

The College Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of January 25
Craven Lounge, Morris Hall Complex, 3:00 PM

1) Meeting was called to order by Chair, Steve Garner at 3:09 p.m.

2) Approval of minutes of Dec 7 meeting

- a. Achim Koeddermann (Philosophy) moved to accept. Tim Welch (Communication Arts) seconded. Motion Passed.

3) Announcements

- a. Diane William (OAS) announced that Starbucks opened on Saturday in the Hunt College Union. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday – Friday and noon – 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- b. Richard Lee (English) announced that Brent Delanoy will speak as part of the Red Dragon Writer's Series on Thursday, January 28 at 7:30pm in the Center for Multicultural Experiences (Lee Hall).
- c. Rick Heil (Student Association) announced that the Presidents' and Treasurers' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. tonight and Thursday at the Hunt College Union. Also, the Club Expo is coming up.
- d. Kathy Meeker (Grants Development Office) announced that the Faculty Research Show will be held on February 12 from 2-5 p.m. in Morris Conference Center. As part of the Research Show, there will be a Breakfast Convivium where Jeffrey Barnett will be the speaker. Dr. Barnett is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta and is the recipient of the American Psychological Association's 2009 Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Independent Practice. More information is available at the Grants Development website.
- e. Eileen McClafferty (Academic Advisement) announced that Career Development and Academic Advisement will hold an Open House in their offices in Netzer on Friday, January 29 from 8:30 - 10 a.m.

4) Reports

- a. Presiding Officer, Steve Garner
 - i. The Senate secretary, Hurrem Yilmaz, had to resign for personal reasons. The College Senate would like to thank Hurrem for her efforts on behalf of all college faculty. We will not have a campus-wide election for the position, but we need a volunteer to be the senate secretary for the rest of the semester.
 - ii. A question about minutes from last meeting will be addressed under old business.

- iii. Senate elections are coming up in March-April. Please begin thinking about taking a leadership role. If you are interested in becoming the Chair of the College Senate, Associate Chair and/or other elected positions, you are welcome to discuss the job responsibilities with Steve.
- iv. We will deal with the faculty handbook this semester. Nancy Wolters (Academic Support) will meet with Steve Garner to discuss progress on the update.
- v. Despite budget cuts, Dr. Kleniewski will keep an eye on maintaining high quality.

b. College President, Dr. Kleniewski

- i. Governor's budget included the Higher Education Empowerment Act, which gives the SUNY Board of Trustees the authority to set and collect tuition without the money going back to state coffers. The act will also free us from onerous regulations. Please see president's website for more information.
- ii. Budget – we know that the \$1.3 million budget cut will continue into next year. Another cut is in the offing. We do not know specifics of how the cut will be distributed.
- iii. We are moving ahead with the strategic planning process. Please attend meetings and actively participate in shaping the future of the college.
- iv. Senate leadership has been very good in the two years she has been here, and she hopes that someone will step up and take the reins of the senate.
 - 1. Leah Bridgers (Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics) asked *with the Higher Education Empowerment Act, is it possible that different colleges could charge different tuition?* President Kleniewski replied that if this takes effect, the board will be able to make decisions by sector, by institution type, program, or other criteria.

c. Student Government, Rick Heil

- i. Many senate spotlight positions are available. Presentations are made on Tuesday nights, and speakers come in and talk about what their areas do. If you're interested in talking to the student senators, contact Rick: sa@oneonta.edu or 2785.

d. University Faculty Senator, Dr. Richard Lee

- i. A General Education revision was passed as expected by the SUNY Board of Trustees. University Faculty Senate (UFS) Plenary is not until this coming weekend. Please review documents on the UFS corner on the Senate website for information.
 1. On December 18, 2009, members of the UFS were notified that a revised policy on general education was being proposed by Chancellor Zimpher, to be voted on by the Board of Trustees at their January meeting. Despite objections voiced by two campuses, the proposal was supported by the UFS. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges opposed the new General Education rules because they didn't believe that campus governance was being done properly. The Board approved the resolution/revision on 1/19/10: changes go into effect 9/10 for all incoming students.
 2. Nothing has to change on our campus due to this revision unless we wish to do so: 30 semester hours of general education are still required, but students only need to complete 7 of 10 general education learning outcomes. Each campus can determine its own additional requirements for Gen Ed: the revision establishes a new "minimum." In fact, we were already doing more than what SUNY required. Our existing structure does not need to change unless we decide that it should change.
 3. Disciplinary groups are being established to determine which courses that are normally taught in the first two years can be "topically standardized." Be aware of notifications to departments that this decision-making process will begin soon. Please take a look at SUNY Brockport's system of different general education requirements depending on whether a student is admitted as a transfer student or freshman.
 4. Lee noted that another piece of the revised Gen Ed policy is that we (campuses, i.e.) will no longer be required to report to SUNY on General Education assessment. Patricia Francis (Institutional Assessment & Effectiveness) explained that we need to wait to see what SUNY will require. As requirements are removed, so too will resources.
 5. On Thursday 1/28 3:30-4:30, Richie will be in Jazzman's Café to discuss this issue for those who wish to do so.

ii. Questions

1. Achim Koeddermann (Philosophy) – *Why did only two schools dissent?* Richard Lee responded that he met with Ken O’Brien, who said that there was “muted support.” Lee had sent a letter expressing the reasons for SUNY Oneonta’s disagreement with the decision. In short, this change to General Education is tied to seamless articulation, so opposition was unlikely to have made a difference.
2. Koeddermann, *if we expect more in general education, do we put ourselves at a disadvantage?* Lee replied “yes,” in his opinion, because transfers are going to look for “efficient movement toward graduation.” The issues are both at the global at the college level and within disciplines.
3. Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing & Information Systems) it used to be that virtually all schools were opposed to this sort of thing. *How do we go about opposing this without causing problems for ourselves?* Lee recommends that department chairs and faculty need to work together with colleagues from other campuses.
4. Angeliki Kazas-Pontisakos (Mathematics, Computer Science & Statistics) *What is the motivation for the amendment in the first place? Can transfer students not complete 30 sh at the community college?* Lee replied that the former agreement was honored more in the breach than the observance: no policy existed to force students to complete Gen Ed within the first two years. The expectation was that students with two-year degrees (except for the A.A.S.) would have completed 7 of ten of the required silos of Gen Ed. The revision accepts as a given that which was the norm. However, students will now be able to double up within the seven (now) required silos as they complete the (still) required 30 s.h., leading to more students coming in with more courses in Gen Ed, which means we will have more students coming into advanced classes.
5. Janet Nepkie (Music) –Ten to twelve years ago, General Education was imposed on SUNY campuses by the trustees. UFS became involved with structuring General Education at that time. Our own campus already had a good system in place, and we didn’t have many changes to make. With this new system, students will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Nothing will be imposed on us, and we will have more autonomy.

e. No committee reports

5) Community Reports

a. SPARC – Larry Guzy

- i. The SPARC committee's goal is to complete a strategic plan that will be in place for 3-5 years. Check on the progress of SPARC on the campus website.
- ii. In April, SPARC will make a report to Senate.
- iii. Institutional Distinctiveness and Core Values reports have been posted to website.
- iv. Beginning Jan 27, SPARC will meet every other week to work on plan
- v. Feb 17 – there will be an open forum 3-5 in Morris Conference Center. From 3-4, Institutional Distinctiveness will be discussed by Patty Franics and Daniel Payne. From 4-5 p.m., Walter Wagor and Tracey Allen of the Governing Ideas Task Force will discuss mission and vision.
- vi. On March 17 and March 31 there are two more open forums planned.
- vii. Guzy will contact individuals on campus to discuss the strategic plan. Please make time to talk with him.

b. Missing Student Policy – Dr. Steven Perry

- i. Higher Education Opportunity Act required that we have a missing student policy with specific components.
- ii. We will report missing students to University Police who will launch an investigation as needed. UPD will work with Oneonta Police as needed.
- iii. Students will be given the option to identify a person who will be contacted in case they are found to be missing. Student Development has created a process with Residential Life to collect that information and identify contact person(s).
- iv. All resident students have been notified this spring. In future semesters, the information will be collected during the residence hall room selection process.

c. Bias Incident Protocol – Dr. Robin Nussbaum

- i. Reviewing the Bias Incident Protocol with the possibility of revising it. She invites Senators to provide feedback.
- ii. There is a survey at <https://aristotle.oneonta.edu/selectsurvey/> and enter survey ID 94Ml4n8 (the letter after M is a lower case L). A link to the survey is also on the Diversity website. Please go to the survey page, read the current policy and respond by Feb. 12. This information will also be in the Bulletin.

6) Old Business

- a. Approval of the November 2 minutes
 - i. Angeliki Kazas-Pontisakos (Mathematics, Computer Science & Statistics) – Please remove M2 that appeared in the sentence that was revised during the November 2 meeting because Mathematics is exempt from Information Management during SCBA assessment periods.
 - ii. Patty Francis (Institutional Assessment & Effectiveness) – M2 was included by mistake in the example that followed the statement. However, it is not important that M2 is in the example because it says “non-SCBA courses,” so M2 does not apply. However, we can’t just take out M2 because it was already sent to SUNY. She suggests that we change the example altogether.
 - iii. Patty Francis moved that we replace the wording after the example including M2... with “American History, Foreign Language, Other World Civ., Western Civilization in 2011-12.” Richard Lee (English) seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - iv. Rick Heil (Student Association) moved to approve minutes from November 2. Tim Welsh second. Approved.

7) New Business

- a. Senate Secretary
 - i. Todd Ellis (Earth Sciences) volunteered.
 - ii. Richard Lee (English) moved to approve Ellis as the secretary’s replacement. Rick Heil (Student Association) seconded. Passed.

8) Comments/Discussion

- a. None

9) Adjournment

- a. Richard Lee (English) moved to adjourn
- b. Brian Lowe (Sociology) seconded. Passed.