

Faculty Senate Minutes #3

October 1st, 2019

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

Members and Senators Absent: A. Dearie, M. Fox, E. Owens, C. Widdall, S. Strause

Guests: L. Czirr

I. Approval of Minutes: The amended Minutes from September 17th, 2019 were approved by the Senate; there was a discrepancy in the present/absent lists that has been updated.

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – In lieu of a report, the Chair of the Senate suggested that each member re-introduce themselves, since there were various new members of the Senate who were in attendance.

III. Vice Chair's Report: G. Birren – No report

IV. Treasurer's Report: K. Ibe-Lamberts – On behalf of the newly-elected Senate Treasurer, M. DiVita reminded members that the Senate collects \$10 donations (rather than dues) from Senate members, as well as from any member of the faculty on campus; these donations go towards funding the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship.

V. Secretary's Report: F. Ishaq – Announced that he is looking forward to serving on the Senate this academic year.

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Announced that the Study Abroad Fair is being held today; he encouraged colleagues to talk to their students about studying abroad, and encouraging them to take part in such programs.
- Announced that the “Cold Brook” premiere will take place tomorrow evening in the Brown Auditorium at 7PM; if the auditorium fills, then there will also be a showing of the film in Sperry 106 at 7PM as well.
- Reported that the college is starting to meet with the state senator to discuss the budget.
- Reported that the college is in its “silent phase” of capital campaigning; the campaign will be announced on 11/15/19.
- Reported that the construction across campus is continuing to go well; Moffett will be completed by the summer, and Park Center will be completed by May 2020.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – reported that the committee met for the first time this past week, and elected their officers; A. Blavos was elected to serve as the chair of the committee, and K. Silvestri was elected to serve as the faculty representative to the SGA.

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/Vacant – No report

Student Senator: C. Bennett:

- Reported that the SGA has their 3rd meeting this evening at 7pm in Corey Union.
- Announced that the SGA will be hosting a Town Hall meeting sometime later in October; the topic of the Town Hall is still undecided at the moment; however, a few of the topics may include diversity and safety off campus.

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: J. McNamara, Chair – No report.

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

Committee on Teaching Awards: M. DiVita, Chair – Reported that the committee's first meeting will be held next week.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – Additional nominations were taken from the floor; nominations that were approved from the floor were as follows (*Please find document attached in email*):
 - SUNY Senator, At-Large, 2018-21 (fill unexpired term): R. Vooris
 - Academic Faculty Affairs Committee, Social/Behavioral Sciences, 2019-21 (fill unexpired term): M. McGuire
 - Educational Policy Committee, Arts/Sciences, 2018-20 (fill unexpired term): L. Dunbar
 - Educational Policy Committee, Education, 2019-21 (fill unexpired term): M. Gichuru
 - Joint Committee on Student Interests, Professional Staff, 2019-21: C. Hines
- Proposal for CTE Revisions – Revisions to the course teacher evaluations content and process was by the Senate, and a motion was made to return the document back to the Committee on teaching Effectiveness for further editing (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - Motion: A. Fitz-Gibbon
 - Motion 2nd: R. Grantham
 - Vote: 26 , 0; Motion carries.
 - Senate Chair, M. DiVita, urged senate members to submit their comments to the Committee on Teaching Effectiveness before this Thursday, 10/3/19, as that is when the committee is meeting to discuss further editing the aforementioned document.

X. New Business: There wasn't any new business to report.

XI. Announcements: There weren't any announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm on 10/1/19

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

