

# Southern Connecticut State University

## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes of January 25, 2012

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The 8<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)	Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Sue Clerc (Library Services)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Susan Cusato (Science Ed/Env Stud)
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Susan Calahan (Exercise Science)	Rick Bassett (Management)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Dana Schneider (Social Work)
Jeff Slomba (Art)	Tom Fleming (Earth Science)	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>	Lisa Vitale (WLL/Foreign Language)	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Jon Bloch (Sociology)
Meghan Brown (Athletics)	Maria Diamantis (Education)	Patrick Heidkamp (Geography)	Cynthia Gubitose (Mathematics)	<b>Jim Dolan (Physics)</b>	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Jane Feng (Biology)	<b>Beena Achhpal (Education)</b>	Marie McDaniel (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	<b>Ruth Eren (Special Ed/Reading)</b>
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Ginny Metaxas (History)	<b>Terese Gemme (Music)</b>	Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)	<b>Kaia Monroe (Theatre)</b>
Annette Madlock-Gatison (Communication)	Judy Tarbox (English)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Leslie Neal-Boylan (Nursing)	Cheryl Durwin (Psychology)	Marty Hartog (UCF)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Elsie Okobi (Library Science)</b>	<b>Barbara Aronson (Nursing)</b>	William Faraclas (Public Health)	<b>James Thorson (Grad Council)</b>
Herv Podnar (Computer Science)	Paul Petrie (English)	Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	<b>Jan Jones (Recreation/Leisure)</b>	

Approval of Minutes: Senate Minutes of December 7, 2011 were approved as submitted.

### Announcements:

- Senators were urged to send any book orders for the library. Orders have to be submitted by February, senators are urged to contact their library representative.

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

- Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Meotti will be rescheduling their visit to the Senate.
- Spring 2012 Final grades will be due on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Three resolutions were submitted to Interim President Battle but were not signed (approved or disapproved): F-11-03: Proposed Policy on Student Course Attendance; F-11-04 Resolution on Interpretation and Application of Consultation in the Spirit of Shared Governance; F11-05: Resolution for Moratorium on Department Consolidation and/or Restructuring.
- Couple concerns were raised about the summer schedule. Senators were urged to please talk to Mike Shea.
- Also any concern on spring registrations, please contact your dean, the provost, and Kim Laing immediately.
- Question was raised of a possible new SCSU CIO. Senate will need to be clarify this change.

The new SCSU president will be visiting Southern tomorrow and will be meeting with some faculty and staff representing all schools.

### OLD BUSINESS:

All approved resolutions were presented to the president but he didn't wish to sign them.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Standing Committee Reports:

- Student Policy - Senator Madonia - The Senate approved resolution on academic honesty was not accepted and after a meeting with Provost Kennedy the committee is re-writing the policy. Deans wished to have more input in the process. The committee hopes to get it to the senate early this semester after Provost Kennedy discusses this with the deans.
- Technology - Senator Tarbox -- The technology survey will remain "live" until February and President Cusato will email faculty to remind them of the survey. Wendy Chang was forming another technology committee and was asking for senate members. Judy will try to find out what is happening. Question on the size of the emails' memory. Many senators complained that their emails are full. In addition, many concerns were raised as departments are given new computers without any assistance to back up their data or for the lack of

providing any assistance. Much frustration from faculty who are in classes with carts when equipment doesn't work and work orders don't represent correct issues. Frustration is evident about technology issues and lack of support.

- Academic Policy - Senator Bloch - although the senate approved the new grade appeal policy at end last semester, he met with Marianne and the dean's council to discuss their concerns. Deans wish to be more involved in the process. Jon suggested that they bring their comments forward to the committee once they have reviewed the given document. Transfer credits document is still at work. Committee will also examine the BS and AS degree requirements.
  - Elections - Senator Rothbard - We held three emergency elections and we still have an issue on getting enough members elected on committees, more specifically in the P & T and FASP committees. We need to encourage more faculty to run for committees. Some suggestions: should we have more alternates? Should we allow departments who don't have faculty going for P & T to serve as alternates? Certainly the retirement of faculty the last couple years have a) made us lose faculty who were serving b) less available faculty to serve.
  - Finance - Senator Gubitose --- no money for refreshments.
  - Personnel Policy - Senator Bessenoff --- working on the P and T guidelines as well as the sabbatical document. Committee discusses different issues such as recusal policy on P and T. Scholarship/research reassigned time for next year is unclear. Deans might have suspended the process.
  - Rules - Senator O'Brien --- The Faculty Senate Constitution document was reviewed and revised. Final copy will be examined next week and presented to senate in two weeks.
- ❖ UCF Update --- Dr. Hartog presented the document to Provost for dropping the 12 credits (SOE and Nursing) for the current LEP transition period of the two implementation years. Hoping that EDU and Nursing will be looking into their programs and make appropriate modifications to assist students in their education. Example was the 9 credits of PSY for the EDU students. LEPC approved the support from the administration on the implementation of the LEP, example the foreign language and not enough sections to assist students to complete. Marty will investigate the ramifications of this to students who are already in a program and if they can do it retroactively. The program revision from CMD to the provost's office for a competitive undergraduate admissions process due to limited spots, was not agreeable by the interim Provost and didn't sign the program revision although it was approved by all previous bodies. This raised many concerns.

Suggestion was made that Ilene Crawford should be invited on a monthly basis for updates on academic issues from the Board of Regents.

- ❖ Graduate Council Update --- no report
- ❖ FASP / USPaRC Update --- FASP 's topics of discussion:
  - the increase of creative activity funds from 1/1th of 1/100 to 2/10ths of the budget, thus doubling it.
  - Quality and integrity of the programs, such as class size.

Quick announcement: Senator O'Brien: the decision to stop printing catalogues is considered seriously. Questions were raised: would a printed on line copy be updated yearly? Would there be some type of archiving of catalogues? Further discussion is needed.

Motion to adjourn at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Maria Diamantis  
Faculty Senate Secretary