

Faculty Senate Minutes #4

October 23rd, 2018

Members and Senators Present: A. Addonisio, S. Anderson, C. Badurek, E. Bitterbaum A. Blavos, R. Borden, C. Costell Corbin, A. DeChellis, R. Fiddler, A. Fitz-Gibbon, H. Haines, C. Hickey, L. MacDonald, P. Perkins, J. Pomeroy, R. Powell, K. Rose, G. Sharer, M. Sutherlin, T. Suzuki, S. Umansky, D. VanLangen, C. Widdall, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Curtis, M. Fox, R. Grantham, C. Kuretich, J. McNamara, J. Moore, M. Prus, D. West, T. Wirth

Guests: C. Pass, A. Thomas

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from October 2nd, 2018 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: There were no Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: L. MacDonald – Reported that the Senate is in the process of forming a Review of Governance Committee; it was then explained that this committee would ideally consist of 5-7 members in total. The Chair asked that if any member would like to self-nominate themselves for this committee that they please do so via email (lynn.macdonald@cortland.edu).

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

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

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

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the article that appeared in the Cortland Standard regarding the Cortland City Council wanting to charge for parking on Prospect Street; the city council would implement this charge through an app that students and/or faculty/staff would have to purchase.
 - The charging of parking on Prospect Street would largely affect those who are in Dowd, the library, Corey Union, the Child Care Center, Cornish Hall, and Van Hoesen Hall.
 - The president encouraged faculty and staff members to attend the city council meeting on 11/6/18 where this parking issue will be discussed.
- Announced that the Truxton Academy SUNY Charter School has been approved by the community; he explained that SUNY Cortland has absolutely no part in this charter school.
- Suggested that students who attend plays and/or musical events on campus maybe receive extra credit for doing so; this suggestion was brought forward in response to the lack of student participation in such events across campus.
- The book *Our Common Ground*, which is a pictorial history of the College over the past 30 years, will be available for purchase in the College Bookstore for \$18.68.
- Announced that the Writing Center located in Brockway Hall is now open.
- Announced that the deadline to apply for the President's Discretionary Award has been extended for another week.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the committee is continuing to work on the revisions to chapters 220.06 and 230.00 of the College Handbook; the committee plans on having these revisions completed by 10/30/18, at which time it will be presented to the Faculty Senate.

Planning Committee: No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair:

- Reported that the EPC is currently working on syllabus requirements for the College Handbook, which will be out for vetting soon; she strongly encouraged input from faculty during the vetting period.
- Reported that the EPC is also currently working on defining the minor; this should go out for vetting in about four weeks.

Professional Affairs Committee: C. Hickey, Chair – No report

Area Senator: No report

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

Student Senator: S. Umansky:

- Reported that the SGA's clothing closet will open sometime within the next two weeks; she asked members of the faculty to consider donating any professional clothing that they might be looking to get rid of to the closet.
- Reported that she has been working with John Suarez in an effort to set up a volunteering program for students who are looking to gain work experience.

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 – No report.

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*).
- The vacancies that were voted on and approved by the Senate were as follows:
 - School of Education, complete an unexpired term, C. Pass
 - Faculty at Large, Faculty Rep. to Student Senate (2nd seat), J. Walkuski
 - Professional Staff, Professional Affairs Committee, M. Lewis
- Educational Policy Committee, Academic Forgiveness Policy, Chair, C. Widdall (*Please see policy attached in email*)
 - The EPC's policy on academic forgiveness was brought back before the Senate for endorsement.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the policy, and it was then motioned to return the policy back to the committee for further revision
 - The motion to return the policy to the committee was made by M. DiVita and seconded by D. VanLangen; motion was then voted on and carried by the Senate.

XI. New Business: There was not any new business.

XII. Announcements: There were not any announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13pm on 10/23/18.

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

