

The College Senate
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF November 3, 2008
Craven Lounge, 3:00 P.M.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by Adam Ryburn, Chair

2. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2008

Motion to approve minutes by Dean McGowan (Student Association) and seconded by Tim Welch (Communication Arts) with no corrections.

3. Announcements

- A. Karen Brown (Admissions Office): Saturday, November 8, 2008 in the Alumni Field House, is an Admissions Open House. Nine hundred students and their families are expected and a change in the format of the open house has been made to accommodate this large crowd. All are welcome to participate.

4. Reports:

A. Presiding Officer – Adam Ryburn

- A thank you was given to all who attended the Red Dragon Rendezvous on Monday, October 27th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. A committee, consisting of Adam Ryburn, Cecilia Zapata, Jeanne Miller, Lisa Wenck, and Robb Thibault, was formed to coordinate these events. The next Red Dragon Rendezvous is scheduled for Monday, November 10th from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the International Lounge of the Hunt Union.
- Self nominations are now being accepted for vacant Faculty Committee positions. If interested in filling one or more of these positions please follow the link on the College Senate website. Nominations are restricted to Voting Faculty as defined by Article III of the Faculty Bylaws. The self nomination process will end on Wednesday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m. with elections commencing on Friday, November 14th and continuing through Friday, November 21st at 5:00 p.m. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Michelle Hendley of the Faculty Business Committee.
- Everyone was encouraged to discuss the Action Plan for Planning and Assessment that was presented by Patty Francis a few weeks ago. Please report any conclusions from your department or administrative units at the next College Senate meeting. The four standing committees charged with looking at the plan will be reporting at the November 17th meeting and we will hopefully have much discussion on this topic so we will be ready to take a vote on the endorsement of the plan at the December 8th College Senate meeting. All were encouraged to contact Patty Francis with any questions or clarification you might need. Patty is very willing to meet.

B. President – Nancy Kleniewski

- All are invited to participate in a brief survey, which will consist of seven questions that will help identify promising areas on which to build the College's future on. Your ideas will help guide the College through the revitalized strategic planning process in 2009. The survey will consist of seven questions that will help identify promising areas on which to build on. The survey results are completely confidential, and no identifying information will accompany the responses. The survey will be available for you to complete between November 5th and 10th.
- Still no information on the budget. However, we are getting closer and certainly there will be some information released by the end of the month and we will know how this will impact the campus.
- The goals of the Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion are in the process of being implemented and will be discussed during the Administrative Forum meeting that

is being held tomorrow. The meeting will focus on choosing the most urgent and feasible goals to implement this academic year, with the remaining goals to be worked on over the next two years.

- Voting poles open at 6 a.m. tomorrow. You are encouraged to exercise your right to vote.

C. Student Association President – Dean McGowan

- Mat Axelrod (Student Association) and Dean McGowan met with Oneonta Public Transit this week to discuss a variety of issues. Issues included creating a forth bus stop near the Health Center; timeliness of the buses; and communication and future endeavors. There was discussion of possibly having a clock installed at the Hunt Union bus stop to make sure OPT bus drivers are running on schedule. Discussion was also had about how the communication between the Student Association and Oneonta Public Transit must increase and not only have active communication when incidents arise. Investigation into increasing the bus contract to include other free and local buses, such as buses to the Southside and West end, is underway.
- Campus connection is up and running and now all students can sign in by using their Oneonta username and password. This will be advertised as soon as any kinks are worked out.
- Holiday Tea to be held on December 4th from 11:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the Hunt Union.

D. University Faculty Senator – Orlando Legname

- No report was given

5. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Research – Kathy Meeker (Grants Development)

- Application deadline for the Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity is Monday, November 10th at noon.

B. Committee on Instruction – Brian Beitzel (Educational Psychology & Counseling)

- The committee will be meeting with Patty Francis to talk about the Draft Action Plan for Planning and Assessment.

6. Old Business

A. Council of Chairs Resolution Regarding Faculty Handbook

- Discussion took place. There is still concern about the statement, “provisional work in progress.” Other concerns were raised and discussed.
- Motion to Call to Question made by Tom Horvath (Environmental Science) and seconded by John Relethford (Anthropology). Motion carried.
- Resolution failed.

7. New Business

A. Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee brought forth the Proposed Committee Structure for Action Plan for Planning and Assessment.
- Motion made by Steering Committee to discuss Part I and Part II separately and seconded by Paul French (Physics).
- Discussion was had and concerns were raised. One concern that was raised was the election versus the appointed process of members to these two committees. Another concern that was raised centered around the idea that the Action Plan should first be discussed and approved and then the focus should be on how to structure and choose committees.
- Motion made by Steven Gilbert (Psychology) to postpone decision on forming committees until the Action Plan for Planning and Assessment has been approved and seconded by Janet Nepkie (Music). Motion failed.

- Motion made by Dean McGowan to postpone until next meeting and seconded by Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing, and Information Systems). Motion carried.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Submitted by Deb Sperano, College Senate Secretary