

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

November 3rd, 2020

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, C. Badurek, G. Birren, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, A. Catalfamo, C. Chatfield, S. Clark, C. Costell Corbin, S. Comins, A. Curtis, K. Dames, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, L. Delaubell, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, C. Grate, D. Harms, C. Humphrey, T. Hunter, L. Jin, A. Myles, C. Pass, P. Perkins, V. Placide, R. Powell, G. Sharer, P. Schroeder S. Strause, T. Suzuki, R. Vooris, D. West, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: A. Blavos, M. Fox, J. Hall

Guests: L. Lopez-Janove

I. Approval of Minutes: The amended Minutes from October 20th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that when the Steering Committee met last week it was discussed that there should be some clarifications brought to the senate regarding procedures of conducting senate meetings remotely:

- According to the Senate's standing rules, all remarks should be directed to the chair of the senate rather than to other senate members
- Each individual who wishes to speak on a motion will receive 3 minutes in which to do so; you may not speak a 2nd time, until everyone else who wishes to speak has had the opportunity to do so
- The Chat feature in WebEx will be limited so that any questions, comments, and/or concerns can only be sent to the chair, vice chair/secretary, and/or the administrative assistant
- Roll call voting will be implemented only when necessary; a roll call vote can only be implemented by the chair, or if a minimum of 5 senators motion to conduct a roll call vote.

III. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report: C. Chatfield – No report.

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on the memo that was sent to campus Sunday evening regarding ways to send students home safely; students will need to test negative to be sent home, and will then be required to leave within 48 hours of testing negative.
- Announced that C. Van Der Karr has developed a survey to send out to faculty and staff.
- Announced that the president's cabinet has asked the Chief Diversity Officer, L. Lopez-Janove, to be a member of the cabinet.

VII. Policy Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Student Interests: A. Blavos – No report.

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

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – Reminded members that EPC sent out their vetting document to campus a few weeks ago, regarding concentrations and minors; please submit comments before the 11/3/20 deadline.

Professional Affairs Committee: J. Pomeroy, Chair – No report.

Area Senators: No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: R. Vooris/C. Badurek – No report.

Student Senator: C. Humphrey:

- Reported that the SGA is starting to populate senate committees that are looking for student representation.
- Thanked faculty and staff members for their support to the students during these difficult and uncertain times

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: L. Delaubell, Chair – Reported that an email was sent out a few weeks ago regarding which categories will be assessed this year; those categories are as follows: GE 1, GE 4, and Writing Intensive.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: C. Badurek (Fall sabbatical replacement), Chair – Reported that the Reported that the GFEC has been charged by the steering committee of the Faculty Senate to create a policy regarding the deactivation and discontinuation of undergraduate and graduate programs.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- Call for Nominations, Spring 2020 – Nominations that were received via email for the Spring 2020 call were approved by the senate; additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies (*Please find document attached*).
- Faculty Senate Resolution – there was a motion made from the floor of the senate to reconsider the resolution that was passed by the senate 2 weeks ago regarding students' concerns about having the right to choose to attend classes in the spring semester of 2021 fully online, and that those concerns be presented to the President's Cabinet with the support of the Faculty Senate; the reconsideration was in response to new information, that some senators who hadn't voted two weeks ago were confused by the discussion and wanted an opportunity to speak against it.
 - Motion: R. Borden
 - 2nd: R. Vooris
 - Vote: 8 aye, 16 nay, 1 abstention
 - Motion to reconsider resolution: Fails
 - The resolution that was passed by senate 2 weeks ago stands.

X. New Business:

- **UFS Resolution 186.01: Racial Equity and Social Justice Curriculum** – UFS' resolution regarding racial equity and social justice curriculum was introduced to the senate and clarifying questions were asked. Senate will vote to endorse in two weeks (11/17/20) (*Please find document attached*).
- **UFS Resolution 186.02: SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges and University Faculty Senate Joint Statement on the Search for the SUNY Chancellor** – UFS' resolution regarding the search for the SUNY Chancellor was introduced to the senate and clarifying questions were asked. Senate will vote to endorse in two weeks (11/17/20) (*Please find document attached*).
- **Resolution 186.05: Resolution Regarding the Importance of Maintaining Effective Shared Governance Practices During Times of Crisis** – UFS' resolution regarding the importance of maintaining effective shared governance during times of crisis was introduced to the senate and clarifying question were asked. Senate will vote to endorse in two weeks (11/17/20) (*Please find document attached*).

XI. Announcements:

- L. Lopez-Janove announced that the deadline for departments to submit their anti-racism action plans has been extended to 11/15/20
- L. Lopez-Janove also announced that the SUNY Chancellor has sent out a news release regarding the development of a system-wide action plan to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion and to combat racial inequality and division (*Please find document attached*)
- R. Vooris announced that the new tele-health program has now been expanded so that all 64 SUNY campuses can take advantage of the hotline; the hotline can be accessed on our SUNY Cortland website under the Study in Place tab.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 on 11/3/20

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis