

FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of November 18, 2015

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The 6rd 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 (World Literature 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: Jaye Bailey					

Approval of Minutes: The Senate Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015 were approved as amended.

Announcements

- There was a handout for announcing the Action Alert rally, which will take place of Friday, December 3 at 9:30 am at the BOR offices, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford. There will be buses leaving from each campus; contact SCSU's AAUP office to confirm your seat on the bus
- The Graduate Council is offering a workshop on curriculum writing issues next Monday at 2 pm in the CONN Hall, Seminar Room.

President's Report - the full report can be found on the Senate's website:

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

After the distribution of the report, President Faraclas highlighted the following items:

1. All senators were encouraged to participate in the December 3rd rally at the BOR office in Hartford. Buses are available from SCSU.
2. President Papazian requested that the Senate forwards a name of a faculty to serve on the CSCU's strategic planning committee. There were no volunteers at this moment and the Executive Committee will solicit such volunteer
3. President Faraclas met with Provost Bette Bergeron:
 - a. The Strategic Planning Implementation committee membership has been determined. Members of the faculty will be appointed, not selected by the faculty as its representatives. The committee is going forward without our input.
 - b. In a meeting with President Papazian to discuss School of Graduate Studies issues, there was strong support for allocating graduate assistant positions early enough to allow them to be used in student recruitment.
 - c. There was no update on the work of the Workload Realignment Working Group.
4. Re-establishment of Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Creative Activity Funds. The Executive Committee decided to ask the original faculty members of the ad hoc committee, joined by members of the University Grants Committee, to explore issues related to the Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant program, including: electronic submission of applications; provision of feedback to applicants; options for receiving the stipend when funds are used for materials, equipment and supplies (e.g., non-taxable spending account); destination, disposition, review and implications of final reports submitted by awardees. Constitution of the new ad hoc committee is underway. The members so far are: Dr. Aaron Clark, Dr. Marie McDaniel, Dr. Paul Petrie, and Dr. David Pettigrew. At the current moment no one volunteered for this committee.
5. Report from the Ad hoc committee on Department Guidelines will be forthcoming.
6. Faculty Forum on Intellectual Property - President Faraclas asked for feedback on the FS sponsoring a faculty forum on the topic and inviting an attorney on this field to offer the session. Attorney Gabriel R. W. Goldman, with Burns and Levinson, LLC in Boston is considered to address the faculty if there is such support. At this moment, there was general support to go forward with this session.
7. School Health Education - Dr. Doris Marino, Coordinator of the master's degree program in School Health Education, presented the background information of her letter to President Papazian as a protest to the order by the Interim Dean of Health and Human Services to suspend admission of students into the program. She explained that the program exists for 19 years and last year the program received national accreditation for seven years and the program approved by the graduate council for three years. After lengthy discussion of the process and the terminology of suspension vs termination, there was a motion to approve the following resolution: to suspend any action on the program's enrollment until proper review/process is followed with faculty input. The motion was seconded and discussion continued. There was a suggested amendment: "there has been no shared governance in the process and it is not in the interest of students, for School Health Education and other such program situations".

Motion to accept the amendment: passed by majority.

Motion to close debate, no objections, thus the debate ended.

Motion to approve the main motion as amended: failed by majority.

New motion for the following resolution, which will be crafted with Whereas statements by the Faculty EC stating: "the suspension of accepting new students to the School Health Education program is unilateral and does not respect shared governance of sections 5.18 and 5.20 of the CBA. The Faculty Senate demands that the administration reverse its decision and begin accepting students again immediately. If School Health Education or any program is considered for suspension, discontinuance or termination, the Faculty Senate demands a full study as required by the CBA be empaneled."

This motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The EC will reformat this resolution with appropriate format and bring forward for signatures immediately.

Standing Committees Updates:

- Rules - Senator Wes O'Brien took the floor to continue discussion on the resolution that was tabled from the last Senate meeting. Which is, "The Resolution of Filling All-University Committee Seats". The originally proposed resolution was:

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence; and

Whereas, the SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty; and

Whereas, within the context of shared governance faculty participation furthers such excellence; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate is charged with maintaining and filling All-University committees; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate strives to maintain active participation within All-University Committees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That following the results of All-University Committee elections, a second call for self-nominations for unfilled positions shall take place during the first two weeks of the fall semester; and

Resolved, That department chairpersons shall be notified that after the second round of elections, any remaining vacant seats will be filled with at-large faculty members; and

Resolved, That immediately after the second-round election results, a third call for self-nominations shall be issued, and in the third round of elections, all seats remaining open will be filled at-large, with all school-affiliation restrictions removed.

At this time there was a motion to remove the 1:45 rule and it was approved unanimously.

The discussion continued on the 1st amendment of the motion, that is: "the seats are filled for a term of one year".

As discussion continued another, 2nd, amendment was recorded: "to grant the Liberal Education Program Committee an exemption and allow the LEPC to follow its bylaws for filling seats." Amendment was seconded and discussion continued.

On continuing the discussion there was another, 3rd, amendment introduced: "the LEPC will follow its bylaws and the option will be extended to other committees to apply for such exemption". The current amendment was seconded and discussion continued.

Motion to close debate on the 3rd amendment passed, no objections. Motion to accept the 3rd amendment was seconded and it failed by majority.

Discussion on the 2nd amendment continued. Motion to close debate passed, no objections. Motion to accept 2nd amendment was seconded and this amendment failed by majority.

Discussion on the 1st amendment continued. Motion to close debate, passed, no objections. Motion to accept 1st amendment was seconded and this amendment was approved by majority.

Motion to accept the amended main motion, carried by majority.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary