

The College Senate
MINUTES FOR THE MEEING OF December 7
Waterfront Café, Hunt Student Union, 3:00 P.M.

1. **Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Steve Garner, Chair**
2. **Approval of Minutes from November 2.** (Please note, on November 16 the College Senate yielded its meeting time to Dr. Larry Guzy, SPARC Chair, and Dr. David McFarland, SPARC Consultant, for the purpose of conducting a Strategic Planning Stakeholders' Conference.)

Rhea Nowak (Art) noted that the Gallery Talk was scheduled for December 2, not November 19.

Angeliki Kazas-Pontisakos (Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics) moved to amend the minutes from the General Education Assessment Proposal to remove M2 from the amended sentence that reads, "Information Management (IM) will be assessed every year within 33 percent of the non-strengthened campus based assessment courses chosen for assessment of that year's scheduled attributes (e.g., 1/3 of selected M2, N2/NL2, and S2 courses in 2009-2010)."

During discussion on this motion, however, it was discovered that Mr. Garner had inadvertently sent out two different copies of the November 2 meeting minutes. Because of this confusion, Mr. Garner asked if the approval of the minutes from November 2 could be postponed until the next senate meeting. A motion was made Kazas-Pontisakos and seconded by Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing and Information Systems) to postpone the discussion on the GEAC schedule and the November 2 minutes. The motion passed.

3. Announcements

- David Ring (Economics, Finance & Accounting) announced that the SUNY Oneonta team took third place in the district Economics Challenge, defeating Princeton, Cornell and Geneseo. He thanked SA for support. He also mentioned that the national championship winners had been coached by a College at Oneonta graduate.
- Patricia Francis (Institutional Assessment & Effectiveness) announced that GEAC submitted a proposal to revise the assessment schedule and the submitted schedule was approved.
- Jennifer Bueche (Human Ecology) invites the campus to join with Team SUNY Oneonta for the Heart Run and Walk which will take place February 13, 2010 at the Alumni Fieldhouse from 9 a.m. – noon. Call Laura Emmett (Finance & Administration) at ext. 3314 for forms.

- MaryLynn Bensen (Milne Library) announced that the library will be open for 108 continuous hours during finals week, December 12-16. Jazzman's is donating free cookies December 13-16.

4. Reports

A. College President: Nancy Kleniewski

The Guidelines for Academic Program Assessment were approved by the Cabinet.

Budget Picture: The recent mid-year reduction in the SUNY budget has resulted in a reduction of \$952,800 in current-year funding to the College, which we have addressed through a number of measures, which leave us with about a \$6 million cut over two years. To uphold the high-quality of teaching and learning that is central to our mission and our identity, we will continue several cost-saving actions in preparation for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

- **Travel limitations:** Travel will be limited to essential travel in support of the mission and operation of the College.
- **Conservation of heating fuel:** The temperature in our academic, residential, and service buildings will be lowered, whenever appropriate, to conserve fuel.
- **Increased sustainability efforts:** The College will continue to seek ways to conserve resources, and we welcome your suggestions.
- **Maintenance of vacant lines:** The College will continue to assess vacant lines as they become available.

Green initiatives have resulted in approximately \$20,000 in savings so far.

The President's Cabinet is attempting to identify approximately \$1.3 million savings. The President asks that the faculty and staff look carefully at cutting discretionary travel when possible.

Amanda Barone (Student Association) asked when the heat is going to be lowered. Dr. Kleniewski indicated that an energy management system is already in use. Dr. Hartmark (Finance & Administration) indicated that because of the computerized energy management system, lower temperatures should not be noticeable. David Ring (Economics, Finance & Accounting) indicated that students are complaining to him that their dorms are so hot that they have to keep their windows open.

B. Student Association President-Rick Heil

SA will be holding its annual Holiday Tea Thursday from 11am to 4pm, and SA still has "Senate Spotlight" slots open for any person or department who wishes to speak to the SA Senate this semester.

5. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee-Dr. Farro Lynd

- International Studies Major Changes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes in the International Studies Major. Motion made by Bryan Lowe (Sociology), seconded by Rick Heil (Student Association). Discussion: Michael M^cAvoy (Economics, Finance & Accounting) moved to make a friendly amendment to the major: remove BUSN 352 from the list of electives because it has not been taught in several years. Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing & Information Systems) seconded. Janet Day of Political Science is in agreement with this. Amendment passed. Main motion passed.
- Physical Education Wellness Minor Changes did not need Senate approval.

6. College Community Reports

Dr. Patty Francis (Institutional Assessment & Effectiveness), Dr. Steve Perry (Student Development) gave a Power Point presentation on the Student Opinion Survey. The power point will be available on the College Senate Web Site. A brief Q & A session followed the presentation.

7. New Business

None

8. Comments/Discussion

No comments or discussion

9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM

Motion to adjourn, Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing & Information Systems), second Amanda Barone. Passed.

