

Faculty Senate Minutes #3

February 27th, 2024

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: K. Ahern, S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, R. Bryan, S. Clark, R. Coyne, R. Davis, A. DeChellis, S. Decker, P. Donnelly, E. Edlund, D. Fantacone, E. Gallagher, J. Hall, D. Harms, L. Jin, J. Jones, K. Lawrence, L. Lopez-Janove, A. McClellan, R. Powell, T. Punn, J. Radloff, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, K. Sheets, T. Suzuki, C. Widdall, B. Williams, M. Yacavone, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: J. Neretich, K. Silvestri, A. Thompson

Guests: D. Contri, V. Keith, J. Martin Tse, K. Natale, A. Sharpsteen

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from February 13th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: K. Lawrence:

- Announced that the Spring 2024 Call for Nominations is scheduled to go out to campus on 3/19/24
 - Deadline to submit nominations will be 3/29/24 at 4PM
 - Reminded everyone when submitting a nomination on behalf of another individual to please be sure to have that other individual's consent prior to submitting the nomination; self-nominations are also acceptable
- Announced that there will be a "Save the Date" sent out with the minutes later this week detailing information concerning the Faculty Senate's open meeting; open meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4/16/24, from 1:15PM-2:30PM in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge (*Please find document attached*)

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: D. Harms:

- Announced nominations that were submitted via email to fill senator and committee vacancies; there were no nominations received (*Please find documents attached*).
 - Remaining vacancies are as follows:
 - **Senator vacancies (8 total):** 1 seat representing Math/Science, 1 seat representing Social/Behavioral Sciences, 1 seat representing FTL Education OR Professional Studies, 1 seat representing Professional Studies, 2 seats representing Professional Faculty, 1 seat representing Graduate Faculty, and 1 seat representing Part-Time Faculty
 - **Committee vacancies (2 total):** PFAC: 1 (unexpired term) seat representing Academic Affairs, GE: 1 (unexpired term) seat representing Social/Behavioral Sciences

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- The Lieutenant Governor will be on campus tomorrow afternoon (2/28/24) to visit with faculty and students
- President Bitterbaum will be traveling to California next week to meet with alumni
- We currently stand at \$62 million endowment
- Several departments are very busy interviewing; quality of candidates is extraordinary

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – No report

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

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: J. Neretich, Chair – K. Natale reported on behalf of the committee (*Please find PFAC report attached*)

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – No report

Student Senator: E. Gallagher/T. Punn

- In the midst of elections; student voting will take place from 4/5/24-4/8/24
- Big Event scheduled for 4/21/24
- T. Punn working with with A. Thomas from Advisement and Transition on the edits for pamphlets to improve student advising

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: E. Faulkenbury, Chair – No report

University Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek, Chair – No report

College Research Committee: C. Badurek, Chair – No report

General Education Committee: D. Radus, Chair – No report

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: L. Gathagan, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2023** – See V. Chair Report
- **EPC Increase to Credit Limits for Non-Degree Learners** – E. Edlund reintroduced the proposal regarding credit limits for non-matriculating students; being that there wasn't any discussion and/or debate, the proposal went to a vote
 - Vote: Unanimously passed by the Senate

X. New Business:

- **UFS Resolution 196-01-1: Ensuring Non-Discrimination, Enhancing Campus** – Introduced to the Senate by UFS Senator L. Jin; vote to endorse by the Senate will take place at the next full Senate meeting which will be held on 3/19/24

- **UFS Resolution 196-03-1: Addressing Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the SUNY Workplace** – Introduced to the Senate by UFS Senator L. Jin; vote to endorse by the Senate will take place at the next full Senate meeting which will be held on 3/19/24
- **UFS Resolution 196-04-1: Excelsior Scholarship Review** – Introduced to the Senate by UFS Senator L. Jin; vote to endorse by the Senate will take place at the next full Senate meeting which will be held on 3/19/24
- **UFS Resolution 196-05-1: Opposition to Mandated Purchases from SUNY Preferred Vendor Corcraft** – Introduced to the Senate by UFS Senator C. Badurek; vote to endorse by the Senate will take place at the next full Senate meeting which will be held on 3/19/24
 - Q. What is the current pay rate per hour?
 - A. \$0.65/hour
- **UFS Resolution 196-06-1: Process for Professional Staff Advancement** – Introduced to the Senate by UFS Senator C. Badurek; vote to endorse by the Senate will take place at the next full Senate meeting which will be held on 3/19/24
 - Q. What were the concerns with this proposal within the UFS, as there was opposition to it at the UFS level?
 - A. No specific reason for the opposition; sometimes, proposals are opposed at the UFS level simply due to such factors as the language
- **EPC Revisions to Course Withdrawal Policies** - – Introduced to the Senate by EPC Chair E. Edlund; vote to endorse by the Senate will take place at the next full Senate meeting which will be held on 3/19/24
 - Q. Will this apply to both undergraduate and graduate students?
 - A. The proposed AGT Withdrawal change will apply to both undergraduate and graduate students, and, to clarify that, EPC will add a reference to Section N.09 of the Graduate Catalog.

XI. Announcements:

- C. Widdall: Encouraged all to submit feedback on the various surveys that have been sent out to campus via C. Van Der Karr's office this past week; it is crucial that feedback is received during the vetting period

Meeting was adjourned by K. Lawrence at 2:10PM on 2/27/24

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis