

Faculty Senate Minutes #5

November 7th, 2017

Members and Senators Present: J. Ouellette, K. Lawrence, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, G. Birren, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Schubert, J. McNamara, M. Song, H. Haines, S. Applin, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, S. Strause, C. Manaseri, T. Suzuki, R. Borden, J. Zhe-Heimerman, S. Comins, M. Fox, R. Powell, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, E. Owens, P. Schroeder, A. Arkayasa, M. Mavrogian, S. Umansky, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, A. DeChellis

Members and Senators Absent: D. VanLangen, R. Grantham, D. West, G. Rinefierd, P. Perkins.

Guests: N. Pasquarello, J. Suarez, and D. Barkley

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from October 24th, 2017 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: No Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: J. Ouellette – Reminded members that due to changes in our meeting schedule, the steering committee will not meet again until 11/28/17, and there will not be another full Senate meeting again until 12/5/17. The Chair then reminded members about the 3-minute time limit when speaking, and also that each member is only permitted to speak twice on a particular subject.

IV. Vice Chair's Report: K. Lawrence – No report.

V. Treasurer's Report: No report.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported on his trip to Washington D.C. for the SUNY Day Conference, where he and the other SUNY presidents met with the Chancellor; commented that there are several internship opportunities in Washington D.C. for SUNY students.
- Reported that there are currently 25 faculty searches on campus
- Renovations in Park Center will begin to take place sometime in the spring; it will be an 18-20 month project.
- Reported that the new food pantry opened Monday in the Interfaith Center; the food pantry provides food to students in need.
- Reminded members that the Cortaca jug game takes place this coming Saturday, 11/11/17.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

Planning Committee: No report.

Educational Policy Committee: C. Widdall, Chair – No report

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak, Chair – No report

Area Senator: No Report

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

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa:

- Reported that the SGA is offering events and activities for students to do over Cortaca weekend, as alternatives to going out and consuming alcohol.

IX. Other Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Awards: J. Mosher, Chair – No report.

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

College Research Committee: B. Hodges, Chair – On behalf of B. Hodges, J. Ouellette reported that the CRC is in the process of revising the Faculty Research Program RFP for 2018-2019 cycle. The revised application and deadlines will be available soon. CRC Chair Bonni Hodges will be part of a presentation on internal funding sources on November 10 11:30-1:30 in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room [RSVP to Ginny Karpenko in RSPO]. The CRC and the Undergraduate Research Council will be working together on some efforts to support research and scholarly activity on campus.

General Education Committee: J. MacNamara, Chair:

Assessment – GE 2: Natural Science, GE 3: Social Sciences, GE 5: Western Civilization are being reviewed.

The GE Committee has:

- Emailed departments to request the formation of rubric sub-committees. GE Committee members will meet with these groups to help advise on rubric formation.
- Created a schedule for the assessment process with pertinent dates for letters, course sampling, and data to be received for the year-long process.

GE 11 Prejudice and Discrimination – The GE 11 sub-committee submitted a survey to campus last semester. After analyzing the results, they formed a Blackboard Community page for the campus to have access to the survey results and be able to comment. Two open meetings were held regarding the GE 11 discussion. The Blackboard site will remain open for comments until 12-1. At this time, the committee will analyze the data received and determine a recommendation for Faculty Senate.

Critical Thinking/Information Management Competencies:

Meeting with a sub-committee to determine the best way to assess these competencies within the GE program. Laura Davies from English as well as Lauren Stern from the library are working with the committee to determine avenues of assessment.

Curriculum:

Reviewing all courses for inclusion in the GE program.

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: J. Curtis, Chair – On behalf of J. Curtis, J. Ouellette reported that GFEC is continuing to review and approve the graduate-level curriculum as it comes before the committee. We have also reviewed and voted to update our bylaws, both to reflect changes in existing graduate programs and to better facilitate smooth transitions between committee members. Finally, we will soon be reviewing research and travel grant proposals submitted by graduate students. We encourage faculty to have graduate students with research expenses or who are traveling to present or conduct research to apply.

Committee on Committees: G. Evans, Chair – On behalf of the chair, J. Ouellette read remaining vacancies for the Senate and committee representatives, taking nominations from the floor (*Please see attached document in email.*). There were no nominations from the floor.

X. Unfinished Business: Inclusive Learning Environment Statement (*Please see the final amended version attached in email.*)

- C. Schubert made a motion to strike “... of thoughts and ideas...” in the third sentence of the document; motion seconded by A. Blavos.
 - Vote: 28 in favor, 1 opposed – motion passed.
- J. Ouellette made a motion to strike “Likewise...” in the beginning of the second sentence; motion was seconded by A. Blavos.
 - Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed – motion passed.
- With no more amendments from the floor, a vote was then taken to endorse the amended document.
 - Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed – motion passed.

XI. New Business:

- Resolution for the Senate to endorse the food pantry on campus; a vote was taken and the food pantry was unanimously endorsed (*Please see resolution attached in email.*).
- Resolution in Response to the Regulatory Action Taken by the Charter School Committee of the SUNY Board of Trustees was voted on (on whether to endorse); there were 28 in favor, 2 opposed – motion passed (*Please see resolution attached in email.*).

XII. Announcements:

- Chair of EPC, C. Widdall, announced that there will be a document going out to campus for vetting next week in regards to language changes in the AGT (Academic Grievance Tribunal) Manual.
- J. Ouellette reminded everyone that Native American history month is this month.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM on 11/7/17

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis