

*Southern Connecticut State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes of November 14, 2012*

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The sixth 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**)

<b>Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)</b>	<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Susan Calahan (Exercise Science)	Rick Bassett (Management)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Dana Schneider (Social Work)
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	<b>Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)</b>	Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
<b>Jeff Slomba (Art)</b>	Tom Fleming (Earth Science)	Alfredo Sosa-Velasco (WLL/Foreign Language)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	Rex Gilliland (Philosophy)	Jon Bloch (Sociology)
<b>Terrence Lavin (Art)</b>	Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance)	Patrick Heidkamp (Geography)	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	Jim Dolan (Physics)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
<b>Meghan Brown (Athletics)</b>	Beena Achhpal (Education)	<b>Marie McDaniel (History)</b>	<b>Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)</b>	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	Ruth Eren (Special Ed/Reading)
<b>Jane Feng (Biology)</b>	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Ginny Metaxas (History)	<b>Terese Gemme (Music)</b>	Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)	<b>Kaia Monroe Rarick (Theatre)</b>
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Judy Tarbox (English)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Chris Denhup (Nursing)	<b>Kevin Colwell (Psychology)</b>	Marty Hartog (UCF)
<b>Annette Madlock-Gatison (Communication)</b>	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)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Jim MacGregor (Recreation/ Leisure)	<b>Mary Papazian (SCSU President)</b>
<b>Herv Podnar (Computer Science)</b>	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Sue Clerc (Library Services)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Susan Cusato (Science Ed/Env Stud)	Student Government: Nicole Cassidy

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 31, 2012 were approved with one abstention, as submitted.

Announcements --

- Tomorrow the Board of Regents will be meeting on campus and all are invited to attend. There will be time for questions and answers, but it is not on a fixed time. The questions/answers time is usually after the business meeting is finished, maybe around 11 am.
- It was announced that the policy of Information Security Policy from the B of R was open to public review twice, yet no one knew about it. Faculty are encouraged to attend tomorrow's meeting to learn what is going on. Faculty need to be attentive to items for discussion at that level. It is important for faculty to be there and make our presence noticed.
- The Academic Forum, sponsored by AAUP, will be on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Adanti Student Center Theater, from 1-3 pm. This is designed as a dialogue with the administration on Shared Governance issues. Susan Cusato, among others, will be one of the speakers. All are invited to attend, as other very important issues will be discussed.

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

- The CONNSCU draft was simply discussed as a review. All senators have received the electronic draft and they were asked to provide feedback to the Technology committee. The committee will meet and will report their response to the policy at the next faculty senate.
- The policy on the strategic plan will need to be discussed at our next meeting and acted upon.
- The Travel funds committee met yesterday, chair is Gerry Lesley and secretary is Senator Hedreen. All bodies of the university are represented. This committee is looking at the AAUP travel funds only.
- Current budget status is that the budget for adjuncts is over by \$600,000 dollars. The budget issues will affect the new position searches in some fashion. At the current time, 5 positions are supported from chemistry, nursing, philosophy,

physics, all of which are STEMS related. The deans' positions are still on, except the School of Graduate Studies dean is on hold. Other administrative positions, such as director of admissions, registrar, VP of institutional advancement, VP for student affairs, and CIO are still on.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Revisions of Faculty Senate's Constitution - Senator Coca arrived late. There was no discussion/action taken at this time.
- APC Grade Appeal Policy - the new revised policy - Senator Bloch saw Dean Fredeen and she promised that she will be discussing it with the Deans and bring the suggestion forward for one university wide committee. No further discussion/action was taken.
- Discussion on a "waiting lists" for courses on Banner - Kim Laing is discussing with Senator Bloch, how Banner could create a process that if a course fills up, students' requests are gathered on a list and if there is an opening in the class, student will receive an email to inform them of the available spot. The message will be send out to students after the add/drop time. Currently the departments follow this process on an informal manner. Question was raised on how will the prerequisite requirement be handled? Or how will the special permissions be attended to? Will these requirements be kept by Banner? There should be another layer of permission: for students on the list that might not meet the prerequisites and then the case of students who need the course at this semester in order to graduate, vs a student who can take next semester. The waiting list should also take care of the over-enrollment issue.
- P&T Comparable Standards Resolution \_ v2 -- Senator Bessenoff opened the discussion on the distributed document. After lengthy discussion, there was a minor revision. The question was called with no objections. Motion was made to accept the P&T Comparable Standards Resolution as amended. The resolution was approved by majority, 1 abstention. There was an amendment to the approved document, to add department chairs. The amendment was approved unanimously.

At this time, President Cusato requested a change in the order of the Agenda. With no objection from the floor, UCF update was addressed at this time.

### UCF update -- Dr. Hartog

TAP update - all feedback was received and the articulation policy was revised. The policy is now at UCF, then it will be reviewed by UIC, and then it will be presented to UCF at the November 29 meeting. After that, UCF representatives will go to their departments, discuss it, and finally vote on the document on the December 13<sup>th</sup> UCF meeting. The steering committee will then take the TAP document to the

B of R. The revised policy has been on the UCF home page and it relates to transfer students with an Associate's degree (30 credits only). If it doesn't get approved at our level, it will be still be presented to the B of R level.

Some concerns were raised and discussed. Members were asked to visit the document at the UCF's site, were encouraged to read it carefully, and to discuss with the departments.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Strategic Planning Committee Report -- Board of Regents --- there was some discussion on this item from different departments. Many concerns were raised that this document is very problematic, poorly written, with reference to increasing the number of students but yet not much thought into this idea, not thought out carefully. The vision statement reads like an accounting statement. If this strategic plan will represent our institutions, then their goals are not good. There is no consideration that there are many institutions encompassed in this document, yet no consideration shown that all are so different and this document doesn't represent those differences. Many concerns were also raised on the issue of the implication of this plan.

Unfortunately this Strategic Plan document has been accepted by the board and the Faculty Advisory Committee needs our feedback.

Recommendation was made that the Senate can support the FAC's evaluation but be given an opportunity for further evaluation.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Maria Diamantis  
Faculty Senate Secretary