

## Faculty Senate Minutes #6

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Members and Senators Present:** K. Lawrence, D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, G. Birren, A. Fitz-Gibbon, D. West, C. Schubert, M. Sutherland, A. Blavos, R. Borden, J. Zhe-Heimerman, R. Powell, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, C. Bennett, G. Sharer, A. DeChellis, S. Anderson.

**Members and Senators Absent:** J. Ouellette, W. Miller, M. Song, H. Haines, A. Curtis, S. Strause, C. Manaseri, G. Rinefierd, S. Comins, M. Fox, E. Owens, A. Arkayasa, S. Umansky, M. Prus, P. Perkins.

**Guests:** D. Armstead

**I. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 were approved by the Senate, with one correction being made to the list of senators who were present.

**II. Senate Actions:** No Senate actions.

**III. Chair's Report:** J. Ouellette – Vice Chair, K. Lawrence assumed the role of Chair at today's meeting since J. Ouellette was absent due to illness. K. Lawrence reminded members that there is only one senate meeting remaining for this semester, which will be held on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IV. Vice Chair's Report:** K. Lawrence – No report.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** R. Grantham – No report.

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

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

- Reported that a budget was approved at the Administrators' Council meeting that was held on 4/16/18; as a result of that budget being approved, EOP has been completely funded this year.
- Announced that renovations will be taking place to the outside of Park Center, beginning in the spring of 2019 (the renovations will be to replace the brick on the outside of the building.).
- Announced that there will also be renovations taking place in the Moffett building.
- Reported that the renovations to Corey Union will be finished by the fall of 2019.
- Reported that there is a behavioral threat assessment team on campus available to help students in need; encouraged faculty to use this resource if they know of any students in need.
- Encouraged the faculty to participate in the upcoming Honors Convocation and Commencement ceremonies.

**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:** I. Jordak, Chair – No report

**Area Senator:** No Report

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

**Student Senator:** A. Arkayasa:

- SGA representative C. Bennett reported that the SGA had a large amount of nominations submitted from faculty for their SGA elections, that took place this past Wednesday, 4/11/18; C. Bennett announced that S. Umansky was elected as the new President of SGA, Kayla Orapolla was elected as

the new Chief Financial Officer of SGA, and that he himself was elected to serve as the vice president of SGA for the upcoming academic year (2018-2019).

**IX. Other Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Teaching Awards:** J. Ouellette, Temp. Chair – 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 – K. Lawrence reported on behalf of G. Evans, explaining that the Committee on Committees has been hard at work reviewing the charges given to them by the Faculty Senate Chair.

**Call for Nominations** (*Please see attachment in email*): K. Lawrence reminded members that today is the final day to accept nominations for this call. Nominations were then taken from the floor, and were as follows:

- A. Blavos, Faculty At Large, Faculty Representative to Student Senate
- D. Armstead, Faculty At Large, General Education Committee
- J. Rayle, School of Education, Academic Faculty Affairs Committee
- K. Rombach, School of Education, College Curriculum Review Committee
- T. Suzuki, School of Education, Committee on Teaching Effectiveness
- J. Mosher, School of Education, Graduate Faculty Executive Committee
- T. Mahoney, School of Professional Studies, College Research Committee (*\*Contested*)
- B. Manning, School of Professional Studies, Student Affairs Committee
- J. Moore, Library, Graduate Faculty Executive Committee

***\*\*\*Please note that any seat that is contested will go out to campus for a vote\*\*\****

The slate of names was then voted on, and all non-contested seats were carried by the Senate.

**X. Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.

**XI. New Business:**

- Minor clarification to *Section 150.03, Article VI: Faculty Senate* of the College Handbook was addressed (*Please see attachment in email*).

**XII. Announcements:**

- The issue of campaigning for Senate positions was discussed.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:56PM on 4/17/18**

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis