

The College Senate
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF January 26, 2009
Craven Lounge, Morris Hall, 3:00 P.M.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by Adam Ryburn, Chair

3. Announcements

- A. Jim Greenberg (Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center): Computer Power Management Pilot Program will begin on February 2nd. As a first step towards a campus-wide implementation, the pilot test will begin in the Netzer Administration Building and will be carried out during the month of February.

4. Reports:

A. Presiding Officer – Adam Ryburn

- o Reminder to sign in at the beginning of each meeting.
- o Nominations for the IAC and the APAC will be accepted until Wednesday, January 28th at 5 p.m. Once nominations have been made, consultation with the appropriate Vice Presidents, the Provost, and the Steering Committee will take place and names of the nominees will be submitted to the College Senate at the February 9th meeting.
- o An announcement related to the GEAC will be made soon. The names of the nominees for the GEAC will be submitted to the College Senate once the faculty of the departments offering courses related to each attribute group decide upon the nominees. A meeting with the Business Committee was held to set up the nomination procedure and the call for nominations will go out tomorrow. The goal is to have the entire nomination and election process completed by the next College Senate meeting. If all goes as planned, the selection process for the assessment committee will be completed at the February 9th meeting.
- o Last year a survey was taken asking departments of the status of their Departmental Bylaws. The survey showed that some departments had recently undergone revisions to their bylaws and other departments are working on them. The survey also showed that some faculty are not aware of their departments bylaws or of the dates in which they were last reviewed. All departments are encouraged to take a look at the current bylaws their department has in place and as a department look to see if you feel any revisions should be made. Bylaws and other governing documents of their kind should be used to provide guidance to departments and should be changed if needed, but only if these changes are agreed upon by members of the departments. If help is needed in evaluating where to go or what to do with your current bylaws, contact Adam and he will provide you with the information. If your department wishes to have their bylaws published on the College Senate website contact Adam. The advantage to publishing your bylaws on the website is for the members of your department to have access to their bylaws at any time and to be able to view them at anytime as well. Departmental Bylaws can and should be posted on your own departmental website. This is strictly an option and if your department does not wish to do this, they do not have to.

B. President- Nancy Kleniewski

- o Very positive feedback has been received about the new electronic Bulletin. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. Special thanks was given to Mona Hughes, technical personnel, and Tom Horvath.
- o The Hometown Oneonta newspaper interviewed Dr. Kleniewski regarding the budget. The article may have lead us to believe that there were recent changes to the budget. There is no new information to share about the budget.
- o Carl Hayden, Chairman of the SUNY Board of Trustees, will be on campus February 10th at 11 a.m. in the Otsego Grill.
- o Dr. Kleniewski will be meeting with Dean McGowan and the newly formed student group, the Student Leadership Council.
- o Other commitments will prevent Dr. Kleniewski from being in attendance at the next College Senate meeting.

C. Student Association President- Dean McGowan

- The Student Association created a semi-annual report. A copy of the report is available to faculty at the sign in table in the back of the room.
 - Four new Student Association Senators have been elected. The newly elected are Kevin OBraskin, Steven Hunsberger, Helen Mullen, and Alex Ailleo.
 - The Student Association Budget and Inventory process is currently in progress. All student clubs have until February 18th to submit their budget requests.
 - Students for a Global Education is a newly recognized Student Association club.
- D. University Faculty Senator- Orlando Legname
- *SUNY and the Promise of Public Higher Education in America*: conference being held April 3rd – 5th on the University of Albany campus. Registration is due by March 3rd.
 - The Winter Plenary is scheduled for February 5th – 7th at Morrisville State College. If you know of items you would like discussed at the plenary, please forward them to me.
 - There has been no new information regarding the name of a new Chancellor.

5. Addresses from members of the College community

- A. Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing, and Info. Systems): The American Heart Association Heart Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, February 7th, 9 a.m. – Noon at the Alumni Field House.
- B. Oscar Oberkircher (Human Ecology): significant changes are going to be made to campus dining. Diane Williams, Executive Director of O.A.S, would be willing to come to a College Senate meeting to brief us on these changes.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum Committee – Deborah Farro-Lynd (Mathematics)
- Changes to Earth Sciences: motion to approve changes made by Al Sosa (Physical Education) and seconded by Achim Koeddermann (Philosophy). Motion passed.
 - Proposed International Development Studies Major: motion to approve changes made by Brian Lowe (Sociology) and seconded by Achim Koeddermann.
 - Discussion was held.
 - Several concerns were raised. One concern was over the use of the word “Development” in the title of the new major. Another concern was raised regarding the space availability in ACCT 100. Also, a concern was raised because ECON 261 is a course that has not been offered in recent semesters.
 - Motion made by Dean McGowan to refer proposal back to Curriculum Committee and Seconded by Stephen Walsh. Motion failed.
 - Motion passed.

7. Old Business

- A. Graduate Committee – Cynthia Falk (Cooperstown Graduate program)
- Graduate Student Academic Dismissal Policy (revised): Approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Distance Learning Policy (revised) – Brian Beitzel (Educational Psychology and Counseling)
- Eileen McClafferty (Academic Advisement) moved that the section on Transfer Credit be amended to the following: “For current students, credits from distance learning courses transferring into an Oneonta degree program are subject to approval by the Academic Advisement Center, and when necessary, consultation between the Academic Advisement Center and the department chair of the program.” Motion seconded by Achim Koeddermann. Motion passed.
 - Motion made to approve the Distance Learning Policy. Motion passed.

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by Deb Sperano, College Senate Secretary