

Approved Minutes of April 6, 2016

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The 12th meeting of 2015-2016 was called to order at 12:11 pm by President William Faraclas.

Members Present/Absent (absent members are designated in **bold**)

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Cassi Meyerhoffer (Sociology)
Kenneth McGill (Anthropology)	James William Anthony Fullmer (Earth Science)	Tom Radice (History)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	Stephen Amerman (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Lisa Barbaro/Joseph Van Gilder (Athletics)	Joy Fopiano (Education)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Elsie Okobi (Library Science)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	Katherine Masland (Psychology)	Jian Wu (World Literature Language)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (President)	Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language)
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty)	Deborah Flynn (Public Health)	Liz Keenan (UCF)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Scott Ellis (English)	Mina Park (Management / MIS)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)
Taraneh Seyed (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environmental and Marine Studies)	Greg Robbins (Management/ MIS)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)	Julie Gagliardi (Student)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
<u>Guests:</u>					

Approval of Minutes: The Senate Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Announcements: the department of Journalism is hosting a regional journalism conference on April 8-9, bringing professional journalists across the New England for the two days.

The department of Anthropology, Sociology, and the STEM I&L, are sponsoring a panel discussion on April 20, at 3:30-5:00 pm at Morrill Hall 108. The topic: "Race, Place, and (Un)Safe Water: is Flint the Exception...or the Rule.

The department of Judaic Studies, is sponsoring a Holocaust Remembrance program with Holocaust survivor Mila Nishball on April 18 at 1:10-2:0 in EN B 121 B. The special guest, the 95 year old Holocaust survivor Mila Nishball, is Dr. Deb Weiss' mother and she will share her memories of the Holocaust.

Guest: Ms. Patricia Zibluk, Director, Sponsored Programs and Research office
Patricia will be leaving SCSU at the end of June, so she spoke about the state of SPAR office. She has worked here for 16 years and she has seen many changes in the office, which also brings some concerns to the forefront. Back in 2000, the faculty was not as actively writing grants but was bringing about \$600,000 to the university. Today, more grants are sought and awarded, totaling up to 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars. The need for pre-award and post-award support is necessary and needed. Her office has kept data for years on number of staff assisting faculty, grants being awarded to faculty, success rate and completion data. The issue is that support is not always there. In addition, Patricia highlighted that faculty need to attend grant-writing conferences to seek opportunities in their fields. That is not available either thus, faculty are not able to know funding opportunities. Bottom line is that as essential the research is for faculty and the students' learning opportunities, resources for grants applications and research are not available.

Patricia responded to questions and provided suggestions/recommendations of where the SPAR office should be heading towards, and what to request the administration for.

Patricia was thanked by many faculty on her role in their successful grant applications and they surely appreciate her knowledge on the topic. Many faculty are sorry to see her leave SCSU but wished her the best in her future endeavors.

After lengthy discussion, there was a motion: The Senate requests that the Executive Committee crafts a resolution to be presented to the administration asking for a national search to fill the SPAR director's position as well as find and provide additional resources (such as travel funds, program coordinator, etc.) for that office.

Motion was seconded, discussion followed and many faculty expressed support for such resolution.

The vote was unanimous to approve the motion with the request that once the EC crafts the resolution, it is brought to the full Senate meeting (Wednesday, April 13) for approval.

President's Report - the full report can be found at:

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2015-2016.html>

The following items were highlighted: Items highlighted from the President's Report:

Item 1: Travel funding cap raised. The FS Resolution S-16-10 (approved 2/25/16) called for an increase in travel funding for full time members from \$1200 to \$1500. On Monday, March 28, Interim Provost Durnin announced a \$250 increase in the funding cap (to \$1450) for the current fiscal year.

Item 2. There was a proposal to continue holding the end-of-year faculty retreat. The issue is what date. After some discussion, the senate requested that the EC defines the date for the End-of-year Faculty Retreat.

- ❖ At this time, there was a motion to discuss the Statement on Accuracy in Administrative Position Titles for Temporary Appointments. The statement was distributed and discussed. After lengthy discussion, a motion to approve the content of the Statement was made. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion from the floor to present the Statement as an FYI Resolution to President Papazian. The motion was approved unanimously.

Senator Shea thanked Bill and Deb on their diligent work on the crafting of the Statement.

- ❖ Senator Coca presented the resolution on the Chairperson's Document revisions. He explained the latest revisions and the input from the Provost.

A motion to waive the 15-minute rule was made. Since there were no objections, the motion passed.

Discussion continued and then a motion to approve the resolution with latest revisions was made. Motion was approved unanimously.

- ❖ Senator Pettigrew presented the resolution on restoring the class size to 20, which was raised temporarily to 23 students on March 2011. Some discussion occurred and then a motion to approve the resolution was passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 1:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Secretary, Faculty Senate