

FACULTY SENATE*Minutes of April 30, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>

The 13th meeting of 2013-2014 was called to order at 12:10 pm by President William Faraclas.

Members Present/Absent (Members absent are designated in **bold**)

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	Ramon Vega de Jesus (Couns/Sch Psych)	Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
Joseph Manzella (Anthropology)	Jim Fullmer (Earth Science)	Lisa Vitale (World Literature Language)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance)	Leon Yacher (Geography)	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	Jim Dolan (Physics)	Jessica Kenty-Drane (Sociology)
(Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Nikos Chrissidis (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Byron Nakamura (History)	Mark Kuss (Music)	Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Chris Denhup (Nursing)	Kevin Colwell (Psychology)	Larry Nye (Theatre)
Derek Taylor (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Elsie Okobi (Library Science)	Lisa Rebesch (Nursing)	William Faraclas (President)	Susan Cusato (Past President)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Paul Petrie (English)	Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Deb Flynn (Public Health)	Elizabeth Keenan (UCF)
Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Jan Jones (Recreation/Leisure)	Chris Petto (Grad Council)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Rick Bassett (Management)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
Guests: Vara Neverow	Guests:	Sarah Green (Student Government)			

Approval of Minutes: April 23, 2014 - approved as distributedPresident's Report - the report was distributed and following items were highlighted:

- Announcement on the Faculty Retreat, co-sponsored by Faculty Senate and SCSU-AAUP, will take place on Friday, May 23 at 8:30-2:30. Location TBA.
- President Faraclas expressed his appreciation for their hard work to the members of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer Dr. Peter Madonia, and the Secretary Dr. Maria Diamantis.
- A summary of the status of resolutions approved by the Faculty Senate and presented to President Papazian for her approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Faculty Senate Resolution On the Restoration of the Original Implementation Plan for Faculty Creative Activity Funds, 2014-2015: Senator Pettigrew explained the history of this fund and presented the following dates/amounts:

<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
\$3,300	\$3000	\$2000 (max amount for 2 trips)	\$1,500
\$1100	\$1500	\$1,000	\$1,000 - 500

The carry over amounts for the same years, were:

\$50000+	\$50000+	\$105,000	?
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There was some discussion and a motion to close discussion was presented. It passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the presented resolution, passed unanimously.

- 2) Faculty Senate Resolution on the Restoration of Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant Funds, 2014-2015: Senator Pettigrew presented the history of the resolution and explained the need for the fringe benefits restoration, so that faculty can continue their research using the grant funds.

Some discussion occurred and a motion to close deliberations was accepted unanimously.

Motion to approve the presented resolution, passed unanimously.

- 3) Faculty Senate Resolution on the Incremental Increase of Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant Funds, 2014-2015: Senator Pettigrew presented the history of this resolution and the commitment of previous administration, which had defined that the funds will be increased by 1/10 or 1% of the budget every year. Last year's similar resolution was not honored due to budgetary issues. Some discussion occurred with the suggestion that the administration looks externally for grants that will compliment the FCARGF.

Motion to close debate was approved with no objection.

Motion to approve the presented resolution, passed unanimously.

- 4) Faculty Senate Resolution to alter recommendation language in Promotion and Tenure Committee's decision letters: after some discussion, it was suggested that if the numerical scores are removed, there has to be some explanation provided for the "no recommendation" decisions. Motion to close debate was accepted unanimously. Motion to accept resolution, passed by majority, 28 to 4.

- 5) Faculty Senate Resolution on the revisions of the Chairperson's Document: after much deliberations, the following amendment was suggested: *if there is a tie on the confirmation vote, an impasse shall be declared and impasse procedures shall begin.* The amendment was defeated by 12 to 18.

Motion to accept the resolution as originally presented was unanimously approved.

- 6) Faculty Senate Resolution on Student Opinion Survey (S.O.S.) - the current administered S.O.S. was designed as a temporary survey and it was supposed to be evaluated in 3 years. Since the evaluation was not completed in that time frame, the faculty was asked if they found it helpful as it is. Overwhelmingly responding faculty found the questions helpful. For most items the %of faculty responded were 80% or more with a few 60%. So, since the majority faculty found it acceptable, it is recommended that it is used this academic year and the next year. A Committee will examine it and revise it accordingly based on received comments. Motion to accept the resolution as presented was approved by majority of 27 to 3.

At this time, there was a motion to remove the 1:45 rule and continue business until 2 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

- 7) Faculty Senate Resolution on Faculty Parking at SCSU: based on the faculty survey, there were many responses and many concerns. A summary of the responses/concerns from 300 faculty was presented. An amendment was proposed:
"Whereas there are restricted parking spaces that are not individually signed."

"Be in resolved that all restricted parking spaces be signed individually with the proper restriction."

Motion to approve the amendment was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the main resolution as amended was accepted unanimously.

At this time, there was a motion to move to NEW BUSINESS and discuss the presented resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Faculty Senate Resolution on UCF Pilot Streamlining: Senator Petrie presented the resolution, which was crafted by the UCF Steering Committee. That committee had approved this resolution, on April 24, 2014. There was some discussion and a motion was called to approve the resolution as presented. The resolution was approved unanimously.
- 9) Faculty Senate Resolution on the Proposed Moving of the School of Health and Human Services to a Remote Campus: Senators Petrie and Pettigrew presented and discussed this resolution. There was no discussion and a motion to accept the resolution was approved by majority, 27 to 3.
- 10) Faculty Senate Resolution on Student Study Rooms and Library Space at Buley Library: Senators Collwell and Shea motioned to accept the resolution as presented by the Library Committee. Approved unanimously. During the discussion, concerns were raised that the administration has not responded to calls for action in the area of the Library rooms and space. Motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously. Another motion to present this resolution to President Papazian as Information Only.

At this time there was a call for a vote if we should hold a Special Faculty Senate Meeting next Wednesday to discuss the P&T overturns from this year.

Motion carried unanimously. The FS meeting will be held, all faculty will be invited to speak, room for the meeting will be announced.

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary