

Faculty Senate Minutes #7

May 2nd, 2023

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, S. Clark, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, E. Edlund, R. Grantham, J. Hall, L. Jin, J. Neretich, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, J. Radloff, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, K. Sheets, K. Silvestri, T. Suzuki, A. Thompson, B. Williams, S. Yoo, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: O. Bassett, A. Blavos, A. Bowler, R. Davis, S. Dutkowsky, G. Hazard, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myles, C. Pass, M. Wetter, M. Yacavone,

Guests: R. Bryan, S. Daman, D. Harms

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 18th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that next academic year will be the Review of Governance (ROG); there will be a call in the beginning of the Fall 2023 semester to create an ad-hoc committee for the ROG. G. Birren stated that she herself will more than likely serve on the ROG committee. The referendum that went out to campus last week concerning a language change to the GE Framework closes this Wednesday (5/3/23) at 4PM, so, please vote if you haven't done so already. Thanked R. Grantham for her many years of service to the Senate and the University, as she is retiring at the end of this semester; also thanked and congratulated P. Perkins on his retirement and years of service to the University as well. Announced there will be an additional vacancy added to the Senate senators list of vacancies, since A. Myles is resigning from the University as well. G. Birren reflected on her past two years serving as the Chair of Faculty Senate, stating that it has been a learning experience, as she has developed a deeper understanding of the collaboration between faculty and administration.

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 on Chancellor King's visit to SUNY Cortland; the chancellor noted that there are three things in particular that impressed him about Cortland:
 - Transformations
 - CURE
 - Student Life Center
- Optimistic about the capital budget
- Facilities Mastersight Plan
 - Van Hoesen
 - Corey Union
 - PER Building; five phase rehabilitation
 - Memorial Library and Bowers will begin after these three are finished
- Made a clarification that we have had record amounts of admission applications, not necessarily record enrollment
- New Provost to begin Thursday 5/4/23
- New AVP Facilities Management C. Maroney to begin 7/10/23
- Phone interviews are in process to hire for VP Institutional Advancement
- Looking to hire two new basketball coaches, as the two we had have left the University

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

Joint Committee on Student Interests: K. Silvestri – No report

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – Continuing to review sections of the College Handbook as well as department bylaws

Educational Policy Committee: E. Edlund, Chair – No report

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: J. Neretich, Chair – Working on rebuilding the committee

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – L. Jin reported on the Spring Plenary:

- Chancellor focused on 4 specific pillars:
 - Student success
 - Research
 - DEI
 - Academic development
- Chancellor also spoke about developing unique ways to attract prospective students, ways to get as much federal/state funding as possible, as well as the future of liberal arts, as liberal arts play a critical role in higher education
- C. Badurek also reported on the UFS Spring Plenary
 - Program Awards Committee; fund will be restored in full (\$3,000 in grants)
 - UFS Cabinet has been filled out
 - Diversity Fellows received 95 applications
 - DEI Social Justice Conference will be held 11/3/23-11/4/23
 - Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) initiative to help students complete degrees
 - UFS approved 6 resolutions which will be brought to our Senate in the beginning of the Fall 2023 semester for endorsement

Student Senator: A. Bowler – No report

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

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

College Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek, Chair – No report

College Research Committee: Chair – No report.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair – C. Badurek – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2023** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies (*Please find document attached*).
- **EPC Microcredential Policy** – Discussion was opened to the floor of the Senate (*Please find document attached*).
 - Will PLA play a part in this?
 - Hasn't come up yet, but, it is definitely something that can be looked into
 - If approved, will this become effective for Fall 2023?

- Yes, the process of creation will become effective Fall 2023; however, will probably not be implemented until Fall 2024
 - No objections to approving the policy; policy was endorsed by the Senate
- **EPC Second Major Policy** – Discussion was opened to the floor of the Senate (*Please find document attached*).
 - E. Edlund motioned to change language in policy from “...dual major...” to “...double major...”
 - No objections to changing this language; motion passes
 - No objections to approving the policy; policy was endorsed by the Senate

X. New Business: No new business

XI. Announcements:

- G. Birren encouraged individuals to assist with commencement, if able to.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM on 5/2/23

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis