

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

November 6th, 2018

Members and Senators Present: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, E. Bitterbaum A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. DeChellis, R. Fiddler, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, H. Haines, C. Hickey, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, J. McNamara, J. Moore, C. Pass P. Perkins, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder, S. Strause, T. Suzuki, S. Umansky, D. VanLangen, D. West, C. Widdall, V. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: C. Badurek, M. Fox, M. Prus, M. Sutherlin, R. Vooris

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from October 23rd, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – No report.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: M. DiVita – No report.

V. Treasurer's Report: R. Grantham – Thanked members for paying their dues, and also for their donations.

VI. Secretary's Report: D. VanLangen – No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the email that was sent out to campus from Fred Pierce regarding the Cortland City Council's proposal to charge for parking on Prospect and James streets; the city council is proposing to charge \$1.25 for the first hour, and an additional dollar an hour after that.
 - The President commented that that a large amount of faculty and students would be affected by this, if it goes into effect; it would roughly cost \$1,000 to park on either of these streets.
 - Announced that there is a city council meeting tonight at 7pm at the Cortland Town Hall; the president encouraged all those that wish to speak out against this proposal to attend.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the committee has finished their revisions on Chapters 220.06 and 230.00 (re-numbered to 220.07) of the *College Handbook*; he then thanked everyone who worked so diligently to complete the revisions in such a timely and efficient manner (*Please see Chapters 220.06 and 220.07 attached in email*)

Planning Committee: No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reported that the EPC has been working with J. Zhe-Heimerman to create a new disability statement to be included in all syllabi; the statement will go out for vetting soon.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – Reported that the committee is currently re-evaluating what their role is according to the *College Handbook*.

Area Senator: No report

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

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that the SGA has drafted a resolution to be presented to Mayor Tobin regarding the parking situation on Prospect and James streets; she explained that the resolution has already been endorsed by the SGA Senate, and asked that the Faculty Senate might endorse the resolution as well (*Please see resolution attached in email*).

- One of the major points in the resolution was the proposal of an off-campus bus system for students; this system would be affordable for students (about \$11), and at the same time it would still provide revenue for the City of Cortland.
- A motion was made by S. Umansky for the Faculty Senate to endorse this resolution; the motion was seconded by D. VanLangen, put to a vote, and endorsed by the Senate.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: No report.

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: B. Lovett, Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: Vacant Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: J. MacNamara, Chair – Reported that the GE Committee is currently working on GE's 2,6,7, and 12 and that they are also currently working on assessments.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – No report.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – No report.

X. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations – Nominations were taken from the floor in an effort to fill remaining vacancies from the two calls for nominations that were sent on behalf of the Committee on Committees (*Please find the calls for nominations attached in email*).
 - ***Please note:*** There has been an added vacancy for the Part-Time Senator position; the previous Part-Time Senator regrettably resigned as a result of scheduling conflicts.
- Review of Governance – Self-nominations were taken from the floor to create a ROG Committee
 - C. Hickey, A. Blavos, M. DiVita, A. Curtis, and C. Pass all self-nominated to serve on the committee; the nominations were then confirmed by the Senate.
- Academic Forgiveness Policy – C. Widdall
 - The EPC decided to change the name of their proposal to the Course Reset Policy, as opposed to Academic Forgiveness Policy.
 - There were also a few minor changes to the proposal made by EPC, which were as follows:
 - Credits that would be eligible for the reset policy would be credits that are a D+ or lower
 - Credits would remain on the student's transcript
 - The deadlines have been changed to align with re-admission deadlines.
 - The motion to revise the EPC Course Reset Policy was carried by the Senate.

XI. New Business:

- Clarifying questions were asked regarding the Academic Faculty Affairs Committee's revisions to Chapters 220.06 and 220.07 (formerly 230.00) of the *College Handbook*.
- The procedures for the SUNY award system were brought before the Senate; documents regarding these procedures will be sent out with next Senate agenda.
- Senator R. Borden's proposed Resolution on Transgender and GNC Initiatives was introduced to the Senate; we will discuss this resolution at the next full Senate meeting, and a copy of it will be sent out with next Senate agenda.

XII. Announcements: L. MacDonald reminded members that there will not be another Senate meeting until 12/4/18, as a result of Thanksgiving break starting on 11/21/18.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm on 11/6/18.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

