

*Southern Connecticut State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes of January 23, 2013*

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The eighth 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)	<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Susan Calahan (Exercise Science)	Rick Bassett (Management)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Dana Schneider (Social Work)
<b>Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)</b>	<b>Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)</b>	Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Heather Pizzanella (Social Work)
<b>Jeff Slomba (Art)</b>	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)	<b>Patrick Heidkamp (Geography)</b>	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	Jim Dolan (Physics)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Meghan Brown (Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Chris Petto (History)	<b>Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)</b>	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)	<b>Marty Hartog (UCF)</b>
Annette Madlock-Gatison (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Elsie Okobi (Library Science)</b>	Pennie Sessler Branden (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Chris Petto (Grad Council)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Paul Petrie (English)	Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	<b>Jim MacGregor (Recreation/Leisure)</b>	<b>Mary Papazian (SCSU President)</b>
Herv Podnar (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Sue Clerc (Library Services)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Susan Cusato (Science Ed/Env Stud)	<b>Student Government: Nicole Cassidy</b>

### Approval of Minutes

The December 5, 2012 minutes were approved as revised.

Guest: Chief Joseph Dooley reviewed some policies and procedure on safety on campus. He distributed two documents (attached) and briefly discussed each: (a) "if a Hostile Intruder is Present on Campus" and (b) "Policy for Dealing with Disruptive Students". He also displayed the flip chart of the Emergency Response Quick Reference guide.

He also announced that there is a Case Review Team that meets every Monday at noon and examines/discusses issues with disruptive students. Many members on this committee represent a variety of offices and departments across campus.

He recommended that faculty call the campus police if there are any questions or concerns.

Faculty suggested that this information is announced during new student orientation. The chief replied that it will be shared with the new students along with other safety issues. He is preparing to present at both orientation to students and parents, share with them two videos on safety and intruder issues.

An informational document will be posted in all classrooms, please share with all students in your classes.

Another suggestion was that the chief visits other faculty bodies on campus to disseminate the information as widely as possible.

Announcements-- none.

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

Gloria Lee is working hard to take care of our students, along with Nicole Henderson and Chris Piscitelli. They met during the break to assist students who are in danger with their low GPA.

Senator Shea asked faculty input on the calendar changes. Show of hands was equal on supporting or not supporting current changes. Suggestion that a survey from all faculty will be more informative.

Discussion on the wintersession/springbreak course offerings with creative ways, was not deliberated with faculty. Thus, many courses were not offered and students will face a delay in graduation.

The BofR consortium agreement seems to be in question of what the goal is. The BofR doesn't seem to understand the importance of the students staying on the campus they are educated in; the importance of student/professor collaborations and interactions is.

Some discussion occurred on the athletes missing first week of classes and if they are also honors college students. Senator Brown stated that some events are scheduled by the league and we don't have input on that. The ground rule is that our athletics don't schedule any games/events during academic days.

There are some Senate funds and President Cusato asked for input of how should it be spent. A suggestion was to host a joint Administrative/Faculty senates forum and having a speaker that is beneficial to both senates. Or another suggestion of a possible retreat on shared governance with discussion on such issues.

Travel fund money distribution and the creative activity funds were cut significantly. These are two issues where our shared governance has been diminished. And if the travel funds are contractual and there is money left over every year, the question is what happens to the funds?

Question: will the travel fund be decreased to \$500 next year? This is a very complicated issue. Currently we have the AAUP funds and the creative activity funds. The president wishes to have the AAUP funds at the \$500 limit to be more equitable to all faculty. This year the fees are \$1000 since there were some unencumbered/unexpended funds from last year. But for next year we don't know what will happen. The travel funds committee collected the survey and they need to meet and summarize what information was gathered. Their proposal will come to senate for vote and then it will go to the president. Faculty feels that there are mixed messages on different faculty issues. Discussion continued on the travel funds/creative activity funds and the shared governance on its operating decisions.

At this time, Senator Callahan reported the travel funds amounts are:

**FT remaining amount of \$124,290.36 (unclear of what funds it includes)**

**PT remaining amount of \$574.32**

The question was raised what happened to the FT traveling decision, why is it that FT are not using the funds? One possibility is that \$1000 is not covering much for any conferences, which are usually outside CT and registration for such is usually expensive.

The Presidential Dialogues have not been scheduled for this semester.

Decision to cancel courses was made early and the sections ended up filling up late, and some departments had to offer independent studies for as many as six students.

There was a motion to change the order of the agenda and address New Business.  
Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review of catalog changes: UCF - NPIC redefined what is a minor vs cognates and it was approved that cognates (a supplement of credits in related fields outside the students' field) could fulfill requirements for a minor. Minor is a plan sequence usually of 18 credits on a field of study. This is not considered as double dipping. Any further questions/concerns please forward to Marty Hartog, chair of UCF.

Motion to adjourn at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Maria Diamantis  
Faculty Senate Secretary

Attachments: "SafetyHandoutsJan2013"