

# Southern Connecticut State University

## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes of February 8, 2012

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The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of 2011-2012 was called to order at 12:15 pm by President Susan Cusato.

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

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	<b>Sue Clerc (Library Services)</b>	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Susan Cusato (Science Ed/Env Stud)
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Susan Calahan (Exercise Science)	<b>Rick Bassett (Management)</b>	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Dana Schneider (Social Work)
Jeff Slomba (Art)	<b>Tom Fleming (Earth Science)</b>	Resha Cardone (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
Terrence Lavin (Art)	<b>James Thorson (Econ/Finance)</b>	<b>Lisa Vitale (WLL/Foreign Language)</b>	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Jon Bloch (Sociology)
<b>Meghan Brown (Athletics)</b>	Maria Diamantis (Education)	<b>Patrick Heidkamp (Geography)</b>	<b>Cynthia Gubitose (Mathematics)</b>	Jim Dolan (Physics)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Jane Feng (Biology)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Marie McDaniel (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	<b>Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)</b>	Ruth Eren (Special Ed/Reading)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Ginny Metaxas (History)	Terese Gemme (Music)	<b>Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)</b>	<b>Kaia Monroe (Theatre)</b>
Annette Madlock-Gatison (Communication)	Judy Tarbox (English)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Leslie Neal-Boylan (Nursing)	<b>Cheryl Durwin (Psychology)</b>	Marty Hartog (UCF)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Elsie Okobi (Library Science)</b>	Barbara Aronson (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	James Thorson (Grad Council)
Herv Podnar (Computer Science)	Paul Petrie (English)	Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Jan Jones (Recreation/Leisure)	

Approval of Minutes: Senate Minutes of January 25, 2012 were approved unanimously as submitted.

### Announcements:

- Government Malloy's presentation that HE has saved the state some money as well as his educational reform proposal.

President's Report. President Cusato distributed a handout. The following items were discussed further.

- March 28, Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Meotti will visit the Senate.
- Faculty, staff and others met with President Papazian, BOR President Kennedy and chairman of the BOR Trustees, Lou Robinson. Participants left the meeting with a positive outlook and felt as the communication will be open and welcomed.
- Final grades for Spring 2012 are due Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Senators were urged to announce to their departments.
- An announcement should go out from the registrar's about the dates for (a) final grades dates and (b) midterm grades. Some concerns on calendar dates not considering the public schools' calendars that impact negatively the student teaching/internship programs. Reading day for this semester is on a Saturday, May 5, 2012.
- Invitation to attend AAUP National Conference at CUNY Graduate Center in NYC on April 1-3, 2012. Any interested senators should notify Linda Cunningham and Michael Shea.
- Spring Enrollment Management - New SAP Policy in Financial Aid - SCSU will be audited (first time since 1996) and the site visit is scheduled for the end of February. (a) 2.0 GPA must be maintained for financial aid to continue; (b) students must earn credit for 67% of the courses registered for; (c) summer and transfer courses are counted.
- Gloria Lee is the new director of Financial Aid.
- Faculty needs to volunteer for SAP assistance to review student appeals. The expected number of appeals for review is about 600-700. Chris Piscitelli is urging faculty involvement.
- Lengthy discussion on the inability to have access to computer classrooms for one time usage, such as demonstrations and comprehensive exams. Also great concerns in the lack of support to have lap tops available for our students in classroom setting.
- Concern also was raised in the lack of access to specific software necessary for some programs. Example from accounting where the students need to have access to special software, which needs to be updated yearly. The software is too costly for individual students to purchase yet it is crucial for students to use in order to receive their appropriate education.
- Drobish although he is working alone at this time on the schedule of classes, he is doing a great job.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

- Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution -- Lengthy discussion on the revisions. No action was taken due to lack of time. Discussion on revisions will continue at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Maria Diamantis  
Faculty Senate Secretary