

FACULTY SENATE*Minutes of March 5, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>

The eleventh 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**)

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	Ramon Vega de Jesus (Couns/Sch Psych)	Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
Joseoh Manzella (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)	Byron Nakamura (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 Rebesch (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)
Guests: Brad Crerar, Kim Crone, Monica Raffone, Frank Ladore	Guests: Jaye Bailey, Marianne Kennedy, Nicole Henderson	Sarah Green (Student Government)			

Announcements - 'Urinetown' the musical is choreographed by our own Senator Nye is performed on March 1, 6, 7, 8, at 8 pm at Lyman Center.

Monday and Tuesday next week, Dr. Pettigrew is hosting two lectures on Strategic Planning and Academic Excellence. Senators should email Dr. Pettigrew if interested to attend.

Guest: Griha Singla - presented the information on the Advising Platform. Explained the platform with all advising capabilities. Questions and answers followed the Power Point presentation.

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

1. Thank you to President Papazian for the University Dialogue of February 24
2. Minor correction on the Graduate Council By-Laws: accidentally omitted. During the last meeting we approved the revised By-Laws and a brief section was omitted, which should be included: A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a special election at the next meeting of the Graduate Council.

Since this is not a major revision/change and the revised resolution has been approved, it will go forward for signatures.

- Academic Advisement; the EC will create a "white paper" stating of what we, the faculty, believe that advisement should be in order to improve advisement. Suggestion was made that someone knowledgeable on the topic participate in the writing of the statement.
- Remaining funds in the CBA travel: Senator Peter Madonia announced that the FT TA available money are \$157,140; the FT TA available are \$466.14; and the Creative Activity funds are: \$13,580.

The Executive Committee has discussed this topic extensively and many ideas have surfaced. The creative activity funds have not been used with original spirit designed for; thus, we are on a point of where we have to spend it and a decision has to be made. The Provost and President have suggested the following criteria:

TAs in cue for \$1,000 may be revised upward to a maximum of \$1,500.

TAs on additional trip(s) will be processed for up to a maximum of \$1,500

TAs for already done trip(s) but not reconciled with Accounts Payable can be increased up to \$1,500

TA trip taken but didn't use all TA funds, faculty can apply again for a second trip

The only not applicable situation is to adjust any TA that has be reconciled and closed. After lengthy discussion there was a motion to change the order of Agenda and entertain a motion at this time for the Travel Funds. No objection.

The motion: **to accept this proposal as presented by Senator Madonia on the TA disposal.**

Discussion on the motion raised the following amendments:

1st Amendment : to increase the amount of additional trips to \$1,000.

2nd Amendment : faculty with first trip(s) and with new fresh TA, which is not in the cue, they can apply for a TA up to the maximum amount.

Point of information: Last year's carry over on Travel Funds were \$35,000 plus \$70,000 (one time transfer from Faculty Development)

The 2nd amendment is approved by majority.

The 1st amendment is defeated, thus the 2nd amendment is dropped.

Main Motion with new amendment: to accept the proposal as presented by Senator Madonia on the TA disposal to include: Faculty with first trip(s), new fresh TA, which is not in the queue, they can apply for the maximum amount.

Motion to close the debate passed by 2/3 votes.

Main motion passed by majority.

Motion to remove the "1:45 voting rule" was accepted by majority.

OLD BUSINESS:

- APC Student Opinion Surveys Statement. There was discussion on the SOS statement and the motion made to distribute the SOS statement to all faculty, was approved as submitted.
- Proposed Conceptual Structure for a new Grade Appeal Process : after lengthy discussion - no action was taken.

Motion to adjourn at 2:07.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary