

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of November 30, 2016

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The 6th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2016-2017 was held on November 9, at 12:19 pm, in the Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

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

Wafeek Abdelsayed (Accounting)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Klay Kruczek (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Kenneth McGill (Anthropology)	Mike Knel Anthony Fullmer (Earth Science)	Tom Radice (History)	Ray Mugno (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	(Special Ed/Reading)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	Stephen Amerman (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	Larry Nye (Theatre)
Lisa Barbaro (Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Yan Liu (Information & Library Science)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	Rubén Pelayo (World Languages & Literatures)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	Katherine Masland (Psychology)	Luke Eilderts (Secretary/World Languages & Literatures)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Deborah Weiss (UCF)
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Kari Swanson (Library Services)	(Part-time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	William Faraclas (Faculty Senate Past President)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders & UCF Representative)	Scott Ellis (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	(Social Work)	Elizabeth Rhodes (Grad Council)
Hossain Shafaet (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environment, Geography & Marine Studies)	Greg Robbins (Management/MIS)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	(Student)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Alan Brown (Sociology)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
Guests: Christine Broadbirdge (Dean, Graduate School)					

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 9, 2016, were approved as distributed.

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Announcements

- S. Tomczak: Rally for the contract cafeteria workers at 2:30 pm December 1st.
- D. Pettigrew: Reminder that Terry Bynum will be installed as CSU professor on Monday at 1pm in the Adanti Ballroom.
- J. Dodson: Reminder that the First Thursdays Speaker series will have its last event of the semester on December 1 at 4:30 in the Buley Art Gallery.
- J. Dunklee: Journalism offering Science writing and Drone Journalism courses next semester.

President's Report

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Guests

Dr. Christine Broadbridge, Interim Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Research, and Innovation.

- Spoke about her role as well as the priorities she has set for the school.
 - Investigating existing procedures;
 - Focusing on student retention;
 - Emphasizing research and innovation;
 - Implementing partnerships and supporting faculty work.

Questions

- W. Abdelseyd: Where is graduate admissions housed?
 - Admissions has moved to Enrollment Management under Dr. Terricita Sass. This allows for a university-wide admissions plan.
- W. Faraclas: How do you conceptualize the relationship between your office and the graduate council? And the role of the graduate council overall?
 - They are the policy setting body for the institution. I may bring items for them to consider, but they must decide how to act on these items.
- D. Pettigrew: Sometimes there is tension between elected vs. appointed committees. Would you consider having the Research Advisory Council be elected rather than appointed?
 - Would gladly consider and discuss with the Provost.
- D. Pettigrew: Inquires into why announcements of an academic nature are not announced campus-wide.
 - Policy issue.
- M. Shea: Concerned about graduate coordination and reassign time.
 - Issue is being discussed.
- G. Cochenet: Inquires into what is being done about certification at the graduate level.
 - Hold course for now; discussions are taking place and documents are being drafted. Direct questions about certification to Dean of Education and general questions to Enrollment Management.

Standing Committee Reports

- Personnel Policy
 - Reviewing P&T, Renewal, and Professional Assessment documents to ensure parallel processes.
 - Results of the non-binding vote concerning the P&T Recusal rule:
 - Keep rule as is: 7
 - Keep recusal but in a modified form: 12
 - Remove recusal rule: 11
 - Discussion ensued on the procedure undertaken by the Personnel Policy committee.
 - M. Diamantis asks Senators write directly to S. Tomczak and M. Shea with suggestions.
- Academic Policy
 - D. Weiss has rewritten the grade appeal document that simplifies the current process. A draft will be circulated for debate in the Spring 2017 semester.
- Rules
 - No report.
- Finance
 - Faculty Creative Activity: \$3,432; AAUP full-time: \$154,616. AAUP part-time: \$11,369.
- Student Policy
 - Met with Dr. Jules Tetreault, Assistant Vice President/Dean of Student Affairs concerning the Academic misconduct policy.
- Technology
 - Looking into the feasibility of moving to an online format for P&T files;
 - Have developed a plan to offer online programs in all 50 states;
 - Looking into ways to do more online meetings;
 - Discussing the move to have some sort of digital presence for every class in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow storm) so that classes could continue.
- Elections
 - No report.

Special Committee Reports

- Undergraduate Curriculum Forum
 - No report.
- FASP/USPaRC
 - Role of FASP in the strategic plan; creating transparent RCART procedures.

Unfinished Business

- A. Coca, chair, Rules committee, moved to adopt changes to the Senate Chairperson Document. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - *Resolved*, that within section II.G.3. of the Chairperson's document, the phrase “, even when there is only one candidate for Department Chairperson,” be added to the first sentence of this section after the phrase “The Department Personnel Committee shall conduct a second vote by secret written ballot”.
- A. Coca, chair, Rules committee, moved to adopt changes to the Senate Bylaws.
 - L. Eilderts moved to consider by seriatim. No objection was heard.

- After discussion, W. O'Brien moved to commit revisions to Rules committee for further review, but withdrew motion stating he would offer the motion once discussion was finished.
- Discussion ensued on the need to include reports from groups like the Faculty Advisory Committee; how often certain groups should report (i.e. every meeting vs. once a semester).
- W. Faraclas shared his concerns on the amount of time the Faculty Senate has to complete its work and spoke against the inclusion of the custom of the "15-minute rule;" explained that Robert's Rules requires a quorum must be present for business to be transacted. By including the 15-minute rule, the risk is that we will further diminish the amount of time we have to complete our work.

Quorum lost at 1:54pm and the meeting was adjourned.

Luke Eilderts
Secretary