

*Southern Connecticut State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of February 20, 2013*

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The tenth meeting of 2012-2013 was called to order at 12:15 pm by President Susan Cusato.

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

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| Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting) | Michelle Lawler (Counseling) | Susan Calahan (Exercise Science) | Rick Bassett (Management) | (Part-Time Faculty) | Dana Schneider (Social Work) |
| Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology) | Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych) | Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language) | Mel Prince (Marketing) | (Part-Time Faculty) | Heather Pizzanello (Social Work) |
| Jeff Slomba (Art) | Tom Fleming (Earth Science) | Lisa Vitale (World Literature Language) | Maria Diamantis (Mathematics) | David Pettigrew (Philosophy) | Jon Bloch (Sociology) |
| Terrence Lavin (Art) | Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance) | Patrick Heidkamp (Geography) | John Scheuermann (Mathematics) | Jim Dolan (Physics) | Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading) |
| Meghan Brown (Athletics) | Beena Achhpal (Education) | Chris Petto (History) | Wes O'Brien (Media Studies) | Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science) | Ruth Eren (Special Ed/Reading) |
| Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology) | Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership) | Ginny Metaxas (History) | Terese Gemme (Music) | Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology) | Larry Nye (Theatre) |
| Adiel Coca (Chemistry) | Judy Tarbox (English) | Jerry Dunklee (Journalism) | Chris Denhup (Nursing) | Kevin Colwell (Psychology) | Marty Hartog (UCF) |
| Annette Madlock-Gatison (Communication) | Mike Shea (English) | Elsie Okobi (Library Science) | Pennie Sessler Branden (Nursing) | William Faraclas (Public Health) | Chris Petto (Grad Council) |
| Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders) | Paul Petrie (English) | Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science) | (Part-Time Faculty) | Jim MacGregor (Recreation/Leisure) | Mary Papazian (SCSU President) |
| Herv Podnar (Computer Science) | Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science) | Sue Clerc (Library Services) | (Part-Time Faculty) | Susan Cusato (Science Ed/Env Studies) | Student Government: Sarah Green |

Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2013 - - minutes were approved as submitted.

Announcements - Senator Dunklee announced that Journalism Adjunct professors, Josh Kovner and Alaine Griffin were the principal Hartford Courant reporter in the Frontline story. They also appeared on the Today show and CNN. In addition, John Ferraro, a 1985 Journalism alumnus, is an investigative editor at the Courant and was see on the Frontline story.

President's Report distributed and following items were discussed:

ARP/SES hybrid conversion workshop: March 8, 2013, at 9-11 am. Interested faculty should register by February 26th by calling x 26800. The meeting will be held in the School of Business Seminar rooms A and B.

Research and Teaching award committee - Steven Adair, Vice-chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee is seeking 2 or 3 faculty representatives from the CSU system to serve on a committee to help redesign the research and teaching awards. This current academic year, the awards were cancelled because the original design of the awards didn't have a method to include all of the colleges and universities. Volunteers are sought for this committee. Susan requested for volunteers and the executive senate committee shall discuss this and try to appoint a faculty asap. Dr. David Pettigrew's name was submitted as a candidate. Our input and participation is such committee is crucial.

Comments from the senate floor expressed great concerns that the B of R is not active at the state level.

Motion to change the order of Agenda items and move to committee updates.
Approved unanimously.

UCF update - Dr. Hartog stated that the "minor" and "cognate" language was revised and after approval it will be published on the catalogue. The Tier 2 and 3 revisions were introduced. Next meeting will address the B of R's IT issues.

Graduate Council: Senator Petto announced that the Graduate Council is looking to eliminate the existing planned programs process. The question is : how will students be matriculated in a program. Concerns were raised about the certification programs that require prerequisite work before the formal acceptance into such program. The Graduate Council needs to know how to proceed, what are the department's needs/suggestions on this process as the Grad Council wishes to move forward on this. Another issue is that faculty are asked to deal with more and more record-keeping issues.

FASP/USPaRC - Senator Madonia reported that the committee met last week with Provost Kennedy and President Papazian and discussed the Creative Activity Funds. Understanding that the funds are pending on the budget status, the committee wishes to solicit more faculty input. Another issue the committee is working on is the need for strong faculty voice in the process of the new strategic planning design and as the new process will be commencing, faculty should be involved.

Motion to return to Old Business. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution - Senator Coca took the floor and discussed the proposed changes from the Rules committee. Lengthy discussion on the definition of "ex-officio" and the duties of such members on the senate. Motion to remove section IV C: 16 in favor; 10 against; 4 abstentions
Motion carries.

II C 4 : Motion to strike this paragraph. After lengthy deliberation, a motion to call the question was passed. Motion to approve the deletion of the paragraph IV C 4, was not approved. The paragraph will remain on the constitution as originally stated.

Discussion on VI. Faculty Referendum. There was discussion on the definition of "faculty" and the other categories of employees. Sense of the senate was to revise as "full time faculty not on special appointment".

Sense of the senate to change the 200 minimum was too close.

Motion to adjourn at 1:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary