

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

April 19th, 2022

Via WebEx

Members and Senators Present: S. Anderson, M. Alvisi, C. Badurek, G. Birren, A. Blavos, R. Borden, S. Comins, C. Costell Corbin, K. Dames, S. Daman, A. Dearie, A. DeChellis, E. Edlund, A. Fitz-Gibbon, R. Grantham, T. Hunter, L. Jin, K. Johnson, L. Lopez-Janove, A. Myers, A. Myles, C. Pass, V. Placide, R. Powell, M. Prus, J. Radloff, P. Schroeder K. Silvestri, G. Sharer, M. Stone, T. Suzuki, D. West, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: E. Bitterbaum, S. Clark, J. Hall, K. Nuhu, P. Perkins, G. Vogt, C. Widdall, S. Yoo,

Guests: B. Adams, D. Armstead, L. Davies, L. Delaubell, J. McNamara, K. Sheets

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from April 5th were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Based on discussions at the UFS Spring Plenary over the past weekend, G. Birren commented that our campus governance is very functional in terms of communication and collaboration between the faculty and administration.

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

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

V. President's Report: E. Bitterbaum:

- In the absence of President Bitterbaum, M. Prus reported that on Monday at the cabinet meeting, it was unanimously consented that if we are able to, we should use a search firm to recruit applicants for the current provost search; the call for the provost search committee will be coming out sometime later this afternoon.
- L. Davies announced that Honors Convocation will be held this Saturday, 4/23/22, at 5PM

VII. Policy Committee Reports

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

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

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

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

Area Senators – There is concern that the faculty handbook is not being followed within the academic dishonesty procedures; this is currently being looked into, however, no action will be taken at the Senate level, as the Senate does not have purview over it. Genni will follow up once more information becomes available.

SUNY Senator/ Alternate Senator: C. Badurek/A. Blavos – C. Badurek reported on the Spring UFS Plenary, noting the major discussions that took place:

- NYS budget
- Concern over the current number of interim seats there are; there is an interim provost, interim chancellor, and interim chief financial officer

- Concern over the current number of searches; there are also 4 president searches going on, in addition to the interim positions
- The Chancellor Search Committee has been selected and Tisch and Perales will co-chair it.
- Enrollment numbers are back up following the COVID dip; went from around 300,000 to 500,000 students
- Frustration with staffing issues at the administrative level as civil service examinations are being rarely given
- There were a number of resolutions brought to the UFS; we are unable to introduce these resolutions at this senate meeting, since UFS did not publish them in time to go on our agenda for today's meeting
 - Campus wellness initiatives
 - Workplace bullying
 - Transparency in administration

Student Senator: T. Hunter:

- Reported that SGA currently has a full executive board
- Reported that the Student Assembly Conference is being held next weekend and that she will be attending

GE Revisions to GE Framework (*Please find document attached*) – Move GE proposal up from New Business, due to guest speaker J. McNamara having to attend another meeting at 1:45PM

- Motion: R. Grantham
 - 2nd: S. Daman; no objections
- Introduced by J. McNamara and L. Delaubell; clarifying questions were asked:
- Did this proposal come from the SUNY level, or the campus level?
 - The framework reflects campus level changes to GE requirements
- What was the motivation behind proposals B and C?
 - SUNY requirements for math/sciences
- What is the rationale behind the differences of proposals B and C?
 - Campus feedback received from students; students would like it if they could have some options, rather than just requirements
- Are there concerns coming from an advising perspective?
 - Wasn't an issue, as long as the guidelines are clear
- Can you speak to the breath of responses?
 - Looked at patterns across the responses from both the faculty and the students; faculty valued full program, whereas students valued the level of choice they would have, to a certain level
- How would the differences in proposals A and B (40 credit hours) versus proposals D and C (37 credit hours) play out in the total number of credit hours?
 - The credit hours would come out similar to what the current credit hours are now; wouldn't create that drastic of a change
- If this framework goes to referendum, would the referendum go out this spring semester, or wait until the Fall 2022 semester?
 - If the Senate has reached a decision on having the framework sent to referendum by the last Senate meeting of the semester, then the framework could go to referendum this semester, since contracts don't actually end until the end of May.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Teaching Effectiveness: M. Moyer, Chair – No report.

College Curriculum Review Committee: Chair – No report.

College Research Committee: Chair – No report.

General Education Committee: L. Delaubell, Chair – No report

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: Chair – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- **Call for Nominations, Spring 2021** – Additional nominations were accepted from the floor in an effort to fill any remaining vacancies from the Spring 2021 call for nominations (*Please find document attached*).
- **SGA Resolution – Condemning the Requirement for Use of Prison Labor** (*Please find document attached*)
 - There were several senators that spoke in favor of the resolution and commended the SGA on their dedication and research
 - No objections; resolution endorsed
- **Joint Committee on Student Interests Resolution – Endorsement of a Syllabus Request System** (*Please find document attached*)
 - Suggested that the resolution be amended to include faculty member's consent
 - Discussion ensued; discussion and voting will carry over to next Senate meeting on 5/3/22, as time ran out
- **Joint Committee on Student Interests Resolution – Endorsement of Policy for Department Retention of Syllabi** (*Please find document attached*)
 - Discussion and voting will carry over to next Senate meeting on 5/3/22, as time ran out

X. New Business:

- **EPC Incomplete Grade Procedure** (*Please find document attached*)
 - Introduction will carry over to next Senate meeting on 5/3/22, as time ran out

XI. Announcements: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32PM on 4/19/22

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis