

FACULTY SENATE*Minutes of February 4, 2015*<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/index.html>The 9th 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					

Approval of Minutes: the Senate Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2014 were approved as distributed.

Announcements - Senator Garvey announced that the SCSU theatre department participated at the American College Theatre Festival and they walked away with a number of awards! The Theatre department was invited to participate in this regional festival, competing with many New England and upstate New York schools. This is a bid deal and a great accomplishment especially after our Theatre department had significant budget cuts.

President Faraclas requested a moment of silence in memory of one of our students: Kayla Ann Donnely-Smith who died in a car accident on Monday morning. Kayla was a member of the SCSU cheerleading team.

President's Report- the report was distributed and the full report can be found at:
<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2014-2015.html>

The following topics were briefly discussed:

- February 9th meeting with Provost Bergeron to discuss "mandatory reporting" issues.
- Transform 2020: ECSU has endorsed the "values and assumptions" and "initiatives" documents which we also approved at our last meeting. CCSU and WCSU have been delayed in their reviews due to inclement weather.
- There was also a brief discussion on LEP requirements. LEP was accepted with the proviso that it will be evaluated after its implementation. Therefore, UCF hosted an open discussion on the LEP and many reasonable points were brought forth. Senator O'Brien, who is also the LEP Director, is willing to work with departments/programs who believe that LEP requirements are hurting their programs. Please email him with any issues. And since LEP is a curricular issue, which is strictly faculty responsibility and their full charge, the issue will initiate discussions between UCF, LEP, and other faculty.
- Some faculty questioned on the closing of school during the past two snow storms, some thought it was a good process and encourage the administration to continue this model.
- The 15 minute Senate rule: a rule that is not in our by-laws nor in our constitution, thus it needs to be discussed if we need to continue reinforcing it. Robert's Rules of Order states that business are to be conducted until closing of meeting, which for the Senate, is 2 pm. The executive committee will discuss this before we vote upon it in the future.
- President Faraclas reminded all committee of our pending items for the semester and urged all committee members to fully participate, since there are limited meeting remaining this semester, and achieve the completion of the critical items at hand.

Standing Committee Updates:

- Elections -- Dr. Matthew Rothbard - no report
- Finance -- Dr. Peter Madonia - we have a proposal to present later under New Business. There was a motion from the floor to move to this item under New Business and address it now. Since there was no objection, the discussion commenced on the resolution: TA Proposed Allocation for the Remaining Academic Year. Senator Madonia informed the Senate that the current approved amount is less than the allowable contractual of \$1500. The current amount remaining unencumbered stands at: \$121,294. Thus, the proposed resolution asking for the increase of the faculty TA, to the full amount of \$1500. After some discussion there was a motion to accept the resolution, with the revision to include the following as the first statement: Whereas Southern CT State University (SCSU) exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;
- Personnel Policy -- Senator Bessenoff reported that the committee is moving closely to complete the Faculty Administrators' Effectiveness Survey by next week. It will be distributed online for the faculty to complete. All Senators are asked to announce to their department and urge them all to participate with the survey. The Senate approved the survey in the past and for the purpose of fairness, it was decided to use the same survey to collect some data. Also, the committee is working on the Renewal and Professional Evaluation documents.
- Rules -- Senator Coca will discuss items under New Business.
- Student Policy -- Senator Colwell announced that there is a meeting next week on the student misconduct policy. He invited comments/thoughts from any senator about this policy.
- Technology -- Senator Dodson announced that the committee met last week and started to review the senate website to make it more dynamic. They will bring their report soon.
- Academic Policy - Senator Pettigrew started the discussion on the Replacement Grade Option document, from the 2014-15 Student Handbook, which was distributed electronically last Friday. After some

discussion, there was a motion to table this resolution until next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Tobacco Policy - the discussion continued on the endorsement of the policy. Suggestion to invite the faculty from the committee to discuss this topic further. There was a motion to invite committee members, passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Summary of Significant Changes to the Department Chairpersonship document and Revised Chairperson document 2014-2015: Senator Coca commenced the discussion on the document, but since the time is 1:55, no vote could be taken. President Faraclas asked that if any senators' have any comments to email them to Adiel as soon as possible as the committee will distribute the document for the next Senate meeting, at which time, the Senate will take action.
- ✓ University Committees --- Senator Coca explained the color coded handout of the university committees and asked for suggestions/feedback on the list. He asked that Senators alert him if any committee is missing and we will discuss at the next Senate meeting.
- ✓ APC Proposal Grade Replacement document -- tabled for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary