

FACULTY SENATE*Approved Minutes of November 4, 2015*

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The 5rd meeting of 2015-2016, was called to order at 12:12 pm by President William Faraclas.

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

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Tom Radice (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	Jim Fullmer (Earth Science)	Stephen Amerman (History)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	Kevin Colwell (Psychology)	Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre)
(Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Elsie Okobi (Library Science)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (President)	Jian Wu (WLL/Foreign Language)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty)	Deborah Flynn (Public Health)	Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language)
Ericka Barnes (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Mina Park (Management / MIS)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Scott Graves (Environmental and Marine Studies)	
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Scott Ellis (English)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)	Liz Keenan (UCF)
Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Jessica Kenty-Drane (Sociology)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
Guests:					

Approval of Minutes: The Senate Meeting of October 21, 2015 Minutes as presented by Senator Luke Eilderts, were approved as presented.

Announcements

- The undergraduate research award will award one for freshmen/sophomores and one for juniors/seniors of \$500. Faculty can contact the library staff if further information is needed. This is a brand new event.
- Last Friday the Journalism department held their annual High School Journalism Day. Many HS students participated and President Papazian and Dean Breese welcomed them to SCSU.
- Wednesday, 11/11, the Media Studies club and department are cosponsoring the Viral Video Festival, to be held in Farnham Program Space at 7:30 pm.

- On November 16, at 1 pm, there will be a piano recital from our very own Senators Irving and Stutzman at the Charles Garner Recital Hall (EN C 112).
- Tonight at 6-7 pm at the Adanti Student Center, the English department is sponsoring a lecture "Fugitive Slaves and Uncle Tom: the New Haven Connection". Reception starts at 5:15 pm.

President's Report - the report was distributed and will be posted at:

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2015-2016.html>

The following items were highlighted:

1. Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants. The University Grants Committee completed its review of 59 FCARG applications and provided Provost Bergeron with a ranked list of proposals - noting proposals were of very high quality. The FCARG fund will support 34 grants. A request was made to the Provost to fund five additional projects, but funds are not available. We thank the UGC for diligent and careful work reviewing FCARG applications and the Provost for seeking more funds.
2. BOR 2016 Faculty Awards - deadline extended to Friday, November 6 since there were no nominations. These awards are for teaching and research is for tenured/tenure-track Assistant and Associate Professors, and part-time teaching.
3. CSCU System strategic planning - President Faraclas has communicated with President Papazian and has inquired about the process at Southern.
4. Student Recruitment - Associate Vice President Terricita Sass invites faculty who wish to assist with recruitment and outreach activities to attend training sessions on Tuesday, Nov 10, at 3:30-4:30 in ASC 311, and Wednesday, Nov 18, at 2-3 pm in ASC 312.
5. President Faraclas asked all senators to check and revise if needed, the list of standing committees of the Senate (in the back of the President's Report). Any errors/edits should be given to Secretary Diamantis.
6. Proposed FS Statement on Contract Proposals of the Board of Regents for Higher Education - the document was distributed earlier and a motion was made and seconded, to approve the Statement. Discussion commenced.

After some discussion a motion was made, and seconded, for an amendment, to delete "...more courses with part-time instructors.." and replace it with "...fewer courses with tenure track faculty, ..."

Motion to close debate on the amendment failed, since it did not meet the 2/3 of total attendance.

Debate continued and a 2nd amendment was seconded: "... students would be subject to taking fewer courses with full professors..."

A motion to close debate on the 2nd amendment was recorded. There were no objections to closing debate. A motion to accept the 2nd amendment was seconded and approved with one objection.

A new amendment was recorded to include a statement on advising: "... students would be subject to taking fewer courses with full time professors and receiving less mentoring from full time professors, ...".

A motion to accept the advising statement was approved with one objection.

A motion to delete "...either intentionally or incidentally, ..." was made and seconded. After a short discussion the amendment was approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the FS Statement On Contract Proposals as amended, was approved unanimously.

This FS Statement will be distributed to BOR, Governor's office, legislators in CT General Assembly's Education Committee, all faculty in SCSU, faculty at CSU sister universities, AAUP, and interested media.

The Executive Committee will discuss further.

Standing Committees Updates:

- **Personnel Policy** - Senator Shea reported that the committee is proceeding with the revisions on the DEC document.
- **Rules** - Senator O'Brien reported that the finalized responses to chairs' document are completed and the committee is reaching out to Provost for discussion prior to senate's discussion.

Senator O'Brien also introduced the Resolution Regarding Filling All-University Committee Seats. He also summarized the current process and the reason for the proposed resolution, which will give alternative steps to the committee seats.

This resolution will supersede the LEPC and other committees to appoint members as needed, according to their constitution.

An amendment was proposed: "... seats are filled for one year as per the resolution". The amendment was seconded and lengthy discussion occurred.

Voting on the amendment to run the elections as per the resolution for 1 year. In favor: 20. Opposed: 12. The amendment carried.

The discussion on the main motion as amended continued.

There was a motion to amend the resolution as: "motion to grant LEPC an exemption and allow the LEPC to follow their bylaws".

At this time, a motion to extend the 1:45 rule was seconded and approved by majority. Discussion on the new amendment continued.

The amendment was reworded as: "the LEPC will follow its bylaws and extend the option to any other university wide committees to apply for such exemption." It was seconded and debate continued.

At this time, a motion was made to postpone the discussion on this resolution. Motion was seconded and approved by 16 to 13. The resolution will be discussed at the beginning of the next meeting.

- **Academic Policy** - Senator Pettigrew explained that the presented resolution on the *Grade Replacement Policy* was a resolution already approved by the Senate but a language change was necessary to clarify the process.

There was a motion to approve the edited resolution and seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary