Minutes of the College Senate of the State University of New York College at Oneonta
31 JANUARY 2011

Call to Order and Minutes
The sixth regular meeting of the 2010-2011 College Senate of the State University of New York, College at Oneonta was held on January 31, 2011 in the Morris Conference Center at 3:00 p.m. The Presiding Officer of the Faculty and the Alt. Secretary of the Faculty were both present and serving in their elected capacities for this meeting.

The minutes of the November 29, 2010 regular meeting of the College Senate were distributed before this meeting and were presented for approval. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent and will be posted on the Senate website.

Reports
The report of the Presiding Officer of the Faculty, Renee Walker, was then received. She welcomed everyone back to the new school term and expressed her thanks for the collective ideas that have and will continue to be shared. She requested that everyone review the distributed list of Senate members and send changes as needed. Dr. Walker announced that Eileen McClafferty was sitting in for Todd Ellis as secretary of the day and that Hilgrove Delancy will now be acting as the Senate’s Parliamentarian. She reminded everyone there are four months left and all standing committees of the Senate need to report to the Senate at least once a year. Please contact her to schedule presentations. All resolutions made and passed by the Senate were forwarded to the appropriate recipients and are posted on the Senate website. The website also contains tables that report and track all curricula changes, and a form for tracking all Senate actions. The replacement for the SPI (SRFI) was approved by the Senate and endorsed by the President, and is now in negotiation with UUP. The SPI will continue to be used for Spring 2011 courses. As Presiding Officer, she attended the University Faculty Senate meeting in Binghamton. She said she looked forward to a productive semester and thanked everyone for his work.

- Rhea Nowak asked what happened with logging at College Camp. Todd Forman responded that logging was delayed due to weather and personnel, but when it begins, Diane Williams will be coordinating with all courses so there will be no interruption or cancelling of arranged access and services.

The report of the College President, Nancy Kleniewski, was then received. She announced the new director of graduate studies, Patrick Mente, has arrived and his office is in the Continuing Education/Graduate Studies suite (135 Netzer). The new Institutional Assessment person will be joining Dr. Francis mid-February. And, the Institutional Assessment Office will be located on the third floor of Netzer. The President’s Conference Room is renamed the Executive Conference Room. Dr. Kleniewski reminded the Senate the Governor’s budget was to be announced the next day and a modest cut in SUNY was expected. SUNY has asked for increased support and a tuition increase. There is a rumor (just a rumor) of a possible hiring freeze, but what that means and whom it may affect is unknown. Lisa Wenck announced that all current searches are still under way.
The report of the Student Association vice-president, Evan Englander, was then received. He gave the report on behalf of the new SA president Eunique Martin who was present, but ill. Mr. Englander announced last semester’s SA president (R. Heil) had graduated and sent his regards. In terms of SA business, the SA was to vote the next day on an amendment restricting candidates for executive positions to those who would be serving a full year. Last, Winter Weekend was a success.

The report of the University Faculty Senator for the College, Richard Lee, was then received. His full report will be available on the Senate web site. The Chancellor’s report was candid. Things look grim budget-wise. Program cuts and eliminations will happen everywhere. On March 8, there will be a graduate research symposium in the Legislative Office Building. March 15 is the undergraduate student program. The Report on Best Practices in Student Leadership is available. Three keys issues were highlighted: college has an obligation to market itself (and the power of SUNY), there is tension between standardization and individualization, and the role of on-line delivery of courses (regionalization and collaboration). Last, there is a need to have a faculty-led Gen Ed Review Committee on campus.

Committee Reports
Beth Small of the Honors Advisory Committee presented the most recent ideas for the restructuring of the Honors Program. The full power point will be available on the Senate web site. The highlights include:

- Student/faculty agreements to change standard course offerings to honors enriched
- Required INTD Honors Seminar
- Change 27sh required credits to 21
- Have honors advisors
- Have honors events
- Selection and application: 3.5 GPA, 1250 SAT, 95 hs avg. Submit a writing sample for review. No resumes required.


Karen Brown encouraged the committee to consider streamlining the process and not making our highest achieving acceptances jump through hoops (submit a writing sample) to be accepted, but to consider academic achievement in general. April Harper suggested faculty members will need examples of how to change a regular course to an honors course. B. Small indicated the group is working on a concurrent enrollment application. P. Francis suggested the committee outline criteria and talk with the Registrar. J. Relethford asked if concurrent enrollment was allowed by SUNY. T. Horvath expressed the sciences are maxed and have difficulty offering honors sections. N. Kleniewski reminded the Senate that the Strategic Plan’s goal of strengthening teaching and learning has resources attached to it. A. Harper expressed the difficulty assigning instructor “credit” to INTD courses.

Debra Farro-Lynd (Chair) of the Curriculum Committee presented proposed changes to curricula:

- New Minor: Arabic and Islamic Studies – approved, unanimous.
- Changes: Sociology Major Liberal Arts Track, Sociology Major, Human Services Pre-Professional Track and Gerontology Major – approved, unanimous.
- Changes: Adolescent Education: Physics Major – approved, with one no vote.
- Changes: Childhood Ed with Biology Concentration – approved, unanimous.
- Motion: Internships – approved, unanimous.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business
Josh Hammond was unanimously approved as a new member of APAC.
Napoleon Tiapo and Sue Clemons were unanimously approved as new members of IAC.
William Proulx was unanimously approved as a new member on the Middle States Steering Committee.

College Community Reports
Craig Bielert asked if the 3.00 GPA requirement to be a TA needs to be set in stone. R. Walker informed him this would need to come before the Senate in the form of a motion. J. Nepkie suggested the Committee on Instruction may already be considering this.

Announcements
Amy Crouse-Powers announced February 16 is the first day students may apply for peer tutors with February 28 being the first scheduled tutoring appointment. CADE is working on group tutoring for the CWE.

Adjourn (T. Horvath moved) 4:30

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen McClafferty, secretary (sub for Todd Ellis)