

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of March 28, 2018

<https://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/2017-2018.html>

The 10th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2017-2018 was held on
 March 28, 2018, at 12:15 p.m. in the
 Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

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

Wafeek Abdelsayed (Accounting)	Natalie Starling (Couns/Sch Psych)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Angela Lopez-Velasquez (Special Ed/Reading)
Kenneth McGill (Anthropology)	Mike Knell (Earth Science)	Tom Radice (History)	Klay Kruczek (Mathematics)	L. Evan Finch (Physics)	Laura Reynolds (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 (Curriculum & Learning)	Yan Liu (Information & Library Science)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	Luke Eilderts (Secretary/World Languages & Literatures)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	Katherine Marsland (Psychology)	
James Kearns (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Parker Fruchan (Library Services)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Deborah Weiss (UCF)
Derek Taylor (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Kari Swanson (Library Services)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	William Faraclas (Faculty Senate Past President)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Elizabeth Kalbfleisch (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	Eric Hoffman (Part-Time Faculty)	(Social Work)	Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)
Mohammad T. Islam (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environment, Geography & Marine Studies)	Greg Robbins (Management/MIS)	Mary Ellen Minichiello (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	Mia Forgione (Student)
Matthew Ouimet (Counseling)	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Greg Adams (Sociology)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
<u>Guests:</u> Christine Broadbridge (GSRI) Trevor Broliar (IT)	Bruce Kalk (A&S) Craig Hlavac (A&S)				

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

- February 21, 2018
 - **Accepted as distributed.**

II. Announcements

- D. Pettigrew: “Remembering the Holocaust” Exhibition at Buley Library, main level. April 2-May 4, 2018.
- L. Eilderts: The Global Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) will distribute a survey to faculty with the goal of gathering information on the state of internationalization.

III. President’s Report: M. Diamantis

<https://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2017-2018.html>

- D. Pettigrew **moved to endorse** the following resolution as proposed by CCSU:
 - Faculty Senate Resolution on Documented and Undocumented Students
Whereas there has been considerable confusion and concern on CCSU’s campus in the wake of the recent presidential election regarding the standing of undocumented individuals on our campus,
Be it resolved that CCSU’s Faculty Senate unequivocally supports the rights of all individuals on campus to exercise and enjoy in safety and security all of the rights and privileges appropriate to their status as students, staff, or faculty regardless of their immigration status;
And be it further resolved that the Senate urges the university’s faculty, staff, and administration to do all within their power to answer the questions and assuage the concerns of all members of the CCSU family, regardless of immigration status, regarding these issues.
 - W. Abdelsayed **moved to commit** resolution to the Executive committee to revise and submit to the University President for information.
 - **Motion approved.**

IV. Standing Committee Reports

1. Academic Policy (D. Pettigrew)

- Committee has been charged to revise the grade appeal policy to accommodate 8-week classes.

2. Elections (K. Kruczek)

- Preparing for upcoming all-University elections.

3. Finance (W. Abdelsayed)

- Full time AAUP: \$82,113
- Part time AAUP: \$3,916
- Creative Activity: \$2,251

4. Personnel (M. Shea): No report.

5. Rules (W. O'Brien): No report.

6. Student Policy (M. Nizhnikov)

- A motion on optional language to include in syllabi will be distributed for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Technology (W. Stutzman)

- Reminds faculty that shared drive support is ending. All files should be moved to OneDrive (Microsoft 365 software).
- Discussion on changes to in-browser feedback changes in Blackboard.

V. Special Committee Reports

1. FASP/USPaRC (D. Pettigrew)

- **Moved to endorse** “Faculty Senate Resolution Endorsing the Faculty Senate Academic Strategic Plan Committee’s ‘Strategic Vision for Academic Excellence’ for transmission to the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee.”
 - W. Abdelsayed **moved to call the previous question.**
 - **Motion approved.**
 - **Motion to endorse approved.**

2. UCF (D. Weiss): No report.

3. Graduate Council (E. Rhoades)

- Discussion on Program review will now take place by department instead of by a program.
- There is an ongoing discussion about how the Faculty Senate views the Grad council and how Grad Council views itself.
- Discussion on the ways to increase graduate enrollment.

VI. New Business

- D. Pettigrew: Proposes the creation of an ad hoc committee to survey our curriculum in the areas of social justice and propose strategic developments.
 - Discussion concerning retention and diversity followed.
 - Discussion will continue next meeting (unfinished business).
- M. Diamantis: shared faculty concerns over creation of STaR.
 - Discussion about changes to the program review process followed.

VII. Adjournment

- P. Fruehan **moved to adjourn.**
 - Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Luke Eilderts
Secretary