

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

April 18th, 2023

Fireplace Lounge

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, P. Arras, C. Badurek, G. Birren, A. Bowler, E. Bitterbaum, R. Borden, S. Clark, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, R. Grantham, L. Jin, J. Neretich, P. Perkins, V. Placide, P. Schroeder, K. Sheets, K. Silvestri, T. Suzuki, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: O. Bassett, A. Blavos, R. Davis, S. Dutkowsky, E. Edlund, J. Hall, G. Hazard, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myles, C. Pass, R. Powell, M. Prus, J. Radloff, G. Sharer, A. Thompson, M. Wetter, M. Yacavone, S. Yoo

Guests: L. Delaubell, K. Lawrence, A. Omilanowicz, J. Suarez, C. Van Der Karr, R. Vooris

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 4th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that the UFS Spring Plenary will be held this Thursday-Saturday, 4/20/23-4/23/23.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- Reported that the university has received 15,831 student applications; as a result, admissions is running a little behind in acceptances. The deadline to accept incoming students is 5/1/23.
- Gave an update on campus renovations
 - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of Miller Building are almost complete
 - Renovations are set to begin within the first or second week of June for the Memorial Library
 - Renovations to the C-Wing in Van Hoesen are set to begin sometime this summer
- SUNYAC – Due to rising transportation costs, there are at least 10 universities that are considering leaving; working on devising a way to keep SUNYAC together
- New Provost A. McClellan will officially begin at SUNY Cortland on 5/4/23
- P. Perkins is retiring; review of resumes have begun in an effort to fill the position
- SUNY Chancellor King recently announced students are no longer mandated to be vaccinated; although, it is still recommended that students and faculty be vaccinated
- NY Jets will not be coming to campus this summer
- Urged faculty to help with commencement

VII. Policy Committee Reports:

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: K. Sheets, Chair – No report

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

Professional Faculty Affairs Committee: J. Neretich, Chair – No report

Area Senators – No report

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek, A. Blavos, L. Jin, J. Hall – C. Badurek reported that there will be 5 resolutions forthcoming from the UFS following the Spring Plenary this week.

Student Senator: A. Bowler:

- The Big Event is this weekend 4/23/23 from 9AM-2PM; over 40 students will be participating
- SUNY SA will be held next week
- Recently finished elections for the upcoming academic year

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: J. Carrick-Hagenbarth, Chair – No report.

College Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek, 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:

- Due to the Senate's open meeting, all unfinished business will be continued at the next senate meeting on 5/2/23.

X. New Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2023** – The slate of nominations was presented to the faculty senate, and additional nominations were accepted from the floor; since there were no contested seats, all nominations were approved by the senate (*Please find document attached*).
 - Confirmation letters will be sent out within the next few weeks

XI. Announcements:

- G. Birren announced that there will be a faculty forum tomorrow afternoon at 12:30PM in the Colloquium where the topic will focus on A.I.

Open Meeting – Strategic Planning and SUNY Cortland Emergent Priorities (*Please find document attached*)

The open meeting was presented by C. Van Der Karr, R. Vooris, and A. Omilanowicz, and focused on the IPAC's strategic planning updates. The IPAC's Emergent Priorities document was shared, and discussion ensued regarding the importance of these themes to the SUNY Cortland campus.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM on 4/18/23

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis

