

## Faculty Senate Minutes #1

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Members and Senators Present:** L. MacDonald, D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, C. Widdall, A. Fitz-Gibbon, H. Haines, A. Curtis, S. Strause, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, R. Fiddler, R. Borden, T. Suzuki, V. Widdall, C. Costell Corbin, S. Comins, J. Zhe-Heimerman, R. Powell, C. Kurelich, J. Moore, P. Schroeder, K. Rose, S. Umansky, G. Sharer, P. Perkins, A. Addonizio, A. DeChellis, S. Anderson.

**Members and Senators Absent:** J. McNamara, D. West, T. Wirth, M. Prus

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

**II. Senate Actions:** The Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate were approved as printed.

**III. Chair's Report:** L. MacDonald – Welcomed members and senators to the first full Senate meeting of the semester; the Chair also thanked all members for their commitment to serving on Faculty Senate.

**Standing Committee Chairs** – The chairs of each standing committee took this time to announce what his or her committee would be working on this semester:

- **EPC** – C. Widdall – Academic Forgiveness Policy, defining a major GPA, and also working on what is required to be included on syllabi.
- **AFAC** – A. Fitz-Gibbon – Policy revisions, Chapters 220.06 and 230 of the College Handbook (policies and procedures for appointment, continuing appointment, and promotion).
- **PAC** – Chair is vacant.
- **SAC** – G. Birren (J. Moore) – Nothing ongoing at the moment; however, the committee hopes to clarify the official duties of the SAC.

**IV. Vice Chair's Report:** Vacant

**V. Treasurer's Report:** R. Grantham – Reported that there is a balance of \$1,162.37 in the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund as of 8/29/18. The treasurer also reminded members to please remember to pay their dues, and that dues are \$10.

**VI. Secretary's Report:** No Report.

**VII. President's Report:** E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that there are currently 15 searches in process.
- Announced that the church located at 19 Church Street is being renovated for the use of SUNY Cortland's Choral Union, through the Dan and Rose McNeill Foundation.
- Reported that SUNY Cortland has been working closely with the city of Cortland (particularly, the mayor of Cortland) in an effort to maintain a positive relationship between the campus and the city.

**VIII. Standing Committee Reports:**

**Student Affairs Committee:** G. Birren, Chair – No report.

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

**Planning Committee:** No report.

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

**Professional Affairs Committee:** Vacant chair – No report

**Area Senator:** No Report

**SUNY Senator:** A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – No report

**Student Senator:** S. Umansky:

- Reported that the SGA's club fair that took place on 9/3/18 was a success; there were 70 clubs and organizations across campus that attended, which is the most they've ever had attend the club fair.
- Announced that the SGA's first Student Senate meeting will take place this evening, 9/4/18 at 7pm.
- Introduced Kaylie Rose, SGA's Associate Financial Officer and explained that Kaylie will be taking the place of C. Bennett, as an SGA representative on Faculty Senate.

**IX. Other Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Teaching Awards:** No report.

**Committee on Teaching Effectiveness:** K. Bonafide, Chair – No report.

**College Research Committee:** B. Hodges, 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.

**X. Unfinished Business:**

- CTE Charge (Response) – Continuing to work on from the previous Spring 2018 semester.
- Academic Faculty Affairs Charge – Continuing to work on from the previous Spring 2018 semester.

**XI. New Business:**

- Calls for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor (*Please see the two calls for nominations attached, which include names taken from the floor, in email*).

**XII. Announcements:**

- L. MacDonald announced that a new Faculty Senate photo will be taken at the next full Senate meeting (9/18/18) to replace the old photos that are currently on the Faculty Senate web page.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:41 on 9/4/18.**

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis