

Faculty Senate Minutes #1

January 31st, 2023

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, O. Bassett, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, S. Clark, E. Cranston, S. Daman, R. Davis A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, S. Dutkowsky, E. Edlund, G. Hazard, L. Jin, A. Myles, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, P. Schroeder, K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, M. Stone, T. Suzuki, B. Williams, M. Yacavone, S. Yoo, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Bowler, R. Grantham, L. Lopez-Janove, J. Radloff, K. Sheets, A. Thompson, D. West, M. Wetter, C. Widdall

Guests: K. Burke

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from November 22nd were approved by the Senate (*Please find attached*).

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that the awards committee are in process.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the new SUNY Chancellor, explaining that the new chancellor has 4 top priorities: student success, workplace development, diversity equity and inclusion, and research/scholarship.
- Governor's budget will be sent out tomorrow; 80% salary/benefits, pressure on tuition/fees
- Announced new Provost A. McClellan will begin at Cortland on 3/4/23
- Tomorrow marks the start of Black History Month; SGA will host event honoring Abraham Lincoln Demond tomorrow from 6-8PM (2/1/23)

VII. Policy Committee Reports

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair:

- K. Burke introduced proposal Faculty Service Workload; discussion ensued (*Please find document attached*)
 - Q. Does the institution seem to be supportive in making revisions come to fruition?
 - A. Yes
 - Q. Were the ramifications of contingent faculty considered?
 - A. No, the proposal focuses on currently established issues and nothing further at this point in time
 - Q. Is the mentoring of students considered teaching or service?
 - A. Service, although there is overlap
 - Q. What are the next steps to ensure this information reaches faculty, especially new faculty members?

- A. Hopefully, the website will go live by Fall 2023

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

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

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos: Reported on the Winter Plenary:

- Budget not looking all that optimistic
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- SUNY Graduate Conference – open to all students, not just doctorate students
- Micro-Credentials
- Mediation Conflict Resolution (A. Fitz-Gibbon)

Student Senator: A. Bowler – E. Cranston reported that the SGA has 2 new student representatives to serve on the Faculty Senate: Gretchen Hazard and Odyssey Bassett. The SGA anticipates a very busy and productive spring semester; A. Lincoln Demond conference tomorrow evening (2/1/23), formal approaching soon, plan to bring back the “Big Event,” (4/23/23), as well as the leadership banquet in April.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: M. Moyer, Chair – G. Birren reported on behalf of the CTE Committee, explaining that the committee has completed its review of potential new programs for the distribution of Course Teacher Evaluations; BrightSpace is being considered along TaskStream. G. Birren explained that the decision of platform choice is the union’s purview and not the Senate’s, so this is now in the hands of labor/management.

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 – No report.

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 (*Please find document attached*).
 - L. Jin and J. Hall were nominated to fill the SUNY UFS Senator/SUNY Alternate UFS Senator, respectively; nominations were approved by the Senate.
- **EPC Residency for Concentrations Policy** – E. Edlund introduced policy to the Senate

X. New Business: N/A

XI. Announcements: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03PM on 1/31/23

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

