

**The College Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of March 1, 2010**

A regular meeting of the SUNY College at Oneonta College Senate was held on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Craven Lounge of Morris Hall on SUNY College at Oneonta Campus.

Steve Garner, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

The minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted by a motion offered by Tim Welch (Communication Arts) / Amy Crouse-Powers (Community Relations).

Announcements

Joseph Chang (Chemistry and Biochemistry) announced that the President's Council on Diversity will be hosting an art showing featuring the Tapestry of Diversity on March 5 from 10-1 in the lower level of the Milne Library.

Presiding Officer's Report - Mr. Steve Garner

Garner reminded the body that on March 15 the Senate has yielded its time to SPARC from 3-5 pm in Craven Lounge. Senators are especially invited to participate, though it is open to all faculty and staff.

Garner also announced timeline for College Senate elections. The call for nominations for committees and administration positions will be posted on March 29. Nominations will be open through April 16. The elections will be held from April 26-30. Michael Koch (Philosophy) asked if, in the event that there are multiple candidates, there be an opportunity for candidates to speak to the Senate as part of election process. Garner will look into it. Robert Compton (Political Science/ALS) asked if nominees would be asked to submit statements in support of their candidacies. Garner said this would be done.

Garner reported that the results of the SPARC elections from last semester have been posted on the College Senate web page in compliance with the resolution from February 8, 2010.

College President's Report - President Nancy Kleniewski

There was no report.

Student Association President - Mr. Rick Heil

SA sponsors seven scholarships each year, and application packets will be available this week. Please contact SA if you would like to keep some applications in your department office.

Heil also reminded the College Senate that if there is a need for student representation on a department committee, please contact SA if they have anyone who might fill that need as there are often students looking to get involved in campus governance.

Heil added his thanks to Steve Garner for speaking at the last SA Senate meeting.

Kyle Hill (Vice President of SA) reported that SUNY wide campus student associations are kicking off their “Spark SUNY” campaign with an event in Albany called SUNYpalooza on March 24. The purpose is to fight against SUNY budget cuts from the legislature. The SA asks faculty to excuse students from classes on that day to accommodate their travel and participation.

Alternate University Faculty Senator - Dr. Richard Lee

Copies of the Faculty Senate Bulletin were made available.

Committee Reports

No reports were given.

College Community Reports

Mr. Paul Adamo, Vice President for College Advancement, gave an informational report on the responsibilities and efforts of the Division of College Advancement, including Alumni Affairs, Grants Development, Center for Economic and Community Development, Fundraising and Development, and the Alumni Association and College Foundation. A complete report is available of the College Senate website. Highlights of the report included:

- Reporting that faculty and staff have given over \$54,000 to the Fund for Oneonta.
- Alumni donations made 2009 the strongest year for donations and we had the highest percentage of alumni giving among all of our SUNY peers.
- The endowment has done well and we have the third highest endowment per student of our SUNY peers.
- We gave 1,085 scholarships to students last year, over double the number given in 2001.
- The Fund for Science and Technology has added \$3.2 million and 17 new science scholarships.
- Scholarships are worth \$1200 per year on average, though total costs of attending school are over \$19,000, so there is desire to increase the size of scholarships in coming year.

Robert Compton (Political Science/ALS) asked how faculty could help. Adamo asked faculty to be welcoming to distinguished alumni back to campus with invites to speak in classes and in identifying students to meet with those alumni. He also suggested faculty participation on relevant committees as they come up. If College community members attend conferences or travel for other college-related business and are willing to meet with alumni or donors, Adamo asked that they please contact the Division of College Advancement to arrange these visits. Finally, he asked all employees to be annual donors to College philanthropic funds.

Old Business-Non reported

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New Business-None reported

Comments/Discussion for the Good of the Order-None reported

Tim Welch (Communication Arts) / Brian Lowe (Sociology) moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Dr. Todd Ellis, Acting Secretary