

FACULTY SENATE*Unapproved Minutes of February 18, 2015*

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/index.html>

The 10th meeting of 2014-2015, was called to order at 12:13 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)	Rajesh Elhance (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)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance)	Leon Yacher (Geography)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Jessica Kenty- Drane (Sociology)
Michael Makubika (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)
Rich Glinka (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Elsie Okobi (Library Science)	Lisa Rebesch (Nursing)	William Faraclas (President)	Susan Cusato (Past President)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Scott Ellis (English)	Diane Tomasko (Library Science)	Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty)	Christine Unson (Public Health)	Deborah Weiss (UCF)
Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	Nicole Fluhr (Grad Council)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Veronica Gill (Management)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
Guests: Brad Crerar Gladys Labas Tracy Tyree	Chief Dooley Kevin O'Rourke David Levine Jaye Bailey	Diane Morgenthaler			

Approval of Minutes: the Senate Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2015 were approved as distributed.

Announcements - clarification on the University Dialogue vs Faculty Dialogue. The University Dialogue with President Papazian is scheduled for February 20, 2015 at 1-4 pm in EN D 253. The Faculty Dialogue is co-sponsored with the Office of the Provost will be held on March 26, 2015, at 12:30-2:00 pm. Location to be announced soon. The focus is Defining "Teacher Scholar": Exploring Faculty Workload and Life Balance.

President's Report was distributed and the following items were highlighted:

- ✓ Dr. Kevin Colwell (PSY) and Dr. Elizabeth Kalbfleisch (ENG) have been appointed to represent the

faculty on the Food Service Selection Committee to select the next food-service vendor.

- ✓ After conversations with the Provost, a "Faculty Wall of Fame" has been added to the Faculty Development page on the University website. It was also discussed to create a physical "Faculty Wall of Fame" in the new Hilton C. Buley Library.
- ✓ The periodic Faculty Survey on Administrative Effectiveness will be distributed electronically and completed before Spring Break.

The full President's Report can be found on the Faculty Senate website:

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2014-2015.html>

Standing Committee Updates:

- Finance -- Senator Madonia reported that the FT available funds stand at \$106,364, while the PT funds are \$13,745. The remaining Creative Activity Funds: \$1241. He also asked that senators provide any suggestion on the discussions for the next year's TA amount, which will need to be defined by the end of the semester.
- Personnel Policy - Senator Colwell reported on behalf of Dr. Bessenoff, that the faculty survey on administrators' effectiveness will be finalized electronically and ready to be distributed in the next couple weeks. President Faraclas expressed his appreciation to the committee for this survey, which has been used in the past but not with the recent administration.
- Rules - Senator Coca reported that the committee met last week and discussed faculty service on campus. He distributed the current list of the All University committees, and asked for suggestions on how to combine some committees on this list. The committee will present their recommendations at the next meeting.
- Student Policy - Senator Colwell reported that the committee met and addressed issue of whether or not a student can replace a grade of F due to dishonesty. After lengthy discussion they concluded that replacement should be an option. Thus, the committee is not changing anything but rather leaves the APC policy as is.
- Technology - Senator Dodson reported that the committee's last two meetings were to discuss the design of a new Senate web page that will organize the work of the senate, and make documents more visible.
- Academic Policy - Senator Weiss reported on behalf of Dr. Pettigrew and she asked for any comments on the APC proposed Grade Replacement document. The document needs to be a formal resolution with the correct "Whereas" statement and it was suggested that the Senate approves the resolution, with the agreement that the statements will be formalized. There was a motion to accept the resolution as revised and it was approved unanimously.

The committee will also be researching and discussing the method of Research Reassigned Time as there are inconsistencies in the process of application and selection across the university schools and departments.

- Elections -- Senator Rothbard reported that the committee will be creating the elections' list and will be moving forward with elections soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Tobacco Free Policy - discussion occurred with the committee members present to provide information to questions from senators.
There was a motion to "endorse the policy." Once it was seconded, the discussion commenced and the concerns/questions were addressed. After lengthy discussion, a motion to vote on the endorsement of

the policy was taken. 16 senators voted for the endorsement, while 18 senators voted against. The motion failed. The immediate reaction was that discussion needs to happen in order to improve the policy.

- ✓ APC Proposal Grade Replacement document - approved above under committee reports.
- ✓ Lengthy discussion took place on the Summary of Significant Changes to the Department Chairpersonship document and Revised Chairperson document 2014-2015.

There was a suggestion to accept the resolution once the necessary "Whereas and Therefore" statements are included. In addition, there is a need to review the document with the AAUP president or other representative to confirm and double-check that this document is not controversial to the contract.

Motion to table this resolution. Seconded. Unanimously approved. Senator Coca will contact AAUP for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The difficult parking issues continue. There have been parking tickets and they are not revocable. Faculty wish to know if there is a parking appeals committee, and further information, such as how many tickets have been given, as well as how many appeals have been received and/or overturned. There were suggestions to re-activate the parking committee.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary