

FACULTY SENATE*Minutes of September 10, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>The 1st meeting of 2014-2015 was called to order at 12:14 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)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	Jim Fullmer (Earth Science)	Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)
Jeff Slomba (Art)	Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance)	Leon Yacher (Geography)	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Jessica Kenty-Drane (Sociology)
(Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Troy Rondinone (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Stephen Amerman (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)	Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre)
Jane McGinn (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)	Diane Tomasko (Library Science)	Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty)	Deb Flynn (Public Health)	Elizabeth Keenan (UCF)
Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	Chris Petto (Grad Council)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Rick Bassett (Management)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
Guests: Jaye Bailey	Guests:	(Student Government)			

Approval of Minutes: The Senate Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2014 were approved as distributed.
The Special Senate Meeting of May 8, 2014 were approved as distributed.

Invited Speaker: President Mary Papazian congratulated Dr. Faraclas for his re-election as President of the Faculty Senate. President Papazian welcomed all faculty to the new academic year, although many worked during the summer months.

President Papazian mentioned that the Buley Library construction is on track and scheduled to open during 2015! She highlighted many initiatives that are under way, all of which will be delivered in detail during her State of the University address next Wednesday, 1-2 pm, at ASC Ballroom. Plan to attend and hear our latest achievements.

She reiterated her request to visit the Senate monthly and update the Senators on events/news of the campus.

When asked about the Probationary Status of the School of Education, she replied that measures are already in place to correct/improve the areas the state has highlighted. The new dean, Dean Hegedus, has met with officials and plans are already implemented to collect the data needed to address all areas of concern.

On a question of Dr. Papazian's summer events, she summarized her visit to her family's hometown in Armenia. Very emotional, enjoyable, educational family trip!

On the question if President Gray will attend the Transform 2020 presentation on Friday, she replied that some officials were scheduled to attend but not sure at this time.

On the question about travel funds and the disapproved resolution, she replied that the money is simply not on the budget, but we have increased the travel funds and will continue to evaluate the issue.

On the update of the move of the School of Health and Human Services, she replied that this issue will be evaluated carefully by the Master Facilities Planning committee and the consulting company that was hired to examine all issues connected to that move. All issues are on the table, still gathering data and completing the feasibility study of the Long Wharf building, if it is appropriate for HHS to move and utilize the space. Discussions will continue well into the spring 2015 semester. All possibilities are being looked upon carefully and considered for most appropriate usage. We are seeking for suggestions and contributions from all departments so that as many members can be actively involved in the Master Facilities Plan.

As far as our collaborations with Bridgeport, we found that SCSU has not participated with the area's sustainability plans, thus, there are talks to get us involved and connect to Housatonic, where many of our students come from. The Mayor of Bridgeport has done many amazing things and the city is called a Green City, thus, we wish to involve our scientists and expand our goals in that area.

President Faraclas thanked President Papazian and is looking forward to continue working together in the future.

Announcements: Dr. O'Brien announced that him and his daughter are organizing a fund raising event, in memory of his wife Deborah Ward O'Brien, for Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven Hospital, hematology department; last year they raised \$30,000; the event will take place on October 1, at the New Have Country Club. Please join us!

Dr. Garvey from the theater department, announced to all that October 1 is the 60th year anniversary for our crescent players and many events/productions are taking place to celebrate the event.

Dr. Fullmer alerted all that the "bears" have been reported to be out and about; be on the look out.

Welcome and Introduction of Senators— President Faraclas welcomed all senators and asked that each senator introduces themselves and the department they represent.

The current chairs of the senate's committees announced briefly their duties and responsibilities and members gathered at the different committees to elect a chair and discuss future agenda items.

After 15 minutes of committees' meetings, the following chairs were elected:

Academic Policy Committee - Dr. David Pettigrew

Elections Committee - Dr. Mathew Rothbard

Finance Committee - Dr. Peter Madonia

Personnel Policy Committee - Dr. Gayle Bessenoff

Rules Committee - Dr. Adiel Coca

Student Policy Committee - Dr. Deb Flynn

Technology Committee - result not reported, the committee will meet next Wednesday.

President Faraclas distributed the Orientation to the Senate and Senate Protocols and the Robert's Rules of Order handouts.

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

- The Senate received the following nominations for the election of a Faculty Senate representative to the Master Facilities Planning Committee: Corinne Blackmer, James Dolan, Jess Gregory, John Kavanagh, Vara Neverow, Lisa Rebesch, and Matt Rothbard. After some discussion there was a motion: "the executive committee decides from the list of candidates and forwards the name of one faculty as the Faculty Senate Representative on the Master Facilities Planning Committee". The motion was seconded and passed by majority, one opposition.
- Town Hall meeting on Transform 2020 - on Friday, 9/12 at 1-3 pm, ASC Ballroom. Plan to attend and participate; documents for review have been distributed or could be found on the CSCU web site. This is an important meeting as the strategic planning is being formed and many areas are "elastic" to fit in any framework. Attention is needed and input is crucial.
- President Papazian's State of the University Address - Wednesday, 9/17 @ 1-2 pm, ASC Ballroom
- Graduate Program Prioritization Town Hall meeting - 9/19 @ 1-3 pm
- Leadership breakfasts - President Papazian has invited the Executive committees of the Faculty Senate, Administrative Faculty Senate and the executive officers of campus unions to a monthly breakfast.

At this time, discussions continued on different issues, but no action can be taken past 1:45 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis

Faculty Senate Secretary