

*Southern Connecticut State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of February 6, 2013*

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The ninth 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)
Jane Feng (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 Stud)	Student Government: Sarah Green

Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2013 - - minutes were approved as submitted.

Announcements -- none

Motion to change the order of agenda to UCF update from Senator Weiss on the Tier 3 course proposals. Motion approved.

Senator Weiss - updated the senate that there are currently only 3 course offerings for Tier 3 during this semester and many students are ready to take their Tier 3 requirements, but there are not enough courses being offered to meet student needs. Faculty is encouraged to submit Tier 3 course approvals utilizing an expedited procedure. She introduced an expedited approval form, which covers the following:

- 1) Transition courses for Tier 2 and Tier 3 - for Tier 2 the course must be a current AUR course; for Tier 3, any current course that is appropriate for Tier 3 (such as a capstone course) may be utilized.
- 2) Provisional courses - these are new course, appropriate for Tier 3 that would be approved quickly (possible for the fall or even summer of 2013). All Provisional courses would use the subject code XXX and the number 294 (e.g., HIS 294). This approval procedure is similar to the special topics courses approval process.
- 3) Expedited program revisions - New transitional or provisional courses may result in the need for a program revision for which an expedited process is offered.

Back to the President's Report item of the agenda.

President's Report - President Cusato distributed the report, there were no questions raised.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution --- Senator Coca reviewed all changes one by one. Lengthy discussion on the C. 4 and the footnote on this item. Many questions/concerns were raised on this item alone.

At this moment further discussion on the constitution was suspended and a motion was approved to move to committee reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Technology - Senator Tarbox stated that the security policy is a basic type but it is not addressing some issues. The committee will be discussing those issues and will be bringing to senate soon. The electronic communication document needs to include

clarification on the definition of "electronic" communication. The committee will be presenting a "policy" to the senate for approval.

Electronic communication document... it does define some authority for the President or his/her designee which doesn't include faculty... and it addresses only email but some others are implied (Blackboard) and thus the definition needs to be clarified.

The committee will write up a "policy" to be brought to the senate for approval.

- Academic Policy - Senator Bloch stated that Dean Fredeen had some questions on the Grade Appeal document. Senator Bloch will seek further clarification or steps of action.
- There was a request that senators seek for feedback from their departments on the student survey. Other sister universities are allowing individual departments to create their own evaluation forms. Senator Bloch requested that senators seek faculty feedback from their departments for a choice of student survey, an internal departmental, or universal evaluation for all departments.
- **Elections** - **Although Senator Rothbard** was absent secretary Diamantis relayed the message that the call for nominations for the all university committees will be going out in March.
- Finance - there was no report as Senator Calahan was absent
- Personnel Policy - Senator Bessenoff stated that the committee is working on exploring the possibility of electronic digital measures to create a data house. The sabbatical committee wishes to put documents on line, too. Senator Pettigrew requested that the "creative activity" proposals be reviewed since the approved process has not been followed. The budget is the one such item that needs to be clarified.
- Rules - Senator Coca stated that the committee is continuing to review/revise the Senate constitution.
- Student Policy - Senator Madonia - no report at this time.

Motion to adjourn at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary