

Faculty Senate Minutes #7

May 12th, 2020

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, C. Badurek, C. Bennett, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, C. Costell Corbin, A. Blavos, S. Comins, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, H. Haines, C. Hickey, K. Ibe-Lamberts, F. Ishaq, L. Jin, J. McNamara, A. Myles, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, P. Schroeder, G. Sharer, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, , D. West, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Curtis, A. Dearie, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Fox, C. Grate, R. Grantham, J. Hall, A. Hasbrouck, C. Kurelich, E. Owens, C. Pass, P. Perkins, C. Widdall

Guests: C. Chatfield

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 28th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – Thanked everyone for all their hard work and dedication to the senate, especially during these last few months. Reminded everyone that she will be attending steering committee meetings during the next academic year as the past-presiding chair of the senate; G. Birren will now serve as the chair of faculty senate for the 2020-2021 term.

III. Vice Chair's Report: G. Birren – Announced a few of the items that senate will continue working on starting in the Fall 2020 semester; those items include:

- CTEs/CTE manual
- Revisiting the newly approved roles of the vice chair/secretary
- AFAC's items (white paper on service and the personnel process, MRS bylaws)
- Updates to the Equity and Inclusion Committee
- EPC's items

IV. Treasurer's Report: K. Ibe-Lamberts – No report

V. Secretary's Report: F. Ishaq – Reminded members and senators that there are remaining vacancies from the Spring 2020 Call for Nominations; if anyone is interested, please be sure to submit your nominations to a senate member. Also reminded members that the results of the 4 contested seats from the call for nominations were emailed out earlier this week by A. DeChellis.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Explained that there are 4 working groups currently working on the reopening of the campus for the Fall 2020 semester: those working groups are: Academic Affairs, Residence Life/Housing, the Resource Advisory Council, and Human Resources/Operations. These groups will continue to work on the reopening of campus throughout the summer.
 - There are 3 scenarios that could take place when attempting to reopen the campus in the fall:
 - Open as normal (which is very unlikely, at this point in time)
 - Operate remotely as we did for the last 8 weeks of the Spring 2020 semester
 - Conduct classes/meetings in a hybrid manner (partially online/partially in person)
- Met with TC3's advisory board to find a way that our campus and their campus can collaborate to navigate through these difficult times.
- Met with Guthrie (Cortland) Hospital to discuss the possibility of our campus having 7-12 thousand COVID test kits available for students for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Announced that there are going to be a few virtual events taking place this weekend for the students who are graduating, since there isn't going to be a commencement ceremony this year.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

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

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

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

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

Area Senators: No report

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

Student Senator: C. Bennett – Thanked faculty senate for a great year with working with the SGA.

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 – Reported that the results for the Faculty Research Program will be most likely completed by the end of this week.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: N. Wilson, Chair – No report

Committee on Teaching Awards: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

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*).
 - The contested Treasurer seat will go out ballot by the end of this week.

X. New Business – There wasn't any new business to discuss/

XI. Announcements – M. DiVita announced that there is a website UUP members can access to voice their opinions to Congress regarding a COVID – 19 mitigation package; the website can be reached using the following link: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/uupcovid19letter/>

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM on 5/12/20

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis