The second regular meeting of the 2010-2011 College Senate of the State University College at Oneonta was held on October 4, 2010 in the Morris Conference Center at 3:00 p.m. The Presiding Officer of the Faculty and the Secretary of the Faculty were both present and serving in their elected capacities for this meeting.

The minutes of both the May 3, 2010 regular meeting of the College Senate and the September 20, 2010 regular meeting of the College Senate were distributed before this meeting and were presented for approval. Both sets of minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consent and will be posted on the Senate website.

The report of the Presiding Officer of the Faculty, Renee Walker, was received and filed with the Secretary to be made available on the Senate webpage. She announced the upcoming Meeting of the Teaching Faculty for discussion of changes to General Education requirements and Seamless Articulation. It will be held on October 11, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Hunt Instructional Resource Center.

The report of the College President, Nancy Kleniewski, was received and filed with the Secretary to be made available on the Senate webpage. She discussed Cabinet efforts to evaluate positional vacancies in staff and faculty positions in hopes of saving faculty lines, and she announced the upcoming resignation of Dr. Leif Hartmark, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

The report of the Student Association President, Rick Heil, was received. He invited feedback from the faculty in regards to their view of Center for Academic Development and Enrichment (CADE) and how they utilize its services. Responses should be sent electronically to Mr. Heil at his sa@oneonta.edu email address.

The University Faculty Senator for the College, Richard Lee, had no report as the University Faculty Senate will meet toward the end of October. He invited questions and comments to be sent to him in person or electronically after the meeting.

The Faculty Committee on Instruction reported through its chairperson, Brian Beitzel, regarding upcoming proposals related to a redesign of how the campus evaluates teaching. He reported on efforts to develop a new instrument for student assessment called the Student Response to Faculty Instruction (SRFI). The committee presented the text of several motions to be presented at the next regular meeting of the College Senate on October 25, 2010, for Senators’ discussions with their committees. The report and text of the recommendations are available on the Senate webpage.

The Institutional Assessment Committee reported through its chairperson, Timothy Hayes, regarding the purpose of the IAC and its current activities with regards to program assessment. The report is available on the Senate webpage.
The Curriculum Committee reported through its chairperson, Deborah Farro-Lynd, regarding proposed changes to curriculum in the Adolescence Education majors in English, Mathematics, Social Science, French, Spanish, Family Consumer Science, and Social Studies.

Michael Koch (Philosophy) moved that the College Senate should:

*Change the requirement in the Adolescence Education: Social Studies program from GEOG 250 OR GEOG 260 to GEOG 230.*

The motion was carried.

Tom Horvath (Environmental Sciences) moved that the College Senate should:

*Please change the requirements in all of the Adolescence Education majors listed above from CSCI 100 OR 3 sh of the following: INTD 106, INTD 107, INTD 108, INTD 150 to EDUC 254 Integrating Technology into the Classroom: Middle and High School)*

*Note: The Adolescence Education majors listed above were: English, Mathematics, Social Studies, French, Spanish, and Family Consumer Science*

The motion was carried.

Al Sosa (Physical Education) moved the following:

*Whereas, OAS has contracted a commercial logging operation to harvest 617 or more trees in the college camp forest, and;*

*Whereas, the College Camp forest is being used extensively for instructional purposes for classes in the Biology, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Philosophy and Physical Education Departments as well as for recreational and social activities by faculty, students and staff, and;*

*Whereas, OAS failed to use any transparency in the development of the present logging plan, and;*

*Whereas, OAS failed to conduct any meetings with or seek input from the stakeholders from academic departments, student development, or the student government, and;*

*Whereas, OAS failed to provide any protection for or evaluation of the impact the logging would have in the infrastructure of trails and other facilities located in the forest by the felling and extraction process of harvesting the logs, and;*

*Whereas, OAS has failed to develop a long range plan for sustainability and health of the camp forest based on current and foreseeable educational and recreational uses of the camp, and;*
Whereas, The College Camp, infrastructure and physical facilities provide an extremely valuable asset to the College, its faculty, students and staff for instructional, recreational and social uses,

Be it resolved, that we recommend a moratorium on any and all planned logging activities until a comprehensive plan can be developed with input from all stakeholders and one or more non-commercial foresters on the best long range forest management practices that incorporate the Camp’s current and foreseeable uses.

Michael Koch (Philosophy) moved to amend the motion to add:

*We further recommend that the forest in College Camp be managed according to Forestry Sustainability Council standards.*

A divided vote being requested, the motion was carried by a 23-15 vote.

Tom Horvath (Environmental Sciences) moved to postpone consideration of the motion until the next regular meeting of the College Senate to be held on October 25. The motion carried.

Announcements for the Good of the Order were entertained from the floor. All announcements which are appropriate for inclusion in the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Todd Ellis
Secretary