Faculty Senate Minutes #1

February 1st, 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, T. Hunter, K. Johnson, L. Jin, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myers, A. Myles, C. Pass, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, J. Radloff, P. Schroeder K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, M. Stone, T. Suzuki, D. West, B. Williams, S. Yoo J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: <mark>A. Dearie, J. Hall, K. Nuhu, , G.Vogt, C. Widdall</mark>

Guests: L.Davies, C. Kaltefleiter, G. Peterson

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from December 7th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Kindly reminded members that, while the chat feature is open during WebEx meetings, it is not to be used as a forum for side conversations.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Welcomed everyone back to the start of a new semester!
- Saluted Student Affairs on their seamless transition with new testing procedures; started on a high note
- As of 1/7/22, COVID cases are down by 94%
- Construction across campus is continuing to move forward
- To the left of the campus' football field, there is a pasture which has recently been put on the market, in which the campus hopes to make an offer for in the foreseeable future
- In the governor's State of the State address, there was nothing definitive mentioned regarding any of the comprehensive universities
- Black Student Union along with the Art Department has created panels that are to be displayed in Moffett in support of diversity, equity, and inclusion across campus
- In admissions, we are currently 450 applications ahead of last year; only 500-600 transfer applications expected, due to the decline in attendance for community colleges as a result of the pandemic

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – Reported that the committee will continue to work with SGA on their resolution (Resolution 2022-01), and will begin working on the Faculty Senate scholarships process later in the semester.

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported the committee will introduce their resolutions regarding chapters 220.06/220.07 of the College Handbook to the next senate meeting

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 – Reported on the winter UFS Plenary that took place late in January:

- State budget seems promising over the next few years
- Discussion regarding campus sustainability
- Discussion regarding closing the TAP gap
- Discussion regarding transition to Desire to Learn (LMS)
- Open search for new SUNY Chancellor; BOT making search an open call, as they are interested in opinions regarding the search process

Student Senator: T. Hunter:

- Reported that SGA will be working on student parking issues this semester, and is also in the process of determining the Keynote speaker for Commencement

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 – No report.

General Education Committee: L. Delaubell, Chair – Committee has requested that their reporting date to the senate be on March 1st, 2022.

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).*
- **SGA Resolution 2022-01** – Endorsement of a Syllabus Request System *(Please find document attached).*
  - Motion to postpone until SGA approves at student senate: R. Grantham
    - 2nd: L. Jin
- **EPC Proposal –** Modifications to Sections 340.03 and 350.02 of the College Handbook *(Please find document attached)*
  - Discussion was opened to the floor:
    - G. Peterson thanked the committee for all the effort put into the proposal
    - Concern was raised regarding that the faculty and/or staff member present is meant solely to be a witness to the student's hearing, rather than being an advocate for the student during the hearing
    - Certain professional staff, such as from Advisement/Transition, teach in academic roles which is inclusive in this policy; however, it seems as though professional staff members are trying to be excluded from the process, based on prior concern regarding the language change to include staff members
    - AGT to create a supporting document to this proposal to delineate the AGT process
      - Following the discussion, the proposal was voted on by the senate:
        - Vote: 22, 1
          - Proposal passed by the senate.

X. New Business:

- **PAC Membership Resolution** *(Please find document attached).*
    - No clarifying questions
- **UFS Resolution 190-01-1 –** Advancement of Historically Underrepresented Faculty *(Please find document attached).*
    - No clarifying questions
- **UFS Resolution 190-02-1 –** Successful Implementation of the SUNY General Education Category, Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice *(Please find document attached).*
    - Why is there a need for additional support/resources?
        - General training in diversity, equity, and inclusion, rather than solely the instructor's teaching credentials; plus, there's always more to learn
- **FCCC Statement –** SUNY Chancellor and Executive Leadership Searches *(Please find document attached).*
    - No clarifying questions

XI. Announcements: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM on 2/1/22

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis