

**FACULTY SENATE***Minutes of November 5, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>The 5<sup>th</sup> 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)**

<b>Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)</b>	<b>Ramon Vega de Jesus (Couns/Sch Psych)</b>	Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language)	<b>Rajesh Elhance (Marketing)</b>	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
<b>Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)</b>	Jim Fullmer (Earth Science)	Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)
<b>Jeff Slomba (Art)</b>	Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance)	<b>Leon Yacher (Geography)</b>	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	<b>Jessica Kenty-Drane (Sociology)</b>
<b>(Athletics)</b>	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Troy Rondinone (History)	<b>Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)</b>	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	<b>Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)</b>
<b>Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology)</b>	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Stephen Amerman (History)	<b>Mark Kuss (Music)</b>	Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)	<b>Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)</b>
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	<b>Chris Denhup (Nursing)</b>	<b>John Jacobs (Psychology)</b>	Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre)
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Elsie Okobi (Library Science)</b>	<b>Lisa Rebeschi (Nursing)</b>	William Faraclas (President)	<b>Susan Cusato (Past President)</b>
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	<b>Scott Ellis (English)</b>	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)	<b>Chris Petto (Grad Council)</b>
<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Veronica Gill (Management)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud)	<b>Mary Papazian (SCSU President)</b>
Guests:  Jaye Bailey					

12:10

Approval of Minutes: the Senate Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2014 were approved as distributed.

## Announcements - none at this time

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

1. Critical responsibility of the Senate in a dynamic environment for higher education.
  - a. SCSU Strategic Planning
  - b. Transform CSCU 2020: Mapping the Course: the Strategic Plan for the System
  - c. Planning Commission for Higher Education (created by Legislative Act)  
(<http://www.cga.ct.gov/hed/pched/pched.asp>)

While attending to the important tasks assigned to its committees, the FS must transcend its responsive role and simultaneously exhibit strong leadership to "define or be defined". Perhaps: a) consider one-day workshops to accelerate progress on tasks (grade appeal, streamlining committees); b) assertively advocate academic freedom and shared governance; c) organize faculty teams to monitor and assess proposals, and provide thoughtful responses; d) work with AAUP, Administrative Faculty Senate and Senate colleagues at other CSU campuses.

2. First "Transform Open Session Meeting" was held Monday 11/4/14. Senate Presidents and Presidents of the 17 CSCU Universities and Colleges met to give feedback on 15 Roadmaps. SCSU Administrative Faculty Senate President Giovanni D'Onofrio attended.
  - a. Feedback was given on sticky notes, but not discussed. Our reaction to each Road Map (RM) was: "this RM will require review by faculty governance bodies".
  - b. BOR Strategic Plan was discussed. Emphasis on technology; lack of emphasis on supporting faculty in role of promoting academic excellence and student intellectual curiosity.
  - c. Next iteration of CSCU Strategic Plan: November 6.

3. How we will complete our reviews of RM in FS committees and Full Senate is the big question. Lengthy discussion occurred and many concerns were raised as well as the vagueness of the roadmaps is problematic. Provost Gargano expressed desire to work with the four CSUs presidents and to assist them in providing input, thus we need to give our best possible review; our feedback is very important and it is due by mid-December.

There was a motion: "the FS standing committees are responsible to meet and examine the Road Maps as distributed by the Board of Regents. The Executive Committee will provide a format for those meetings, which will be open to the whole faculty with an invitation to participate." Motion was approved unanimously.

Due to the importance of the RM reports and its impact on the budget from the state, as well as the time limitations; the following plan was proposed: the Senate subcommittees will write up their report and submit to the Executive Committee no later than November 13; the Executive Committee writes a summary report by December 1 and presents it to the full senate for acceptance on the December 10.

There was a motion to amend: "change the dates of the subcommittees to the

executive committee on November 17; the executive committee circulates the reports immediately (same day) to all senators for the November 19<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting."

The amendment was defeated.

The main motion was defeated.

New Motion: "In order to prepare a response from the SCSU Faculty Senate to Transform 2020, the standing committees of the FS will review their assigned initiatives and provide reports to the FS Executive Committee by November 17, reports that the EC will circulate to senators for discussion at the full senate meeting on November 19. Subsequently the EC will draft a summary report and recommendations to be distributed to Senators for discussion at a full senate meeting of the faculty senate special meeting on December 3. The FS executive committee will prepare a final report and recommendation for President Papazian and President Gray."

The new motion was passed unanimously.

6: Clarification of Academic Dishonesty policy - in making the policy back in 2012, there has been a misunderstanding, thus, it needs to be clarified and the final policy will be distributed by the Student Affairs to all students.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Elections for the Workload Realignment Working Group: the following nominations have been received and ballots will go out to all senators who will vote (for candidates from their schools only) by 3 pm on Friday, November 7.
  - Adam Goldberg from the School of Education
  - Thurson approved for School of Business
- ✓ Arts and Science: discussion and motions on the three areas of the School of Arts and Science:
  - 1 - "Psychology will be in the sciences" - motion passed by majority with 6 opposed.
  - 2 - "Humanities and social sciences will be under the science" - motion passed unanimously.
  - 3 - "Motion to return PSY back to social sciences" - motion approved.

And the nominations are:

- Area 1 - Arts : Jeff Slomba (ART); Brian Johnson (ENG)
- Area 2 - Social Science/humanities : Rex Gilliland (PHI); Julia Irwin (PSY); Cassi Meyerhoffer (SOC); Jonathan O'Hara (PSC); Troy Paddock (HIS); David Pettigrew (PHI); Mike Shea (ENG)
- Area 3 - Natural Science : Braxton Carrigan (MAT); Aaron Clark (MAT); Nicholas Edginton (BIO); Ata Elahi (CSC); Jeffrew Webb (CHE)

### Standing Committee Updates:

- Personnel Policy -- Dr. Gayle Bessenoff reported that the committee has reviewed two of the road map initiatives. Also the committee continues to work on the administrative survey via email communication.
- Rules -- Dr. Adiel Coca reported that the committee worked on three of the road maps - not transformative and will finish their report for next meeting.
- Student Policy -- Dr. Deb Flynn reported that the committee completed one initiative but discussed two more. The committee is very concerned that we are pushing away senate work to complete this report.
- Technology -- Dr. Joel Dodson reported that the committee is discussing the initiatives.
- Academic Policy -- Dr. David Pettigrew reported that the committee reviewed all road maps and will be able to write up reports.
- Elections -- Dr. Matthew Rothbard reported that the committee has completed special elections. The Emergency election for self-nominations on the sabbatical committee had no faculty stepping forward, so the committee is working without full membership.
- Finance -- Dr. Peter Madonia reported that the available TA funds: \$191,261 for FT; \$23,056 for PT members; Creative Activity Account: Travel: \$2,201; Research: \$85,000;  
It seems we have spent only 1/3 of our funds since money were carried over from last year. One topic to discuss is about the faculty that travelled early and didn't receive full amounts since they had reconciled their account on time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Strategic Planning draft - discussion for visitors of the University committee -- draft has been posted and the web link has been distributed. It will be discussed on November 19.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Elections for the Workload Realignment Working Group - ballots will go out today (as noted above) and election will be done electronically (no objection was raised to do this) by Friday, Nov 7, 2014, 3 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary