

*Southern Connecticut State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of March 7, 2012*

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The 11th 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)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Susan Cusato (Science Ed/Env Stud)
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Susan Calahan (Exercise Science)	Rick Bassett (Management)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Dana Schneider (Social Work)
Jeff Slomba (Art)	Tom Fleming (Earth Science)	Resha Cardone (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
Terrence Lavin (Art)	James Thorson (Econ/Finance)	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)	Jim Dolan (Physics)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Jane Feng (Biology)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Marie McDaniel (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	Ruth Eren (Special Ed/Reading)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Ginny Metaxas (History)	Terese Gemme (Music)	Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)	Kaia Monroe (Theatre)
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)	Elsie Okobi (Library Science)	Barbara Aronson (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	James Thorson (Grad Council)
Herv Podnar (Computer Science)	Paul Petrie (English)	Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Jan Jones (Recreation/Leisure)	

Approval of Minutes: Senate Minutes of February 22, 2012 were approved as submitted. One abstention.

Announcements -- this week is Open Education week - visit the web exhibit on library's web site.

President's Report - - the report was distributed along with the Spring 2012 Registrations summary report. The following highlights were discussed:

- March 28, 2012, Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Meotti will be visiting the Senate.
- Graduate enrollment is really declining for a couple years. Schools of A & S and EDU have dropped the most.
- Some discussion on the issue of representatives from the deans' cabinet attending the next Senate meeting when Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Meotti will be visiting. The Senate wishes to meet with them alone as this is the only opportunity Senators have at this time. Next semester maybe we can combine such meetings with representatives from the administration attending our Senate meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution - Senator O'Brien addressed some concerns raised at the last Senate meeting and then addressed the revised document. The committee has deliberated heavily on the revisions. The Sense of the Senate to revise the language on the "ex-officio": 16 senators supported the change (ie. to strike ex-officio); 9 senators did not support the change.

The senators discussed the revisions on the referendum, but due to time limitations, there was no action taken.

No further action was taken from Old Business or New Business. No Committee reports.

Motion to adjourn at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary