

## **The College Senate Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2010**

A regular meeting of the College Senate of the SUNY College at Oneonta was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Craven Lounge of Morris Hall on the SUNY College at Oneonta Campus.

Steve Garner, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

The minutes of the March 29, 2010 meeting were approved by a motion offered by Steven Walsh (Management, Marketing, and Information Systems) / William Walker (CGP).

### **Announcements**

Steven Garner (Presiding Officer) announced, on behalf of Kathy Meeker (Grant Development Office), that the Student Research Day will be on Thursday, April 22 in Hunt Union Ballroom and announced that there are 92 student presentations this year. Those wishing to make a reservation for lunch should contact Kathy.

Michelle Hendley (Library) The Library is planning a redesign of the website this summer, and is looking for website feedback from an anonymous, nine question survey available on the library webpage. On Tuesday, May 4, Prof. Leslie Diehl will read from her book "A Deadly Draught," in the Reading Room in Room 118 at 7 p.m.

Tim Newton (Music) announced that Catskill Choral Society is partnering with the SUNY Oneonta Chamber Singers and area on May 8-9 in the Hunt Union combining a concert of Ugandan field sounds. The composer will be on campus and presenting a talk that week. Posters with more details will be available in the coming weeks.

Larwrence Guzy (Psychology) announced that Malcolm Cohen, from NASA Ames Research Center, will be presenting on Space Exploration, on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in Craven Lounge. He also announced that Dr. Jeffrey Saal, an alumnus and renowned spinal surgeon, will be on campus April 26, 2010 at 1 p.m. in the Science I auditorium.

Roger Hecht (English) announced that on April 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm, Heidi Durrow would be presenting as part of the Red Dragon Reading Series in Lee Hall at the CME. He also announced that from 10:00-4:15 on Saturday, April 24, the New Critics Undergraduate Conference will be held on campus. From 4:30-5:30, the keynote speaker will be Brett Benjamin, who will discuss graduate studies at the University of Albany.

### **Presiding Officer's Report - Mr. Steve Garner**

Garner announced that the College Senate nomination process ended on Friday, April 16 and announced that the Business Committee would be sending out the ballots on Monday, April 26. The elections process will continue until Friday, April 30.

Orlando Legname, UFS, has resigned effective June 1, 2010. Dr. Richard Lee, Alternate UFS Officer has been doing an efficient job keeping us informed on SUNY Senate business and other up dates. The College Senate election process will determine a replacement to fill the remaining one year left on Orlando's current term.

Dr. Janet Day, convener of the Council of Chairs, has been discussing recent changes to SUNY General Education Requirement policy enacted by the Board of Trustees, including moving to a seven-silos system of attributes. Provost Larkin informed the Council of Chairs that SUNY Oneonta's policy ought to be determined by the teaching faculty. Day requested that the presiding officer call a campus-wide meeting of the teaching faculty to consider changes to campus policy next fall. Mr. Garner indicated that he would pass on this request to the next Chair of the College Senate.

### **College President's Report - President Nancy Kleniewski**

The SUNY Strategic Plan is available on the SUNY website, and it has been getting a great deal of press. This SUNY Strategic Plan is different than our strategic plan because it starts with the question "What can SUNY provide to the state?" The centerpiece of the SUNY plan is that SUNY is offered as the engine for the revitalization of the state economy. It is organized around 6 big ideas and there are areas of overlap with our strategic plan and it is good to see SUNY working as a system. The SUNY Strategic Plan is available on the SUNY website.

Kyle Hill (SA) asked President Kleniewski her opinion on what parts of the plan our campus would focus on. She felt that our engagement with the world, the community and either sustainability or the seamless education pipeline would be areas of focus under the SUNY-wide plan.

### **Student Association President - Mr. Rick Heil**

Heil announced that the SA finance board has finalized their budget proposal and that it will be voted on next week. Scholarship applications have surged thanks to the help of the faculty. Recipients will be selected in early May. Finally, SA elections have been completed and the slate of new officers was announced. Heil will serve another term as president.

### **Alternate University Faculty Senator - Dr. Richard Lee**

Lee announced that the Spring Plenary starts Thursday, April 22. Please send comments or questions to Dr. Lee. Lee also expressed thanks for Dr. Legname's tenure as the University Faculty Senator.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Curriculum Committee

Deborah Farro-Lynd (Chair, Curriculum Committee) presented a recommendation for changes to the Adolescence Education programs. Steve Walsh (Management, Marketing, and Information Systems)/Achim Koddermann (Philosophy) moved that the senate accept the recommended

changes. Farro-Lynd explained that the changes are to make the AE majors match the individual program majors that are connected to the Adolescence Education programs. The motion carried.

### **College Community Reports**

#### SPARC – Dr. Lawrence Guzy

Lawrence Guzy (Psychology) presented a resolution to the senate, which reads:

**WHEREAS** the proposed document “Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan 2010” reflects our College’s core values, institutional identity, and aspirations, and

**WHEREAS** the “Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan 2010” was developed through the collaborative efforts of the campus community with input from on-campus and off-campus constituencies, the College Senate, and the Strategic Planning and Resource Council, be it therefore

**RESOLVED** that the College Senate expresses its endorsement of “Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan 2010” as proposed by the Strategic Planning and Resource Council.

Brian Lowe (Sociology) seconded the motion. The previous question was called for by Steven Walsh (Management, Marketing, and Information Systems)/Tim Welch (Communication Arts). The motion carried. The main motion was then voted upon, and the motion carried.

#### Facilities – Mr. Thomas Rathbone

Rathbone presented a report outlining the specifics for this summer’s construction plans for the campus. Questions about the plan were entertained, including that we are not planning additional academic space, that we are planning to keep our buildings at LEED silver certification, that there are no plans to renovate Alumni Hall, and commented on the timeline for Fizzle rehabilitation (starting in 2011) and Science II (starting in 2013). **The report will be made available on the College Senate webpage.**

#### OAS – Mr. Oscar Oberkircher

Oberkircher presented a report on the Oneonta Auxiliary Services and their current and planned activities, including the new Starbucks, presentation-cooking kitchens in Mills Hall, and that dining rates will not increase next year. They will be offering an additional \$50,000 in scholarships next year, for a total \$273,000 in scholarships for total support to the college of over \$800,000. OAS is instituting a community garden at College Camp this summer as well, and is hoping to help Sodexo become even more sustainable in food and catering supplies.

### **Old Business**

Renee Walker (Anthropology), a candidate for Presiding Officer of the Faculty and Chair of the College Senate, presented a brief statement in support of her candidacy.

## **New Business**

Garner presented the name of Mark Rice (Student Development), who has been nominated for the Institutional Assessment Committee for a term ending in 2013. Craig Bielert (Psychology)/Rick Heil (SA) moved to approve the nomination. The motion carried.

Garner presented the name of Michael Koch (Philosophy), who has been nominated for the Academic Program Assessment Committee for a term ending in 2013. Rick Heil (SA)/Doug Schrader (Philosophy) moved to approve the nomination. The motion carried.

## **Comments/Discussion for the Good of the Order**

None reported

Brian Lowe (Sociology) / Rick Heil (SA) moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Todd Ellis, Acting Secretary