

The College Senate
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF September 22, 2008
Craven Lounge, 3:00 P.M.

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

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Dr. Peter DiNardo.

2. Introductions around the room

3. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2008

With noted corrections, motion to approve minutes by Janet Nepkie (Music) and seconded Achim Koddermann (Philosophy). Motion carried.

4. Announcements

- A. Stephen Walsh (Management, Marketing, & Info. Systems): 5th Annual Celebration of Teaching is being held on Thursday, November 6th at 5p.m. in the Hunt College Union. Deadline for proposals is Monday, October 6th. Proposals can be made via the web at www.oneonta.edu/cot.
- B. Tom Horvath (Environmental Sciences): Thursday, October 23rd in the Hunt College Union, *Why Nuclear Power Will Not Address Climate Change*. Lecture given by Dr. Kristen Shrader-Frechette.
- C. William Walker (Cooperstown Graduate Program): Friday & Saturday, October 3 & 4 in Cooperstown; *Heritage: Past, Present, and Future* in celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Louis C. Jones

5. Reports:

- A. Presiding Officer – Adam Ryburn
 - o A goal of the College Senate is to present and to discuss issues that members then in turn take back to their respected departments to further discuss and come to conclusion on. This opportunity allows for a more effective way of conducting College Senate meetings and efficiently coming to conclusion on issues raised.
 - o Amendments to the Faculty Bylaws have been an on going topic of discussion in the College Senate. The results from some of the topics that have been discussed will be presented at the end of the semester.
 - o Roberts Rules of Order will be followed at College Senate meetings and I ask that you raise your hand to be recognized and please state your name as to help everyone to get to know one another.
- B. President – Nancy Kleniewski
 - o Applauded the establishment of the College Senate on the College at Oneonta campus.
 - o The four goals that President Kleniewski will use to move the College ahead are:
 - 1. Putting quality into everything we do
 - 2. Community partnership
 - 3. Global citizenship
 - 4. Sustainability
- C. Student Association President – Dean McGowan
 - o The Student Association is the governing body for the students. We handle representation for students on College wide committees and we are a liaison to the administration from students. We have a one million dollar budget that is used to budget all of the clubs, OPT bus, Dragon Safe Escorts, and free legal service.
 - o Over the summer we worked on Red Day (thanks to all faculty that participated); digitalized constitutions for student clubs; ordered office equipment due to the creation

of several new positions (College Operations, Campus Services, Pride and Tradition, External Affairs, and Communication and PR); made a commitment and are moving toward having Green Meetings and using less paper; ordered GPS.

- Thank you to all club advisors. Please know you can come to the SA with any concerns. You can contact us at SA@oneonta.edu or at ext. 2440.

D. University Faculty Senator – Orlando Legname

- Workshop being held on Monday, October 6, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. *How to Get Your Proposal Funded*. Held at the Buffalo Marriott and sponsored by The Research Foundation of the State University of New York and the University Faculty Senate. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Register with the SUNY Faculty Senate if interested in attending.
- Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has been passed. This act is to help strengthen the resources of colleges and universities to provide financial aid to students. This will also ask that colleges and universities develop plans to effectively combat the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material.
- SUNY Board of Trustees has submitted three chancellor candidates to the governor. The search is nearing its conclusion, but the Board of Trustees will ultimately decide.

6. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Grants Development- Kathy Meeker (Grants development Office)

- The Committee on Research is made up of five faculty/staff members elected by the Faculty-at-large and two student representatives designated by the Student Association. If you have questions, please feel welcome to contact any of the Committee members as listed on the College Senate website.
- Student Research day is scheduled for April 21, 2009 and will be held in the Hunt College Union.
- The College at Oneonta Foundation is sponsoring a Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity. An email containing the guidelines will be sent to faculty and students on October 1, 2008. The application deadline will be November 10, 2008.

7. New Business

A. Patty Francis (Associate Provost for Institutional Assessment & Effectiveness) gave a presentation to the College Senate on assessment. Her presentation and a copy of the Draft Action Plan for Planning and Assessment can be found on the College Senate website.

B. Appointment of Steering Committee:

The following individuals were nominated and appointed by acclamation to the following Steering Committee positions:

Bill Wilkerson – At-Large Teaching Faculty Member

Kathy Meeker – At-Large Professional Staff member

Tim Hayes – Assistant Faculty Senator

Joe Karpel – Student Association

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Submitted by Deb Sperano, College Senate Secretary