

Southern Connecticut State University  
**FACULTY SENATE**

Approved Minutes of October 12, 2016

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2016-2017 was held on September 21, 2016, at 12:15 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)	<b>Judith Tepstra (Special Ed/Reading)</b>
<b>Greg Cochenet (Art)</b>	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	<b>Stephen Amerman (History)</b>	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	(Theatre)
<b>Lisa Barbaro (Athletics)</b>	Beena Achhpal (Education)	<b>Yan Liu (Information &amp; Library Science)</b>	<b>Jonathan Irving (Music)</b>	<b>Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)</b>	<b>Rubén Pelayo (World Languages &amp; Literatures)</b>
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	<b>Maria Krol (Nursing)</b>	Katherine Masland (Psychology)	Luke Eilderts (Secretary/World Languages & Literatures)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	<b>Joel Dodson (English)</b>	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	<b>Antoinette Towle (Nursing)</b>	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Deborah Weiss (UCF)
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Kari Swanson (Library Services)</b>	(Part-time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	William Faraclas (Faculty Senate Past President)
<b>Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders &amp; UCF Representative)</b>	Scott Ellis (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	<b>Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)</b>	(Social Work)	Elizabeth Rhodes (Grad Council)
Hossain Shafact (Computer Science)	<b>Scott Graves (Environment, Geography &amp; Marine Studies)</b>	<b>Greg Robbins (Management/MIS)</b>	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	<b>Julie Gagliardi (Student)</b>
<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	<b>Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Alan Brown (Sociology)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
<u>Guests:</u> Samuel Andoh (Interim Dean School of Business)	Tracy Tyree (VP Student Affairs)				

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on September 21, 2016, were approved as distributed.

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## Announcements

- J. Dunklee: 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Journalism day to be held on campus on October 21, 2016.

## President's Report

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

- Informational meeting for Promotion & Tenure was a great success. Thank you to all those involved.
- University Dialog with President Bertolino went very well. The others are scheduled in the Adanti Ballroom on
  - February 23, 2017, 12:25-1:40.
  - April 3, 2017, 1-2:30.
- Forum on Judaism was very successful. Thank you to all those involved.
- University Library committee has two Faculty Senate representatives. There is one vacancy. S. Lodha volunteers to sit on committee.
- Suggest that Dr. Sharon Misasi be a future guest of the Senate; that she develop a workshop through Faculty Development for the entire faculty.
- Leadership council met on 10/11 and highlighted the following priorities:
  - Retention and Financial aid: Goal of 1% increase in retention per year.
  - Public Relations/Branding consultant will come in November.
  - Social Justice initiatives: more focused goals
  - Financial Stability: Create different kinds of partnerships with high schools and middle schools with the aim of attracting students to SCSU.
  - Academic Excellence: Advising and LEP; two community college presidents have shared that their advisors find it difficult for students to transfer to SCSU.
  - Strategic plan implementation.
- Provost search is starting. Follow updates on <http://www.southernct.edu/provost-search/>
- W. Faraclas: *Newton* screening will take place November 10 at 7pm in the Lyman Center.
- M. Shea: President Ojakian created six working groups over the summer that are looking for faculty/staff (two from faculty, two from administration) interesting in participating in focus groups, one for retention (November 10, 2-4pm) and one for recruitment (November 15, 2-4pm). Both will take place at the Central Office.
- J. Dunklee: question concerning changes to the way tuition is calculated. President Bertolino shared President Ojakian is investigating possible changes, especially for Community Colleges. As for our own financial issues, President Bertolino shared that we will most certainly see a large cut in the next fiscal year.

## Standing Committee Reports

- Finance
  - Faculty Creative fund: \$31. AAUP full-time: \$211,992. AAUP part-time: \$24,967.

- Personnel
  - Announces that at the October 26 meeting, there will be a brief presentation and debate concerning the Promotion & Tenure recusal rule. After this presentation/debate, Senators are asked to confer with their departments in order to prepare for a vote that is tentatively planned for November 9.
- Rules
  - Announces that a vote is planned for revisions to the Senate bylaws at the October 26 meeting. The revised bylaws will be distributed before the meeting so Senators may prepare for debate.
- Student policy
  - Investigating the Financial Aid issues; looking to meet with a representative from Admissions, SGA, and the Graduate student group.
- Technology
  - Investigating issues that continue to plague faculty/staff/students.
  - Several Senators expressed their exasperation with IT support for Faculty; question the planning process of IT administrators.
  - Remind Senators to tell their respective departments to send their questions/concerns through the Technology committee.
- Academic policy
  - Revisions to the Grade Appeal procedure have begun.
  - Will draft a statement for Institutional policy on non-attendance at next committee meeting. A draft of this statement will be distributed to senators for debate at the October 26 meeting.
  - Discussions on research reassign time, class size, travel funds.
  - Suggests that the Academic Misconduct policy be returned to the Student Policy committee.
- Elections
  - Nominations and new elections soon.
  - Results for previous election are already posted on the Senate's website.

### **Special Committee Reports**

- Undergraduate Curriculum Forum
  - D. Weiss distributed via email a memo concerning changes to Department Program Review.
- Graduate Council
  - Focusing on ways to eliminate obstacles for graduate students, improve technical support.
- FASP
  - Discussed academic strategic planning for faculty and students.

**New Business**

- J. McGinn: Raised concerns about the limited leadership resources in the Office of Faculty Development.

At 1:47 p.m. quorum was lost and the meeting was adjourned.

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Luke L. Eilderts  
Faculty Senate Secretary