

Southern Connecticut State University

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes of March 6, 2013

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The eleventh meeting of 2012-2013 was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Susan Cusato.

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

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
Guests: Drs. Heidi Lockwood, Scott Graves, Ken Spelke					

Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2013 approved as presented.

Announcements

- Senator Heidkamp is a member of the committee to search for the B of R President. So far the search is moving forward and although we are an advisory committee, we are composed of representatives of all colleges and universities in the state. We

are still going through applications. The senate will be kept informed of the status of the search.

- Senator Diamantis announced that Ms. Alexis Haakonsen has been chosen to be the Director of Admissions and she will be on campus on April 2, 2013. Welcome her to SCSU!
- Senator Eren: The ASRC, the Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders, and the Autism Services and Resources in CT are co-sponsoring the 23rd Annual Northeast Regional Conference on Autism, on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16th at SCSU.
- Senator Pettigrew announced that the annual Holocaust program will take place on April 8 and April 10. On April 8 at 1-2 pm, in EN 120 there will be a panel discussion on the film Shoah. On April 10th at 7-10 pm, the film Shoah will be shown. More information will be distributed electronically, please mark your calendars to attend.

Guests: Drs. Heidi Lockwood and Scott Graves shared a PP document with summaries of all IT policies and reflections of the concerns. The three documents were reviewed and critiqued by Drs. Lockwood and Petroskey highlighting all concerns that affect faculty. The IT 001 document, was approved by the B of R on October 18, 2012 and it will be fully implemented in July 2013. The IT 002 was also approved on October 18, 2012 and will be fully implemented by July 2013. There are a few concerns/problems of what this policy states. The IT 003 document has not been approved yet, but it also has a few problems/concerns. It was released a month ago and it is still on draft form. July 1st is the deadline for faculty to submit any suggestions/edits to the 3 policies. The four cio's and representatives from the CSU are meeting next week, 3/15, to discuss the policies and further actions.

Susan thanked all four members for their contributions to the IT policies. The power point presentation will be distributed electronically to all senators.

President's Report- distributed and following items discussed:

- Tentative schedule of a Dialogue is April 23rd, at 12:30, location TBA.
- The FLC meeting with president Papazian, Interim Provost Kennedy and Vice-President of Human Resources Jaye Bailey to discuss (a) recent happenings in Hartford such as the funding to UCONN for STEM initiatives; (b) the President's plans for increasing student enrollment and retention at SCSU; and (3) issues with faculty moral on campus. President Papazian informed everyone that the offices of Academic Advisement and Career Services have been combined in hopes of better serving our students. Both offices are now located in Wintergreen.
- SCSU AAUP President Mike Shea has scheduled a series of forums for faculty to engage with President Papazian regarding the three categories of evaluation in the P and T process. A campus wide announcement is forthcoming. The dates are: Monday, 3/18 @ 1-3 pm (Teaching and other credit load); Wednesday, 4/3 @ 1-3 pm (Creative

Activity); and Monday, 4/29 @ 1-3 pm (Productive Service); and Thursday, 5/2 @ 1-3 pm (Synthesis).

OLD BUSINESS:

**** There was a motion to move to APC Grade Appeal Policy. Approved unanimously.**

- **APC Grade Appeal Policy** - The new grade appeal document was briefly discussed as Senator Bloch is going to the Dean's Council to discuss the document. Senator Bloch solicited senators preference of what process is best to define. The sense of the senate votes were very close. Therefore, this will be discussed and acted upon after the Dean's Council meeting.

**** The senate returned to the Old Business - discussion on the Senate Constitution.**

- Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution. Senator Coca continued the discussion on the revision of the Constitution and discussion centered on: item VI Faculty Referendum on Senate- Actions and the inclusion of part time faculty. The sense of the senate approved (by 12 to 2) to strike the inclusion of part time faculty and/or faculty on special appointments.

Due to time limitation there was no further action on the constitution.

Motion to adjourn 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary