

Faculty Senate Minutes #3

October 3rd, 2017

Members and Senators Present: J. Ouellette, K. Lawrence, C. Widdall, I. Jordak, A. Fitz-Gibbon, C. Schubert, W. Miller, M. Song, D. West, H. Haines, M. Sutherlin, A. Blavos, R. Borden, J. Zhe-Heimerman, G. Rinefierd, C. Kuretich, L. MacDonald, E. Owens, P. Schroeder, A. Arkayasa, M. Mavrogian, E. Bitterbaum, M. Prus, G. Sharer, D. Duryea, S. Anderson, A. DeChellis

Members and Senators Absent: D. VanLangen, S. Comins, M. Fox, R. Powell, R. Fiddler, P. Perkins.

Guests: F. Pierce

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from September 19th, 2017 were approved by the Senate.

II. Senate Actions: No Senate actions.

III. Chair's Report: J. Ouellette – No report.

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

V. Treasurer's Report: Vacant.

VI. Secretary's Report: No Report.

VII. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum

- Acknowledged the students across campus, as well as SGA president A. Arkayasa and SGA representative M. Mavrogian, for their efforts in the hurricane relief fundraiser that took place over this past weekend.
- Excelsior Scholarship has been successful, so far; 9% of SUNY Cortland's students were eligible to receive the scholarship.
- Reported that there will be a survey going out to the faculty across campus regarding SUNY Cortland being a tobacco free campus; A. Blavos encouraged participation in this survey, explaining that everyone who takes part in the survey will be eligible to win a \$10 certificate to Bru (which is a local coffee shop located on Main Street). The link to take the survey is as follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TACatCortland>

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:

- Reported that the committee has a full committee, including two student representatives.
- Explained that the committee is currently working on the AGT (Academic Grievance Tribunal) Manual, in order to update the language in it.
- EPC is also currently working on defining a major GPA, working with the Student Learning Outcomes Committee to assess what's required to be included in syllabi, as well as working on an academic forgiveness policy.

Professional Affairs Committee: I. Jordak, Chair:

- The committee continues to seek professionals to fill vacant seats.
- The committee has received a request to review and make recommendations for improving the process of awarding professionals with permanent appointment.

Area Senator: No Report

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

Student Senator: A. Arkayasa:

- Reported that the committee has finalized committee appointments.
- SGA is getting ready for Cortaca.
- Reported that, as the SGA president, A. Arkayasa will be attending a conference in Albany with other SGA representatives from other SUNY campuses.

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 – No report

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair vacant – No report.

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.*)

X. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

XI. New Business:

- J. Ouellette announced to the Senate that the Steering Committee unanimously agreed that a diversity statement should be included in all SUNY Cortland syllabi, and that the Steering Committee is currently working on drafting a statement (in consultation with important others) to bring before the Senate for endorsement. She then explained that, if endorsed, adding a requirement to syllabi would necessitate an update to Section 220.02 of the College Handbook.

XII. Announcements: No announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM on 10/3/17

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis