

FACULTY SENATE*Minutes of November 19, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>The 6th 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 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) | 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: | Bette Bergeron, Provost | Kathy Yalof Jaye Bailey | | | |

Approval of Minutes: the Senate Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2014 were approved as distributed with minor correction on the attendance.

Announcements - none at this time

President's Report: distributed and following items were discussed:

1. Dean Durnin will chair the Workforce Realignment Working Group. Elected members are: Aaron Clark (MAT); Adam Goldberg (EDU); Brian Johnson (ENG); Troy Paddock (HIS); Matthew Rothbard (EXS); and James Thorson (Eco/FIN).
2. FAC is the faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Their resolutions: (a) thanking Dr. Gargano and (b) reflection on the Transform CSCU 2020 document, have been approved by the 16 other system schools. We also need to make a decision on those resolutions.
3. Transform 2020 - another meeting was held with all 17 presidents from all universities. The 4 state presidents spoke as well as Dr. Papazian, that the plan should become more ideal and the universities should be given authority on their local governance. We are looking for an opportunity to "transform the transform" meaning to change it. This Friday there will be another meeting with all senate and AAUP presidents and Dr. Gray. On the charge to be "prepared to prioritize the initiatives", all presidents will simply state that they are not ready to do this, but rather to re-conceptualize the role of the faculty in the strategic plan, based on shared governance. The exclusion of faculty in the plan is not acceptable and the system will not work if faculty is not actively involved. It has become known that Dr. Mike Gargano was asked to leave, he didn't resign. More updates to follow. Western and Eastern have awarded grade of F to the Transform 2020 strategic plan. There is a proposal to have a meeting for the four-campus faculty. Many faculty expressed a wish to attend.
4. The Academic Imperative Statement was written by the CSU Faculty Leadership Group. Other faculty bodies are voting in support of this. At this time, there was a motion that: the Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate endorses the Academic Imperative as created by the CSU Faculty Leadership Group. Unanimously approved.

There was a motion (seconded) : in support of our sister universities, the Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate, awards a grade of F on the Transform CSCU 2020 plan.

Discussion occurred.

There was an amendment (seconded) : "the FS in agreement with our sister universities, awards a grade of F on the Transform 2020 plan." Amendment approved.

At this time a 2nd amendment was seconded, to include the following: because this plan will not help the students' education, or academic success.

Final amended motion (seconded): The Faculty Senate in agreement with our sister universities, awards a grade of F on the Transform CSCU 2020 Plan; because this plan has enormous and negative consequences for the educational experiences of our students. Motion to close discussion - no objection. Motion to approve final amended motion. It was approved by majority, 2 opposed.

At this time, there was a motion from the floor to approve the resolution from the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, which read:

Whereas, after careful consideration of Transform CSCU 2020, the Faculty Advisory Committee finds that it lacks focus on academic excellence, consolidates our distinct missions, is so vague as to be meaningless, and removes autonomy from local institutions in a manner that has enormous and negative consequences for the educational experiences of our students. In short, it is neither transformational nor aspirational. Resolved: we cannot endorse Transform CSCU 2020 in its current form."

The Resolution was approved unanimously.

5. No further information on the state's hiring freeze, which was announced on Nov. 12. President Papazian said that we will move forward with approved searches. The search committees should say something to candidates: pending budget approvals.
6. The FASP has been invited to join the current SCSU Strategic Planning Committee for the spring 2015. FASP has many open seats, thus, there will be a special election to fill the positions. Senators are asked to relay the message to their colleagues for self nominations.
7. There was a suggestion to create a "blue ribbon" committee that will study the impact on departments and schools of moving to an off-campus location.

Standing Committee Updates:

The standing committees had prepared reports on the Transform 2020 plan. But due to the latest updates, there was a motion from the floor: The Faculty Senate will not discuss the reports from sub-committees today, specifically on the roadmap reports of Transform 2020. The motion was seconded and lengthy discussion occurred. We need to have some input/discussion.

Amendment to remove the word TODAY, was seconded. Amendment passed by majority, 2 opposed.

Motion to accept the amended motion: The Faculty Senate will not discuss the reports from the sub-committees, specifically on the roadmap reports on Transform 2020".

There was no objection to closing debate, thus, the motion was approved by majority with 6 opposed.

Motion: for senate's further response on the Transform 2020. Motion was seconded and after lengthy discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. Further discussion on the Transform 2020 report, revealed that some initiatives have been completed at this time. Everyone needs to know which initiatives are completed. The report should include a comment that faculty were asked to do a job which was auspicious, but needs faculty input.

There was a motion from the floor: to allow the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to decide if the Faculty Senate should accept the 5-page letter of questions to President Gray, from the AAUP committee on Transform 2020; for which letter they are requesting his written responses, and send it forward to President Gray.

Motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Updates:

- Student Policy -- Dr. Deb Flynn - met with SGA on the Sexual Misconduct and discussed the policy from the BOR. Such response on this topic is very complicated and might need legal assistance. Serious concerns about the protocol.
- Technology -- Dr. Joel Dodson
- Academic Policy -- Dr. David Pettigrew
- Elections -- Dr. Matthew Rothbard
- Finance -- Dr. Peter Madonia - Full Time TA remaining funds \$161,823; Part Time TA remaining funds \$19,800; and the Creative activity travel funds: \$3,124.
- Personnel Policy -- Dr. Gayle Bessenoff
- Rules -- Dr. Adiel Coca

OLD BUSINESS:

- SCSU Strategic Planning discussion on the draft plan, the date will be determined by the executive committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest: Kathy Yalof, Coordinator of Academic Resources - Online Catalog Presentation

Other guests: Andrew Smith, Ricc Riccardi, Han Sheehan and Lisa Galvin.

The implementation committee worked hard to include all input from the SCSU community.

Demonstration of the undergrad catalogue occurred and some points were highlighted.

Please visit: www.catalogue.Southernct.edu and provide feedback/edits.

The rollout is scheduled for spring 2015 and next year there will only be an electronic catalogue available.

Kathy asked that faculty use the electronic version, asap and email feedback to Kathy Yalof. She invited more faculty to participate as they are seeking input from all.

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis

Faculty Senate Secretary