express our deepest gratitude to those individuals (*Please find document attached*).
  - C. Chatfield made motion to table discussion and vote on this proposal until spring 2021, as it is not a time sensitive issue
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Grate
    - No objections
      - Motion to table resolution: Passes

## **X. New Business:**

- **SGA Resolution: Support for University-Wide Pacing Days Spring 2021 Semester** – Resolution from SGA regarding the support of the Faculty Senate in the SGA’s efforts to advocate for the implementation of university-wide pacing days during the spring 2021 semester (*Please find documents attached*).
  - Resolution was introduced to the senate by SGA representative T. Hunter, who then made a motion to open the resolution for discussion and voting
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Blavos
    - Unanimous vote to open for discussion and voting
  - Discussion ensued

- Vote: 38 Aye, 5 Nay
  - Motion to endorse: Passes

**XI. Announcements:**

- SGA will be holding a virtual town hall meeting tomorrow night at 7PM (12/9/20) to get students' opinions regarding lack of breaks for the upcoming Spring 2021 semester; an email will be sent out this evening with the link and information to attend.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 on 12/8/20**

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis