

Faculty Senate Minutes #7

December 3rd, 2019

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, G. Birren, , E. Bitterbaum, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, A. Curtis, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, M. DiVita, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Grate, H. Haines, C. Hickey, K. Ibe-Lamberts, F. Ishaq, J. McNamara, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, , P. Schroeder T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, , D. West, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Addonisio, C. Badurek C. Bennett, M. Fox, J. Hall, E. Owens, T. Senior, S. Strause

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from November 19th, 2019 were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: M. DiVita – Reported that there have been two names submitted for the advisory committee that is in the process of being created; M. DiVita was recommended for the committee by Gwen Kay to the Provost.

III. Vice Chair's Report: G. Birren – No report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: K. Ibe-Lamberts – Currently collecting faculty donations for the Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship Fund.

V. Secretary's Report: F. Ishaq – No report

VI. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Sent out an email this morning to faculty urging them to be lenient with student absences today, in light of the winter weather over this past weekend.
- Attended tele-conference this morning with SUNY Chancellor and other SUNY schools
 - Major point of discussion – faculty service as well as inclusion/equity with students should be formally recognized.
- Overall enrollment across SUNY is down this year.
- Difficult fiscal year
 - Factors include the current Medicare crisis, plus the \$6 billion NYS deficit.
- Mental Health Task Course – G. Sharer represents SUNY Cortland.
- Current incident at Syracuse University has had a ripple effect.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – Met this past week and discussed the SGA's manifesto; will continue to work on creating resolutions from the issues addressed in manifesto to bring to Senate in the spring for possible endorsement (*Please find manifesto attached in email*).

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon – No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – EPC currently has a vetting document out to campus for feedback, and have only received 2 comments thus far; urged campus members to please provide feedback (Graduate Course Work Policy).

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

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/Vacant – No report.

Student Senator: C. Bennett – C. Grate reported that the SGA has been meeting with individuals across campus regarding issues outlined in their manifesto.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: K. Bonafide, Chair – No report.

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

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: N. Wilson, Chair – No report.

Committee on Teaching Awards: M. DiVita, Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Fall 2019 – Additional nominations were taken from the floor; nominations taken from the floor were as follows: (*Please find document attached in email*)
 - SUNY Alternate Senator, At-Large or At-Large Academic, 2018-2021, Fill Unexpired Term: C. Badurek
- UFS Resolution: Establishment of Standing Campus Senate EID Committees – Discussed how our campus' EID committee, President's Council on Inclusive Evidence (PCIE), aligns with the UFS' requirements of establishing EID committees; established that a representative from the PCIE could report to the Senate in the future to further align our EID committee with the requirements of the UFS' resolution (*Please find resolution attached in email*).
 - Motion to endorse: A. Blavos
 - 2nd: R. Grantham
 - Show of hands; motion carried
- SUNY Cortland General Education Policy Revisions – EPC's review of the GE Committee's revisions to the General Education (GE) Course Proposal Guidelines (*Please find document attached in email*).
 - Motion to endorse: P. Schroeder
 - 2nd: C. Widdall
 - Show of hands; motion carried

X. New Business – No new business

XI. Announcements:

- M. DiVita reminded members that for the spring Senate meetings we will be down in Park Center, Hall of Fame.
- C. Widdall announced that we have a SUNY Cortland alum in the top 6 contestants on the current season of "Survivor"

Meeting was adjourned at 1:32PM on 12/3/19

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis