

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of September 21, 2016

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

The 2nd meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2016-2017 was held on September 21, 2016, at 12:14 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)	(Theatre)
Lisa Barbaro (Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Yan Liuu (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)	Scott Ellis (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	(Social Work)	Lee deLisle (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
Guests: Tracy Tyree (VP Student Affairs)	Richard Riccardi (Associate VP of Institutional Advancement)				

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on September 7, 2016, were approved as corrected.

Guest Speaker

President Diamantis welcomed Dr. Terricita Sass, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, and invited her to address the assembly.

Dr. Sass highlighted several important issues concerning the University's provisional status with the Department of Education (DOE).

- Dr. Sass explained that a FAQ would be distributed to the campus community (one for faculty/staff, one for students) shortly (email sent by Patrick Dilger on September 23). Dr. Sass briefly outlined the fourteen questions anticipated/answered in the document. A link to the published FAQ may be found here: <https://www.southernct.edu/enrollment-management/files/Provisional-Status-FAQs-Fac-Staff-16.pdf>.

The floor was then opened to questions from the assembly.

- Questions concerning the approval of programs: Dr. Sass shared that each case must be looked at carefully to determine if proposed programs/program changes would need to go all the way to the DOE for approval.
- Questions concerning the faculty's role in being removed from provisional status: Dr. Sass explained that the Faculty Senate will be charged with recommending a procedure for attendance reporting that will be in line with DOE requirements. The timeline for these recommendations is very short.

Announcements

- Deb Weiss: Forum on Judaism on Wednesday from 12-2 in the ASC Ballroom.
- Alan Brown: Human Library event November 15 from 11-4:30. Looking for volunteers. Visit <http://humanlibrary.org> for more information.
- Jonathan Wharton: Presidential Debate Viewing Party September 26, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in EN A120.
- David Pettigrew: Promotion and Tenure information session for September 26, 2016, in EN C112 from 1-2:30 p.m.

President's Report

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

- President Diamantis drew Senators' attention to items 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
- David Pettigrew congratulated Deb Weiss on all the work that she has done for the Forum on Judaism.
- William Faraclas shared that the film *Newtown* will be screened on this campus. More information to follow.

Standing Committee Reports

- Elections
 - Self-nomination form has been distributed via email.
- Finance
 - No report

- Personnel Policy
 - Discussion on P&T recusal policy; electronic submission of P&T files; editing Senate and P&T documents for additional clarity.
- Rules
 - Working on Senate bylaws.
- Student Policy
 - Meeting with students from SGA to assess their position; discussion on Financial aid situation and mandatory reporting; undergraduate admission standards; student activity fee and its uses. Committee requests more members.
- Technology
 - Discussion on events at the beginning of the semester with the helpdesk; working on establishing better communication with IT; online teaching recommendations.
- Academic Policy
 - Discussion on grade appeals; class sizes for INQ and W courses; research reassign time; how faculty can be a part of the values discussion initiated by interim Provost Durnin.

Special Committee Reports

- Undergraduate Curriculum Forum
 - First meeting of the year will take place September 22, 2016. Dr. Terricita Sass will also present DOE information to the assembly.
 - The elimination of the LEP Director position puts the assessment of the LEP into jeopardy.
 - Question on the implementation of the changes to LEP tier II: they were approved and will be implemented starting in Fall 2017. Discussion of how these changes are implemented ensued.
- Graduate Council
 - No report.
- FASP
 - No report.

New Business

- Jerry Dunklee moved to support the sponsoring of the *Newton* film screening. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Discussion ensued on the Values statement interim Provost Durnin announced at the September 7, 2016, meeting.

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



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Faculty Senate Secretary