

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

December 5th, 2017

Members and Senators Present: J. Ouellette, K. Lawrence, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, G. Birren, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Schubert, W. Miller, J. McNamara, M. Song, D. West, H. Haines, S. Applin, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Borden, J. Zhe-Heimerman, S. Comins, G. Rinefierd, R. Powell, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, E. Owens, P. Schroeder, A. Arkayasa, M. Mavrogian, S. Umansky, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, A. DeChellis

Members and Senators Absent: D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, C. Manaseri, M. Fox, P. Perkins, S. Anderson.

Guests: F. Pierce

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from November 7th, 2017 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: No Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: J. Ouellette – Reminded members that when Senate returns for the Spring semester our meetings will be held in Park Center, Hall of Fame Room.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – Commended J. Ouellette on having a successful first semester serving as the Chair of Faculty Senate.

V. Treasurer's Report: No report.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on his visit with trustee Merrill Tish; the president explained she is interested in being involved with the Green Foundation, as well as being interested in the Chancellor's initiative in expanding research.
- Reported that SUNY Cortland was approved for performance funding for the Teaching Institute.
- Expressed concern regarding the federal tax bill that must now be reconciled between the House and the Senate, as it has many negative implications for higher education.

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 – Reported that one vetting has closed on Friday Dec. 1 and the committee will be sending additional work out for vetting on Wed. Dec. 6th

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak, Chair – No report

Area Senator: No Report

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

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa:

- Reported that the SGA has recently put together an Educational Leadership Committee.

- Reported that the SGA recently finalized their constitution and bylaws.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – J. Ouellette reported on behalf the J. Mosher that the Committee on Teaching Awards will meet in December to report on observations of candidates.

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 – J. Ouellette read remaining vacancies for the Senate and committee representatives, taking nominations from the floor (*Please see attached document in email.*). There were no nominations from the floor.

The committee is also thoroughly reviewing the committee structures to ensure consistency with the handbook and then will be reviewing the purpose of the Committee on Committees.

X. Unfinished Business: There wasn't any unfinished business

XI. New Business:

- Update to GFEC bylaws were voted on and approved by the Senate (*Please see attachment in email*)
- UFS resolutions for endorsement (*Please see attachments in email*)
 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - Academic Advising
 - Attendance Policy Accommodation for US Military
 - Broad-based fees

*UFS resolutions were discussed, and will be brought back before the Senate at the first meeting during the Spring semester (1/30/18) to be endorsed.

XII. Announcements: There weren't any announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM on 12/5/17

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis