

Faculty Senate Minutes #6

November 17th, 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, 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, C. Widdall, B. Williams, J. Zhe-Heimerman

Members and Senators Absent: M. Fox, J. Hall, D. West

Guests: L. Lopez-Janove

I. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from November 3rd were approved by the Senate.

II. Chair's Report: G. Birren – Reported that when the Steering Committee met last week it was discussed that the Chat feature in WebEx would be re-opened to conduct voting, so that votes could be visible; senators will also be able to use the Chat feature to direct questions to G. Birren and/or C. Chatfield. The idea of a common hour was also discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting, where it was decided that an ad-hoc committee might be beneficial to have, as a means to research how common hours are conducted at other SUNY campuses; if anyone is interested in serving on the ad-hoc committee, please email G. Birren.

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 that students are currently in the process of returning home for the remainder of the semester to finish the Fall 2020 semester remotely; there are some students remaining on campus, due to extenuating circumstances.
- As a result of the SUNY-wide mandate, all of the 64 SUNY campuses will finish the Fall 2020 semester (following Thanksgiving) remotely, and will not return to in-person instruction any earlier than 2/1/21.
 - Working on a document that will be sent out within the next few weeks regarding how the college will be opening for the start of the Spring 2021 semester.
 - There will be no winter sports; spring sports will be determined by a task-force between the mayor of Cortland and SUNY
 - Classes in the spring are projected to be conducted at a rate of 31% in-person, and 69% online
 - When students return in the spring, they will either be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test, or they will be required to be tested by the campus upon returning to campus.
 - Admissions are currently down throughout all of SUNY, however, our campus has the least percentage of decline in admissions.
- There will more than likely be a 25% cut to our budget this year, due to COVID-19
- A revised academic calendar will be forthcoming from the Provost and his cabinet

VII. Policy Committee Reports

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

Academic Faculty Affairs Committee: A. Fitz-Gibbon, Chair – Reported that the AFAC is continuing to meet on a weekly basis, and that A. Fitz-Gibbon and the Provost are in the process of meeting with each department's personnel committees.

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

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 has appointed student representatives to all Faculty Senate committees.

VIII. Other Standing Committee Reports:

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

College Curriculum Review Committee: K. Polasek, Chair – Reported that the CCRC met this week, and are in the process of reviewing proposals.

College Research Committee: R. Vooris, Chair – No report.

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

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: C. Badurek (Fall sabbatical replacement), Chair – Reported that the GFEC has begun work on the charge 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*).
 - Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, representing Childhood/Early Child., Foundations & Social Advocacy for the 2020-2022 term: L. Lin
 - L. Lin's nomination was approved from the floor of the Senate.
- **UFS Resolution 186.01: Racial Equity and Social Justice Curriculum** – UFS' resolution regarding racial equity and social justice curriculum was voted on by the Senate. (*Please find document attached*).
 - Resolution: Endorsed
- **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 voted on by the Senate. (*Please find document attached*).
 - Resolution: Endorsed
- **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 voted on by the Senate. (*Please find document attached*).
 - Resolution: Endorsed

X. New Business:

- **EPC Minor and Concentration** – The EPC's proposal regarding a change in how minors can be achieved in connection to concentration and other major course work; this proposal stems from past policies that have deterred students from achieving a minor due to course work being applied to the minor and/or a concentration or other majors. Clarifying questions were asked (*Please find document attached*).
- **Essential Worker Resolution** – A resolution was introduced to the Senate by C. Chatfield regarding how the COVID 19 pandemic placed ever-expanding demands on the Student Health Services, Counseling Center, Residence Life and other campus offices. To protect the campus community, paid and volunteer staff were compelled to invest enormous effort above and beyond their usual responsibilities, and for those efforts, we express our deepest gratitude to those individuals (*Please find document attached*).
 - Resolution 2nd: R. Grantham; the resolution was then opened to the floor for discussion.

XI. Announcements:

- L. Lopez-Janove announced that she, C. Chatfield, and C. Ortega will be meeting tomorrow to discuss and begin work on the Diversity Award.
- L. Lopez-Janove also announced that there will be a campus climate report sent out to campus sometime in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:19 on 11/17/20

Minutes submitted by: Amy M. DeChellis