

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of November 9, 2016

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The 5th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2016-2017 was held on November 9, at 12:13 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)	Judith Tepstra (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 Shafact (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environment, Geography & Marine Studies)	Greg Robbins (Management/MIS)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	Julie Gagliardi (Student)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Alan Brown (Sociology)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
<u>Guests:</u> Mark Rozewski (Executive Vice President Finance and Administration) Karen Musmanno (Academic Technologies) Charles Trevor Broliar	Christine Broadbirdge (Dean, Graduate School) Sandra Bulmer (Dean, Health & Human Services)				

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 26, 2016, were approved as distributed.

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Announcements

- Social Justice Week is November 14-20.

President's Report

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2016-2017.html>

- *Newtown* screening will take place November 10 at 7pm in the Lyman Center.
- Faculty Leadership Council met with President Bertolino and Provost Durnin to address multiple issues. W. Faraclas asked who is speaking for the faculty, which should be the Senate.
- President Diamantis stated that with regard to the Branding and Marketing Survey a meeting will be scheduled outside of the Senate meeting to discuss the survey findings in more detail.

Guests

Mark Rozewski, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration

- President Diamantis welcomed Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Mark Rozewski, who provided an update regarding the University budget.
 - A summary document of the University budget will be distributed to the Senate. Highlights related to the budget include: the University is running a \$2.4 million deficit, and \$2 million of the University's approved appropriation was held back at the beginning of the fiscal year. Additionally, enrollment declines of 7.5% in part-time, summer and winter session enrollments were greater than the planned assumptions of 2% decline, although full time enrollment was greater than the planned assumption.
 - Failed faculty searches resulted in salary savings, which enabled special appointments and adjunct hiring.
 - The largest problem with the budget this year was the inopportune timing of the failure of funding for the Roberta Willis Scholarship program. In mid-August, after financial aid offers had already been made, allocations for the Roberta Willis Scholarship program were cut. The University had a moral obligation to fulfill the scholarships already awarded, which resulted in a \$1.4 million shortfall in the University's budget. It is unknown what the future of this program will be, but it may need to be reduced.
 - The campus food service provider Chartwells changed the way it accounted for its employee benefits, which created a mismatch in fees from students and billing from Chartwells for meal plans. Solutions to this problem may include adjustment of related fees, adjustment of the plan or both.
 - An update report about the state of the University's reserves was provided on November 8. The University may have to surrender its reserves, but that is not yet known.

- It is possible that next year there could be a cut of 10% of the University's state appropriate (\$7-8 million), but we are in a manageable situation now and next year is conjecture at this point.

Karen Musmanno, Academic Technologies, and Charles Trever Broliar, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects

- Karen Musmanno, Academic Technologies announced that Blackboard Learn will be migrated from a hosted server to our own server.
 - The remainder of the fall semester and the winter session will be on the current hosted system. The migration will take place after that. All courses in the current system will be shut off on December 28. Access will be restored on January 2. All courses will be copied from the old system to the new system, but they will be copied in reverse date order (newest to oldest). The oldest courses may not be available on January 2. Faculty should copy spring content now. The deadline for copying content is December 28.

Questions

- Senator Stutzman advised that an email be sent about this immediately. President Diamantis asked for email from Karen Musmanno.
 - Karen Musmanno stated that an email message would be sent.
- Senator Dunklee asked how content is copied.
 - Karen Musmanno indicated that there is a tool in Blackboard Learn 9 for copying content and that the email message that would be sent would include instructions for copying content.
- Senator Weiss asked if the new version is better for “artifacts in uploading.”
 - Karen Musmanno said no, it is the same, because we did not purchase the assessment system for Learn 9. It would need to be purchased if it is desired.

Standing Committee Reports

- Personnel Policy
 - The Personnel Policy Committee sought a sense of the Senate by non-binding straw poll regarding the Promotion and Tenure Recusal Rule. Written ballots were distributed. Discussion ensued. The Personnel Policy Committee will discuss the outcome of the non-binding straw poll and bring forward a motion as necessary.
- Rules
 - Discussions of revisions of the Senate Bylaws and Chair's document postponed until next Senate meeting.
- Finance
 - AAUP full-time: \$180,936. AAUP part-time: \$16,189.
- Student Policy
 - Academic misconduct policy.
- Technology
 - IT wants to know if we are using the student photos in Banner.
 - Feasibility study of online P&T files.

- Technology Committee is asking Academic Policy to assist with feasibility study of online P&T files. Senator Pettigrew is willing to meet with the committee to discuss it citing his experience reviewing a digital promotion and tenure file from another institution.
- Elections
 - Results of elections have been posted on the Senate web site.

Special Committee Reports

- Undergraduate Curriculum Forum
 - Senator Weiss shared that 6-7 programs have not yet achieved 120 credit normalization, but they are working on it. The Board of Regents expects all programs to achieve 120 credit normalization by December 31 for implementation in Fall 2017.
- FASP/USPaRC
 - Senator Pettigrew sent a message to President Bertolino to discuss Academic Strategic Planning with him, and the President agreed to meet with him.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Kari Swanson
Senator