

Southern Connecticut State University

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes of February 22, 2012

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The 10th 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 8, 2012 were approved as submitted. One abstention.

Guest: Dr. Ilene Crawford - Southern's Faculty Advisory Board representative for the Board of Regents. Ilene (English professor) solicited feedback on the Transfer and Articulation proposal. The next BofR meeting is on Wednesday, March 7 but she needs to submit comments/concerns by this Friday. She is one of the faculty representatives on the faculty advisory board which is composed of 7 members (3 from community colleges, one from Charter Oak and 3 from the 4-year colleges). There was a long discussion with concerns on the articulation agreement and if it focuses on core curriculum or not. What impact will it have on the higher level courses; what impact will it have on curriculum from the 2-year college and CSU; how will the curriculum be mapped across the colleges and universities; consistency on competencies and faculty teaching those courses - adjunct vs full time faculty; the right preparation of students to continue classes at SCSU and finish their degree on a timely fashion; the 2-year colleges prepare different student population than SCSU; great concerns on the W courses and level of preparation in the composition area. Dr. Crawford invited further comments/concerns through email to her: crawfordI1@southernct.edu.

Announcements

March 6 at 2 pm - faculty training for library resources

The Latin Film Festival is on with movies from Latin America

Chapter AAUP meeting tomorrow at 11:30-1pm in ASC - theater

There will be a Summit meeting of the four CSU presidents, AAUP presidents, and curriculum faculty leaders before the March BofR meeting.

CIO update: a group of faculty met with Ken Spelke, the new SCSU CIO and the CIO that President Papazian brought from Lehman to evaluate the technology status of SCSU. The report will be forthcoming.

President's Report - President Cusato distributed her report and the following items were highlighted:

- ✓ Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Meotti have rescheduled their visit to the Senate for March 28th.
- ✓ Presidential Dialogues are scheduled for spring 2012:
 - Monday, March 26, @ 1 pm (location to be announced)
 - Tuesday, May 1, @ 12:30 pm in the ASC Ballroom
- ✓ Senate breakfasts with the president are scheduled at 9:30 am, on Monday, March 5; Thursday, April 5; and Wednesday, May 2.

- ✓ SCSU has managed to weather the budget reductions and the enrollment decreases well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution - Dr. O'Brien, chair of the rules committee, wishes to allow the committee to further discuss the revision. No action taken at this meeting.
- Relocation of the Graduate Open House - this event has been decided to take place in two different locations (representatives from 2 schools at each location) due to the expense of holding on campus and the enrollment continues to drop. Many faculty expressed concerns, such as which faculty will be able to attend if they are teaching at 5 and who will be assisting to answer questions on finances and/or registration.
Senator Madonia was asked to explore why the decision was made and alternative solutions, suggestions.

At this time there was a motion to address New Business. Hearing no objections, the senate discussed items from New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Senate's Technology Survey Results -- Senator Tarbox thanked Rick for assisting with this survey. We had a record of replies - 216 faculty. Many faculty are very engaged with technology inspite our frustrations with technology. We need to combine this survey and the report from the Chairs' Council and see if we can act positively on this. The report can be shared with departments.
- ❖ Grade Appeal-Senate and Grade Appeal - Deans -- Senator Bloch - shared the dean's version of the document. Jon highlighted the dean's changes which submitted from the deans. The original reason was to create a fair committee process, therefore the committee shouldn't include members of that department on that committee. This presented process is more complicated than originally needed. Very lengthy discussion with a suggestion of a possible third document to be considered. It was also suggested that a representative from the deans' council be invited to attend and discuss it with the academic policy subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary