

Faculty Senate Minutes #3

February 28th, 2023

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, P. Arras, O. Bassett, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Clark, S. Daman, R. Davis A. DeChellis, S. Dutkowsky, E. Edlund, G. Hazard, L. Jin, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, J. Radloff, P. Schroeder, K. Sheets, K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, M. Stone, A. Thompson, B. Williams, M. Yacavone, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: C. Badurek, A. Bowler, A. Dearie, R. Grantham, J. Hall, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myles, C. Pass, T. Suzuki, D. West, M. Wetter, S. Yoo

Guests: D. Radus

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from February 14th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that the Steering Committee decided to remove mandatory committee reporting dates from the Senate agenda; committees will report as needed.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that the budget proposal looks promising; still needs approval from legislature
- Governor has recommended a 3% tuition increase over the next 5 years, for a total increase of 15%
- New state budget director will be B. Megna
- New College Council member has been elected, A.H. Mott, former ADA Coordinator at Cornell University

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – Committee has finished reviewing scholarship applications; will announce recipients at next Senate meeting (3/21/23).

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – Committee in the process of reviewing faculty service workload charge from the Senate.

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – Next Tuesday (3/7/23) is the deadline to submit comments on vetting documents that were recently sent out to campus

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

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – No report.

Student Senator: A. Bowler: O. Bassett reported on behalf of SGA:

- Preparing for The Big Event on 4/23/23 from 9AM-2PM

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: J. Carrick-Hagenbarth, Chair – No report.

College Curriculum Review Committee: Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: J. McNamara, Chair – No report.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair – C. Badurek – G. Birren reported on behalf of the GFEC explaining that the changes proposed to the committee's membership does not go through the Faculty Senate; rather, these changes will be voted on by members of the faculty that have graduate faculty status. That ballot will be sent out to the graduate faculty later this week.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2022** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies from the Spring 2022 call for nominations; there were no nominations received from the floor (*Please find document attached*).
- **UFS Resolution 193.01** – Restoration of Conversations in the Disciplines Grant Program – Opened to the floor for discussion and voting (*Please find document attached*).
 - Motion to endorse: A. Blavos
 - 2nd: L. Jin
 - No objections; resolution endorsed by the Senate
- **GE Resolution** – Clarification to Approved Revision of General Education Framework – Opened to the floor for discussion and voting (*Please find document attached*).
 - No objections to send resolution to referendum; resolution passes to be sent to referendum

X. New Business: No new business

XI. Announcements:

- G. Birren explained she has been receiving multiple inquiries regarding when the issue of Common Hour will be discussed at Senate; Common Hour will be discussed at the Senate's open meeting, which will take place sometime after Spring Break.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:43PM on 2/28/23

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis