

FACULTY SENATE*Minutes of October 22, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>The 4th 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**)

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| 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) |
| 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) | John Jacobs (Psychology) | Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre) |
| Jane McGinn (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) | 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) | Veronica Gill (Management) | Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty) | Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud) | Mary Papazian (SCSU President) |
| Guests: Jaye Bailey; | | | | | |

12:10

Approval of Minutes: the Senate Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2014 were approved as distributed.

Announcements - none at this time.

Guest: Mr. Giovanni D'Onofrio, Administrative Faculty Senate President, couldn't attend Senate today. His visit to the Senate will be rescheduled.

President's Report -- it was distributed and the following items highlighted.

1. Acknowledgement of the Executive committee, staying focused amid an abundance of tasks. The 1:45 rule needs to be discussed further and decide on its validity. It is not in our Bylaws, nor is it a resolution, according to the findings of the secretary and the president. It was a decision made a few Senate Presidents ago, so, we need to revisit and decide the best plan of action.
2. The following members of the former ad hoc committee on Department Guidelines have agreed to serve on the new committee being formed to revisit the policy: Dr. Peter Madonia, Chair (EDL), Dr. Susan Calahan (EXS), Ms. Rebecca Hedgreen (LIB), Mr. Terrence Lavin (ART), Dr. Michael Shea (ENG).
3. Members sought for two ad hoc committees:
 - a. Committee to revisit Department Guidelines (chair: Dr. Madonia)
 - b. Committee to plan a FS meeting with new faculty members (chair: Dr. Yacher)
4. 68 applications were received for Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants. The applications are being reviewed by the University Grants Committee, which is chaired by Dr. Aaron Clark (MAT). The committee must forward its recommendations to the Provost by November 10. Available funding for these grants is \$85,000. At \$2,500 each, up to 34 grants will be awarded. Fringe benefits will not be charged to the FCARG allocation, as it was partially done last year.
5. Transform CSU 2020 -- a meeting was held with the four CSU Senate Presidents and BORHE President Gregory Gray, Provost Michael Gargano to discuss shared governance roles of the four CSU faculty governance bodies (Senates) relative to Transform 2020. It was agreed that the four CSU campus Senates would review the road maps (pink handout was distributed) and identify issues whose implementation requires in faculty governance, shared governance or union involvement. We need to decide how we will do this. Direct collaboration with AAUP seems necessary.

Lengthy discussion followed. Once the Transform 2020 goes to BOR for approval, there will be no more input, thus, it is important that comments are completed as soon as possible. But the Road Maps are so vague, how can this be completed? That is very problematic as interpretations can be questionable. The "plan" is being prepared in order to bring further budgetary support from the state. Feedback is still important to be completed by mid December.

Motion: "the Faculty Senate Standing Committees, prepare and are responsible to meet to examine the Road Maps - as distributed by the Board of Regents. The Executive Committee provides a format for these meetings. The Standing Committee meetings will be open to all Faculty and an invitation will be send out for faculty participation".

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Election for Workload Realignment Working Group: the initial memo for self-nominations went out a week ago. Senate President Faraclas spoke with Provost Bergeron and it was agreed to examine this further and address it immediately. What this means is that reassigned or

realigned time for research/scholarship will not be granted on a competitive basis, but rather to find a system where any faculty member can get the time to do research/creative work. The final committee's membership will include representation from all schools. Provost Bergeron requested that there is representation from Arts and one from Sciences, but it was realized that there is also the Humanities that needs to be represented. The AAUP representative is Steve Larocco, who will be the humanities representative. One more representative from the Senate Executive Committee, Dr. David Pettigrew, will serve on that committee.

The current nominees are:

School of Arts/Sciences: Rex Gilliland (PHI); Troy Paddock (HIS); Braxton Carrigan (MAT); Ata Elahi (CSC); Jeffrey Webb (CHE)

School of Business: No nominations - it was agreed that the Senators from the School of Business will reach out to their colleagues for nominations.

School of Education: Adam Goldberg (EDU)

School of Health and Human Services: Matthew Rothbard (EXS)

Motion: "the nominations be re-opened for a period of a week from the time the email is send out; the email will be reworded in a more prominent way and elections are to be completed at the next full senate meeting, by election procedures of the senate".

Amendment 1: "to emphasize in the communication the need to include nominations from the Business and Arts disciplines". Seconded. Discussion. Approved.

Amendment 2: "to make explicit that we propose to utilize the Executive committee seat as a humanities seat, pending Provost's approval". Seconded. Discussion. The amendment was approved by majority, two oppositions.

Call the question on main motion: no opposition, debate closed. The Main motion was approved by majority, one opposition.

There was a Motion to remove the 1:45 rule, no objection.

7. The resolution regarding the hiring of a Dean of the School of Graduate Studies without a national, affirmative action search.

Motion to accept the resolution. Seconded. Accepted.

Motion to close debate; it was passed by two-thirds, two objections.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented - passed with one opposition.

Standing Committee Updates:

- Finance -- Dr. Peter Madonia - report on the AAUP travel funds: as of Oct 8, 2014: the FT funds are: \$22,7162 remaining; the PT funds are: \$2,464 still available.
Faculty Creative Activity Funds: \$829

Interesting note: \$79,000 were rolled over from last year which is part of the \$24,646 amount. This is compatible to last years roll over, so, it seems that we are not draining the account on a yearly basis. The President and Provost have stated, that if money runs out, they guarantee is real, they will make sure that the FT faculty will get the \$1,200 to travel.

- Personnel Policy -- Dr. Gayle Bessenoff - the committee started working on the Administrators' survey and has received the list of all administrative departments, as they are working through the survey. Decision has not been made of when is this survey will be administered. Results will be shared with the Senate and Administration.

In addition, the committee is reviewing the Renewal Document very carefully.

Since some Senate documents that are sent to administration and HR is posting them over the summer, the Personnel Policy committee is working on a resolution that will define when the documents need to be posted and that all such documents are approved by the senate first.

- Rules -- Dr. Adiel Coca - no report.
- Student Policy -- Dr. Deb Flynn - the committee discussed the BoR mandate of the reporting any sexual misconduct issues as discussed earlier. Legal consultation through aaup is being sought and further advise might be needed. The committee is setting up a meeting with GSAC to discuss this mandate.
- Technology -- Dr. Joel Dodson - the committee didn't meet last week. The chair did meet with CIO and discussed the possibility of limiting all technology committees across the university and have the Senate Technology Committee be the main operating committee on technology. Solicit feedback from departments to inform the CIO. The technology committee will be seeking senate's advice.
- Academic Policy -- Dr. David Pettigrew was absent - no report
- Elections -- Dr. Matthew Rothbard - the committee is in the midst of special elections, ballots are in and results will be disseminated next week.

Motion to adjourn at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary