

FACULTY SENATE*Approved Minutes of April 22, 2015*

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

The 14th meeting of 2014-2015, 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)	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 Rebeschi (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 (Environmental and Marine Studies)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
Guests: Nick Valsamis Trevor Brolliar					

Approval of Minutes: Senate Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015 were approved as distributed.

Elections: Senator Rothbard, chair of the Elections committee, presided over the elections.

President of the Senate:

Senator Dunklee nominated William Faraclas, seconded by Senator Rebeschi. William Faraclas accepted the nomination.

Senator Shea nominated Jerry Dunklee, seconded by Senator Diamantis. Jerry Dunklee respectfully declined the nomination.

Being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted.

Senator Rothbard entertained a motion for Secretary Diamantis to cast one vote for the nominee.

Secretary Diamantis did cast a vote, thus, the **President of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 is William Faraclas.**

Treasurer of the Senate:

Senator Diamantis nominated Peter Madonia, seconded by Senator Shea. Peter Madonia was absent but had emailed President Faraclas of his willingness to accept the nomination, if he was indeed nominated. Having no further nominations, a motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Senator Rothbard entertained a motion for Secretary Diamantis to cast one vote for the nominee. Secretary Diamantis did cast a vote for the nominee thus, the **Treasurer of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 is Peter Madonia.**

Announcements

- ✓ Senators Eilderts and Piemontese reminded everyone, that on Thursday morning, UCF will be voting on changes of the LEP requirements for WLL. The WLL department is very concerned about this proposed change. In addition, there are many concerns that the administration is pressuring for such decisions, which involve curriculum and lack of shared governance.
- ✓ Senator O'Brien is searching for students to willingly uploaded essays appropriate for LEP scoring.
- ✓ Nick Valsamis and Trevor Broliar presented the different faculty computer proposals. Faculty could email them for further information. Senator Shea expressed appreciation for all the assistance from OIT.
- ✓ Senator Rebeschis reminded all that the final candidates for the AVP of Enrollment Management will be visiting the campus today and tomorrow. Urged faculty to participate in the process.
- ✓ The PAcE seminar is scheduled for Friday, April 24 at 1:05-1:55 in EN A 120. Laura C. Bishop will be presenting a talk, "2 Million Years BP - The Real Story", which is about the environments, ecology and behavior of early human ancestors. The STEM Innovation's website will carry further information including next seminar's topics.
- ✓ Senator Pettigrew reminded everyone of the events commemorating the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. The events start on April 22 till April 24 and include lecture, musical performances, and artistic exhibits.
- ✓ Senator Pettigrew highlighted the success of the conference sponsored by the WLL department on "Literature Across the Disciplines" which took place on Friday, April 17 in the ASC. The theme of the conference was on Gabriel Garcia Marquez: Translation and Criticism.

Guest: Dr. James Dolan reported on the University Master Plan Advisory Committee and the Space committee reports -- a very large committee supposed to advise the Perkins and Will Architects and create a new Master Plan for the University. The Committee's membership included about 30 administrators, 4 faculty and couple students.

The consulting architects report did not arrive until yesterday, although it had a deadline of March 2, and it is a very long long report that might not reflect correct information. There is a meeting scheduled for next week. The original charge of the committee, last semester, was to work with the architect, but instead the "senior advisory committee" held monthly meetings as the architects presented their work in PPT slides. The February meeting was half hour long and they described the two categories of construction decisions, the academic support and the student center side (non academic). The funding for each, comes from state bonds which are approved by the Bond Commission and based either on tax paying citizens' money or student fees, where the students' fees pay these off. The consultants' work concentrated on the new swimming pool once the Peltz building is torn down and the Fieldhouse is renovated.

There are a couple academic issues, the School of Business (to include the renovation of the Owls Nest), the School of Education, Earl Hall, and School of Health and Human Services (proposed to be in the area of the Jennings building). The priority list of the buildings depends of where to start and where to relocate existing schools while renovations take place.

The new School of Education seems to be in the front of the line right now, then the new school of Business, and the SHHS is on the works. In the meantime, the faculty have had no input on academic needs. Even though the

report states that the "master plan advisory committee" recommends the following, faculty members feel that they have not discussed this plan at all.

On the parking spaces issue, no specific solution other than the main lot getting back some spaces after construction has been completed. It seems that SHHS will be squeezed in the Peltz area once that is torn down and after Moore Field House gets renovated (which is top priority) to replace Peltz. No plans were reported on the Gateway relocation of SHHS.

Again, it seems (not totally clear) that the order is: School of Education, Business, the Arts with no input from the faculty at this time.

President's Report - the full report can be found at Faculty Senate's web site or:

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/AY%2015-14%20Pres%20Report%204-22-15.pdf>

The following items were highlighted:

- ✓ Department Guidelines for faculty evaluation. Dr. Madonia, chair of the committee, met with President Faraclas and Provost Bergeron and discussed the purpose for revisiting the guidelines. The committee will meet on May 6 at 2 pm to commence their work. Any faculty can participate please email Dr. Madonia or President Faraclas.
- ✓ The Environmental and Marine Studies department and the Geography department have expressed their desire to merge; Dean Breese supports the merger and the role of the Faculty Senate on such matters is contained in the CBA, Article 5.14. The Senate will be discussing this issue today.
- ✓ A proposal for changes to the LEP WLL requirement will be reviewed by UCF tomorrow, Thursday at their 9 am meeting.
- ✓ Transform 2020 update - nothing further to report. The Senate has to discuss is the No Confidence Resolution presented two weeks ago and make a decision to approve or not. There was lengthy discussion and an amendment was proposed in the Be it Resolved statement, to read as: ***"BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Southern Connecticut State University has no confidence in the leadership of President Gregory Gray and the Transform CSCU 2020 in its current form."***

The motion to accept the amendment was seconded and further discussion occurred. After some debate, the question was called. No objections. Votes on the amended resolution were as follows: 19 in favor; 16 against. Resolution was accepted.

At this time, there was a motion to reconsider the amended resolution and it was seconded. On further discussion and deliberations, it was agreed to reconsider the resolution on its original form so that we are in solidarity with our CSCU's schools. After some discussion, motion to close debate was approved with no objection.

The votes to rescind the amended resolution passed unanimously.

New motion to approve the resolution at its original form was made and seconded. Some discussion occurred and the motion votes to accept it were 34 in favor; 4 against.

The motion to accept the No Confidence Resolution was approved by majority.

This resolution will be distributed, once approved by all schools, to the members of the Board of Regents, President Gray, all campuses administrators, legislators, and media.

At this time, there was a motion to change the order of the Agenda and move to UCF report. Motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Senator Weiss took the floor and gave the UCF update. She stated that a motion will come before the UCF tomorrow to reduce the Multilingual Communication requirement in the Liberal Education Program (LEP). She

expressed concern of the statements made that the motion was an administrative initiative and that shared governance had not been followed. She explained that the motion is coming to the UCF from the Liberal Education Program Committee (LEPC), a committee whose voting members are all elected faculty members with broad representation. The motion was thus made by faculty as the result of a good deal of discussion and consideration. Several meetings were held with the Chair of WLL, Elena Schmitt, throughout the process. Guests are welcome at the UCF meeting tomorrow morning to hear the discussion.

At this time, 1:43 pm, there was a motion to remove the 1:45 rule and continue Senate work until 2 pm. It was approved unanimously.

In addition, there was a motion to confirm the Special Senate meeting for Wednesday, April 29, to finish all Senate business. Motion was approved unanimously.

Standing Committee Updates:

- Student Policy -- Senator Colwell distributed a report electronically. Further discussion at the next meeting.
- Technology -- Senator Dodson reported briefly that a Tech Vision Statement will be presented and discussed at the next meeting. The committee continues to work on the Senate's web site.
- Academic Policy -- Senator Pettigrew - no report
- Elections -- Senator Rothbard reported that the committee is getting ready for a call of nominations, pending today's decisions on committee's reductions
- Finance -- Senator Madonia was absent, no report
- Personnel Policy -- Dr. Gayle Bessenoff, no report, two resolutions under new business
- Rules -- Senator Coca took the floor to present the proposed resolution on Reducing the Size of the Promotion and Tenure Committee. After lengthy discussion and deliberations, there was a motion to close debate, no objections. The resolution was defeated by majority, with 13 in favor and 20 against.

Due to time constraints none of the New Business items were addressed.

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary