

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

October 26th, 2021

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: M. Alvisi, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, A. Catalfamo, S. Clark, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, K. Dames, S. Daman, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, E. Edlund, A. Fitz-Gibbon, T. Hunter, K. Johnson, L. Lopez-Janove, L. Jin, A. Myles, C. Pass, V. Placide, M. Prus, K. Silvestri, P. Schroeder, G. Vogt, D. West B. Williams

Members and Senators Absent: S. Anderson, A. Blavos, A. Dearie, R. Grantham, J. Hall, K. Nuhu, P. Perkins, R. Powell, J. Radloff, G. Sharer, G. Vogt, C. Widdall, S. Yoo, J. Zhe-Heimerman,

Guests: G. Peterson, K. Sheets, H. Doty, L. Davies, M. Yacavone, C. Van Der Karr, L. MacDonald

I. Approval of Minutes: The Amended Minutes from October 5th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – No report.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- All 64 SUNY campuses met with the SUNY Chancellor and discussed budgets for SUNY/CUNY schools
 - The state has enough available funding to finish Van Hoesen; also enough to begin work on science buildings, the library, and Park Center; we will be asking for this money
- Although there has been declining enrollment across SUNY due to legislative push-back, our enrollment numbers are strong
 - COVID has created issues with federal funding
- While there has been a push to mandate faculty/staff vaccinations, SUNY has not yet made any pronouncements regarding this issue
- All new, re-admitted, and transfer students must be fully vaccinated 2 weeks prior before they will be allowed to return to campus for the Spring 2022 semester; deadline to submit proof will be 1/4/22
- Recently returned from fundraising with alumni from the west coast; fundraising efforts are in the form of planned gifts for the university (projected over \$350,000)
 - Plans to meet with alums in Florida next week to continue fundraising efforts

Update from Middle States – C. Van Der Karr and L. MacDonald presented a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview regarding middle states and strategic planning (*Please find PowerPoint attached*)

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – The committee hopes to have a draft of the resolution they have been working on ready for the next senate meeting (11/9/21).

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported the committee is continuing to meet regularly, as well as continuing their review of chapters 220.06 and 220.07 of the College Handbook.

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – Reported that the committee is continuing their work in reviewing the grievance process, while also reviewing chapters 340/350 of the College Handbook. The committee should hopefully have more information regarding conduct procedures to bring to Senate within the next few weeks.

Professional Affairs Committee: S. Daman, Chair – No report.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek/A. Blavos – C. Badurek reported on the Fall 2021 Plenary which took place 10/7-10/9:

- New Chair of UFS is K. Landa and the new V. Chair is D. Hamilton
- There has been a decline in enrollment
- Concern over marginal students being accepted at comprehensive schools
- PRODi-G efforts
- Transition to new LMS Desire to Learn/Bright-Space
- Mandated Vaccines faculty/staff; UUP is currently working on it

Student Senator: T. Hunter:

- Reported that SGA plans to meet next Monday where they will be discussing Middle States
- Will have a meeting this evening where they will be discussing parking
- Preparing for Cortaca

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 – No report.

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*).
- **Common Hour Ad-Hoc Committee Proposal:** Guests K. Sheets and H. Doty continued taking clarifying questions from the Senate (*Please find documents attached*)
 - How many courses are in the time slot outlined in the proposal, and how many students are in those same courses?
 - According to the data taken from Spring 2019 (pre-COVID), there would be an average of 75 courses, and around 1900 students in those courses
 - Were students consulted in the drafting of this proposal?

- Yes, an SGA member was on the committee and consulted with SGA e-board back in the spring
- Since the expectation for the Common Hour would be three times a week, M,W,F, would it also be the expectation that the various student service offices be suspended during the 1:40-2:50 time slot?
 - It's not concrete it will be M,W,F every single week; what is concrete is that the Common Hour would take place during a non-instructional time slot
 - The Common Hour may even make those student service offices more accessible to students since they wouldn't be in classes during this time slot
- Is there any research available to us from other campuses that currently have a common hour similar to the one proposed?
 - Yes, we will email this information out to the campus with the minutes from today's meeting (*Please find document attached*)
- Who was the initial outreach to when drafting this proposal?
 - Outreach to offices with challenging schedules (i.e. Sciences, athletic students, athletic directors, etc.)
- Some SUNY campuses employ common hour with a 4-day week, has that been considered for this proposal?
 - No, 4-day week was never considered; however, it is worth looking into. It is important to realize that the common hour charge given to us was not a charge to reimagine the campus' daily/weekly schedule
- Motion to return the proposal to the committee for further review
 - Motion: S. Daman
 - 2nd: L. Jin
 - Vote: 12,4
 - Proposal will be sent back to committee for review

X. New Business: Due to time constraints, all new business items will be introduced at the next Faculty Senate meeting on 11/9/21.

- **Africana Studies Addition to Social/Behavioral Sciences Division** (*Please find document attached*).
- **UFS Resolution 189.02** – Executive Budget (*Please find document attached*).
- **UFS Resolution 189.03** – Increase Flexibility in Telecommuting Policy (*Please find document attached*).
- **UFS Resolution 189.04** - Contact Hours Policy for Applied Learning Experiences (*Please find document attached*).
- **UFS Resolution 189.05** – UFS Commitment to Education about Racism and American History (*Please find document attached*).

XI. Announcements: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38PM on 10/26/21

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis