

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

February 5th, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, C. Bennett, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, L. MacDonald, P. Perkins, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, S. Umansky, D. West, C. Widdall, V. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, E. Bitterbaum, R. Fiddler, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, C. Pass, M. Prus, M. Sutherland

Guests: J. Pekarek

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from December 4th, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald:

- Reported that she attended the University Faculty Senate (UFS) winter plenary meeting that was held in January. The chair reported that at the plenary, senators were informed that changes to the UFS bylaws concerning the Vice Chair and Secretary positions had been approved by the Board of Trustees, and that these changes still need to be ratified by each campus; there will be a more in-depth report on these changes given by our SUNY Alternate Senator, R. Vooris, at the next full Senate meeting (2/19/19).
- Announced that the Gender Policies and Initiatives Committee (GPIC) asked that we resend the survey to the Senate within the next few weeks, in an effort to gather additional feedback; the survey was initially sent out at the end of the Fall semester, however, there were very few responses at that time.
- Mentioned that, due to the renovations taking place in Moffett, the Senate storage room had to be packed up over the winter break, and that in cleaning out the storage area, there were records found from between the years of 1966-2008; most of these materials were duplicates of minutes and committee reports. The college archivist, J. Pekarek was invited to review the records and move those of interest or value to the archives.
 - J. Pekarek shared a document with the Senate that lists the Senate materials now housed in the Senate archives.
 - J. Pekarek also explained that these documents can be found on the MyRedDragon Digital Commons webpage; he then encouraged anyone who had any further questions and or concerns to feel free to contact him at the Archives Office, which is located on the 3rd floor in the Memorial Library.

III. Vice Chair's Report: M. DiVita – Reported that the Review of Governance Committee (ROG) has recently emailed the current chairs of all the standing committees on Senate in an effort to gather feedback prior to the ROG's first meeting of the semester.

IV. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Reported that, as of 2/5/19, there is a current balance of \$1,322.37 in the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund; the treasurer also reminded members to please pay their dues.

V. Secretary's Report: D. VanLangen – No report.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum – No report

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

Student Affairs Committee: G. Birren, Chair – The SAC will be working with the ROG Committee to review Section 150, Article VII, the duties and responsibilities of the Student Affairs Committee.

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC has a meeting this Friday (2/8/19). She also reported that the EPC has several policies that they will be working on throughout the semester, including:

- A.A.S Transfer Credit Policy
- Examination Policies for Labs
- Ex-Officio Policies
- Syllabus Requirements in Regards to Middle States

C. Widdall also stated that the EPC really appreciates all the responses they receive during vetting periods.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – No report.

Area Senator: No report

SUNY Alternate Senator: R. Vooris, Chair – No report

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that several members of the SGA, including herself, will be attending the upcoming Student SUNY Assembly.
- Reported that the SGA has elections coming up soon, and that they are currently taking nominations.
- Announced that the SGA's Clothing Closet that they recently opened on campus is already receiving an enormous amount of positive feedback, both from members of the campus community and from outside sources, such as the vice president of NBC.

VIII. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: B. Lovett, Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: Vacant Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: J. MacNamara, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – No report.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the call for nominations that was sent out on behalf of the Committee on Committees on 1/31/19 (*Please find the call for nominations attached in email*). There were not any additional nominations received from the floor, and so the nominations that were received prior to the Senate meeting were read and approved by the Senate; the approved nominations are as follows:
 - Academic Faculty Affairs Committee, Fine Arts and Humanities, K. Lawrence
 - General Education Committee, Academic Faculty At-Large, J. Walkuski
 - Part-Time Senator, Part-Time Academic Faculty, E. Owens
- SUNY Chancellor's Awards and Distinguished Faculty Ranks Procedures – Follow-up discussion regarding the Chancellor's Awards and Distinguished Faculty ranks procedures from the end of the Fall 2018 semester ensued; the rationale for the use of procedure documents is to ensure representation from all schools, standardize processes across committees, designate committee chairs and term lengths, improve awareness and transparency.

- A motion was made by L. MacDonald to support the use of procedure documents for the SUNY Chancellor's Awards and Distinguished Faculty Ranks
 - Motion was seconded by D. West
 - Motion carried by the Senate

X. New Business:

- UFS Resolutions from Fall 2018 – There were 4 resolutions passed in the Fall of 2018 by the UFS (*Please find documents attached in email*):
 - Resolution on Gender Neutral Language in All SUNY Correspondence
 - Support for Lactating Persons and Lactation Space(s) on All SUNY Campuses
 - To Encourage SUNY to become the First Test-Optional System of Higher Education in the Nation
 - To Re-institute the Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program

Each resolution was introduced to the Senate and discussion ensued; the Senate will vote on endorsing these resolutions at the next Senate meeting in two weeks (2/19/19).

XI. Announcements:

- Senator S. Strause announced that there will be a webinar taking place on Tuesday, 2/12/19, regarding SUNY IITG; this webinar is to encourage faculty to teach with the use of technology.
 - An email will be sent out regarding the details of the application for SUNY IITG; the deadline to submit the application is 5/3/19.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm on 2/5/19.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis