Southern Connecticut State University

**F A C U L T Y S E N A T E**

Minutes of September 18, 2013

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**The second meeting of 2013-2014 was called to order at 12:10 pm by President William Faraclas.**

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

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| Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting) | Ramon Vega de Jesus (Couns/Sch Psych) | Luisa Piementese (WLL/Foreign Language) | Mel Prince (Marketing) | **(Part-Time Faculty)** | Heather Pizzanello (Social Work) |
| Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology) | Jim Fullmer (Earth Science) | Lisa Vitale (World Literature Language) | Maria Diamantis (Mathematics) | David Pettigrew (Philosophy) | Stephen Monroe Tomczak  (Social Work**)** |
| Greg Cochenet (Art) | Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance) | Leon Yacher (Geography) | John Scheuermann (Mathematics) | **Jim Dolan**  **(Physics)** | Jessica Kenty Drane (Sociology) |
| Meghan Brown (Athletics) | Beena Achhpal (Education) | **Nikos Chrissidis (History)** | **Wes O’Brien (Media Studies)** | **Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)** | Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading) |
| **Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology)** | Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership) | Michelle Thompson (History) | **Mark Kuss (Music)** | Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology) | Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading) |
| Adiel Coca (Chemistry) | Joel Dodson (English) | Jerry Dunklee (Journalism) | **Chris Denhup (Nursing)** | Kevin Colwell (Psychology) | Larry Nye (Theatre) |
| Derek Taylor (Communication) | Mike Shea (English) | **Elsie Okobi**  **(Library Science)** | **Lisa Rebeschi (Nursing)** | William Faraclas (President) | **Susan Cusato (Past President)** |
| Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders) | Paul Petrie  (English) | Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science) | **(Part-Time Faculty)** | Deb Flynn (Public Health) | Elizabeth Keenan (UCF) |
| Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science) | Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science) | Jeff Dickens  (Library Services) | **(Part-Time Faculty)** | Jan Jones (Recreation/ Leisure) | **Chris Petto (Grad Council)** |
| **Michelle Lawler (Counseling)** | Robert Gregory (Exercise Science) | **Rick Bassett (Management)** | **(Part-Time Faculty)** | Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud) | **Mary Papazian (SCSU President**) |
| **Student Government: ?** | Guests: Greg Crerar and Dr. Tracy Tyree |  |  |  |  |

Minutes of September 4, 2013 were approved as submitted.

President Faraclas reminded the Senators that our meeting today will be short so that all Senators can attend President Papazian’s presentation on the State of the University Address at the ASC Ballroom at 1 pm. Therefore today’s meeting will focus on the Senate’s Committee Reports.

President’s Report: President Faraclas distributed his report and the following items were discussed:

1. Senator Ron Tamura is the chair of the Student Policy Committee.
2. There was a meeting with search consultant Julie Tea on Friday, 9/13, on framing the job description for the Provost/VPAA search. President Faraclas and Secretary Diamantis attended the meeting and provided input. Items discussed were the need for the candidates to understand shared governance, be aware of intellectual and technical faculty needs, and understanding that higher education is not a corporate run institution. Also, candidates must have a sense of humor!
3. The Senate will welcome Dr. Pablo Garcia Molina, CIO, as a guest at the next Faculty Senate meeting and he will address the Senate from 12:15-12:45 pm.
4. Future guest is scheduled to be Dr. Tracy Tyree at the October 16 Senate meeting.
5. The AAUP is sponsoring a discussion on creative activity on Friday, September 20 at 9:10-10:30 in ASC 201, all Senators are welcome to attend.
6. Faculty Senate is seeking representatives for:
   1. University Library Committee
   2. Search committee for Director of Teaching and Learning Technologies (Stan Walonoski’s position, who has retired).

Senators were asked to email President Faraclas if they are interested.

Standing Committees’ Reports:

* + - Academic Policy –Senator David Pettigrew discussed the items the committee is examining:

1. Grade appeals: the provost will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the status of the Grade Appeal document.
2. The committee’s opinion is that the current system-wide definition/statement on plagiarism (from the Council of Writing Program Administrators, 2003) should be replaced with the MLA’s definition/statement. In principle, the APC accepted this replacement but questions were raised and discussed.
3. Student Course Opinion Surveys: the APC considered the implications of the Senate/AAUP finding during the past academic year that the AAUP contract does not require the use of a standard survey by all departments. ECSU for example, doe not use a standard survey. The APC discussed virtues of encouraging Departments to design their own course survey instruments, along with the advisability of a defined period of flexibility and experimentation for this purpose. This topic was also raised as a possible theme for an Academic Forum to be hosted by the Senate.
4. New Business for the new Academic Year was also discussed. Concerns were addressed about impact on academic excellence of increases in enrollment caps and their impact on the pedagogical integrity of classes and on the achievements of our students.

## Elections - Senator Matthew Rothbard reported that the committee concluded the elections on the Termination and Hearing Committee. They will now finalize the needs for the rest of the University Committees and call of nominations will be going out soon for elections on many committees in need of members.

* + - Finance – Senator Madonia updated the Senate that he is in contact with A.J. Chabra on a report of the funds and he will update the Senate at the next meeting.
    - Personnel Policy – Senator Bessenoff reported that the committee is looking and reviewing the role of DEC members with Professional Assessment and how to handle that. They also will review the P and T committee membership. Other topics included the P and T assessment for coaches and the use of Digital Measures by the P and T. The committee also continues to review all the Senate documents for errors.
    - Rules – Senator Coca reported that the chair’s document is being reviewed and asked for any questions to be forwarded to him. The Senate By-Laws are currently examined for revisions. Reports from the All University committees is being looked to somehow assess the serviced of faculty and for knowing who are the committee members and the chair of each committee. They are also examining if there is a possible way to condense such committees to avoid duplicate efforts. The Senate web site should have all committees with a list of their members and the chair of each committee for others to address any communication issues.
    - Student Policy – Senator Tamura asked Senator Dunklee to report on the committee’s work. The committee is discussing/reviewing the Plagiarism definition and the Student Safety/Harassment policy document.
    - Technology – Senator Dickens reported that the committee is working on 3 items:
  + The feasibility of student evaluations on line
  + How to complete the university committees elections on line
  + How to resolve issues/problems with the Blackboard

OLD BUSINESS: --- none at this time

NEW BUSINESS: ---- none at this time

* UCF Update --- no update
* Graduate Council Update --- no update
* FASP / USPaRC Update --- no update

Motion to adjourn at 12:55 pm was accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Maria Diamantis

Faculty Senate Secretary