

The College Senate
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF November 2, 2009
Craven Lounge, 3:00 P.M.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Steve Garner, Chair

2. Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2009

Steve Garner noted a spelling error in Tim Hayes's name and also noted that Tim was the Chair of the IAC. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Dan Hylas (Student Association) and seconded by Bobby Zinke (Student Association). Motion passed.

3. Announcements

- A. William Walker (Cooperstown Graduate Program): 6th Annual Celebration of Teaching *Universe of Discovery* will take place on Thursday November 5, 2009 with roundtables 10 AM – 2 PM, Keynote Speaker Professor Candy Young 2:15 PM from Truman State University, and Poster Sessions 3:45 PM in Hunt Union.
- B. Rhea Nowak (Art): Faculty Exhibition opening November 19, 2009 on Thursday October 24, 2009 at 5-7 PM in Gallery Talks.
- C. Rick Heil (Student Association): Thanked for support of 2400 signatures on budget petitions and many calls.
Please announce in your class: There will be five scholarships, applications are accepted in SA office, Financial Aid, Academic Advisement, Student Accounts and Scholarship Offices.
Thanked for nominations for Campus Spotlight. They still have a few dates open this semester and all in next semester.
- D. Ibram Rogers (History): As part of the 2009-2010 Ralph R. Watkins Africana Studies Lecture Series, Harriett A. Washington will present "American Apartheid: Notes on US Medicine, History, Ethics, and Race" on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 7PM in the CME.
- E. Patty Francis (Associate Provost): Campus Climate Survey was sent out, please respond and encourage others to do so. The link will be in Bulletin every week.
- F. Timothy Newton (Music): Chamber Singers will perform at Yale University this week.

4. Reports

A. Presiding Officer- Steve Garner:

- Thanked college community for support. He appreciates the encouragement he has received from several faculty and staff.
- Reminder: Next Senate meeting (November 16) time will be given to SPARC. Senators are encouraged to attend any and all of the following SPARC meetings in the Craven Lounge: 2-3 PM Driving Forces, 3-4 PM Core Values, 4-5 PM Institutional Distinctiveness.
- Senate meeting on December 7 will be in the Hunt Union, Waterfront Café.

- E-mails were sent out to determine whether there are openings on any Senate committees. The Senate will hold mid-year elections to fill open vacancies.
- If you know of any policies the Senate has passed over the past few years that have not been approved by the administration, please bring these to Steve Garner's attention so he can look into their status.

B. College President: Nancy Kleniewski

- Budget: SUNY Presidential meeting is next week and we will have the exact dollar numbers then.
- Distance Learning Policy: is good in principle but needed fine tuning to be in line with other policies.
- Dr. Kleniewski and Adam Ryburn (former presiding officer) asked the Deans to investigate the feasibility of this policy and senators were sent an updated draft.
- Walter Wagon (Dean of Behavioral and Applied Science) reviewed policy. They operated under principles to ensure it adhered to other existing policies and laws. They expanded some areas and reorganized it. New policy will be implemented in spring 2010.
- Q&A session followed. In response to Leah Bridgers' (Math Computer Science and Statistics) question it was stated that any course, including current courses, offered in online format will require course change. In response to Achim Koeddermann's (Philosophy) comment and question regarding the "laundry list" like new section on Intellectual Property and consequences of forgetting something, Dean Wagon stated that the current statement is just a reorganization and Board of Trustees govern rights of Intellectual Property. Janet Nepkie (Music) asked the definition of "college approved training" and whether there will be a list of on and off campus venues of training. Dean Wagon stated that they tried to make the training venues as broad as possible and there may be a list in the future. In response to Nepkie's question Dean Wagon said that Dean's approval is needed for mode of course offering. Richard Lee (English), in follow up to Koeddermann, recommended that we include appendices that address the referenced policies so we can determine areas of risk and not refer blindly to undefined policies. William Walker (Cooperstown Graduate Program) suggested a parenthetical on fourth page referring to graduate students.
- Faculty Handbook review: Cabinet has been discussing the definition of an official college policy. Many things in the Handbook are not within campus control. The Handbook will be searchable on Web, changes should be traceable. A print copy will be provided to new faculty. Administration embraces the spirit of proposal but it is complicated. Nancy Walters will be in charge of the Handbook. Jonathan Sadow (English) asked about what the procedure for updating is. Kleniewski read policy section including the procedures and suggested that we need a new ad hoc committee to collect current policies that should be out there. Bill Wilkerson (Political Science) stated that there is no provision for Administration to treat Senate as consultative body. Kleniewski stated that policies are not always complete solutions. Wilkerson stated that not every policy comes through the Senate. Kleniewski said "they should".

C. Student Association President- Rick Heil:

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D. University Faculty Senator- Orlando Legname:

Presented 153rd Plenary SUNY IT

President's report - 3people from SUNY Oneonta will serve on steering committee. There are new hires; among them is David K. Lavalley as Interim Provost. Search will be initiated before Thanksgiving.

Resolutions – University Faculty Senate (UFS) supports the Chancellor in her work with the governor and the Legislature to minimize cuts. UFS endorses legislation requiring the baccalaureate degree for permanent registration for nurses. University Programs and Awards Committee recommends the re-institution of the Faculty Exchange Scholar program and restoration of its funding. UFS approves and endorses the Clarification of SUNY Policy on Student Mobility. UFS supports the Recommendation for Streamlining the SUNY Assessment Initiative. UFS Executive Committee confers upon Carl P. Wieszalis the Senator Emeritus Award and henceforth renames the UFS Fellow Award. Article III, Section E, Method of Elections was amended to add the following sentence at the end: The Teller's Report shall consist only of the name of the winner of the election, and exclude the vote count for each candidate.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

6. College Community Reports

A. Larry Guzy (SPARC): Final drafts will be created at Stakeholders' Conference in November 16, 2009 meeting. Five tables will be set up for brown bag lunch at 11 AM – 1:30 PM. Please attend and put your input. Please check Website and Bulletin for updates.

B. Steve Perry/Patty Francis - SUNY Student Opinion Survey- This presentation was postponed due to time concern.

7. New Business

A. Rescheduling General Education Assessment Proposal.

Motion moved by Amanda Barone and seconded by Achim Koeddermann (Philosophy). Brian Haley (Chair of GEAC) oversees assessment of General Education courses and facilitating process. They are recommending a different schedule than existing yearly assessment of courses. SUNY requires the assessment once every three years. They recommend that departments should be grouped to allow for a sequencing based on attributes that will relieve the maximum number of departments and programs from the need to assess more than once every three years. A friendly amendment was proposed as follows:

“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 (i.e: ***2011-12: American History, Foreign Language, Other World Civilizations, Western Civilization***) There was some discussion on the floor. Voted on motion as amended. Motion passed as amended unanimously.

8. Comments/Discussion

No comments or discussion.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Submitted by Hurrem Yilmaz, College Senate Secretary