

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of May 2, 2018

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

The 11th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2017-2018 was held on
 May 2, 2018, at 12:11 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)		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> Ilene Crawford (Academic Affairs) Bob Prezant (Provost)	Craig Hlavac (School of A&S)				

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

- April 25, 2018
 - **Accepted as distributed.**

II. Election of Faculty Senate President and Treasurer (K. Kruczek)

- **Moved to open nominations** for Faculty Senate President.
 - J. Dunklee **nominated** M. Diamantis, who accepted the nomination.
 - D. Pettigrew **moved to close nominations**, with no objections heard.
 - M. Diamantis **elected** President of the SCSU Faculty Senate for the AY 2018-2019.
- **Moved to table** election of Faculty Senate Treasurer until arrival of W. Abdelsayed.
 - **Motion approved.**

III. Special Order of the day: “Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate Resolution Addressing the Promotion and Tenure Recusal Issue”

- W. Faraclas **moved** to vote by secret ballot.

Tellers’ Report

Number of votes cast.....	38
Necessary for adoption (2/3).....	26
Voters for motion.....	19
Votes against.....	19

- Motion **defeated.**

IV. Election of Faculty Senate President and Treasurer (L. Eilderts)

- **Moved to open nominations** for Faculty Senate Treasurer.
 - K. McGill **nominated** W. Abdelsayed, who accepted the nomination.
- D. Pettigrew **moved to close nominations**, with no objections heard.
 - A. Abdelsayed **elected** Treasurer of the SCSU Faculty Senate for the AY 2018-2019.

V. Standing Committee Reports

1. Finance (W. Abdelsayed)

- Remaining AAUP and Creative Activity Travel funds
 - Full-time: \$66,636
 - Part-time: \$0
 - Creative Activity: \$3,751
- **Moved to approve** Faculty Senate Resolution on AAUP Travel Funds, 2018-2019 Academic Year.
 - **Motion approved.**

2. Academic Policy (D. Weiss)

- **Moved to approve** the revised Grade Appeal Procedure (APC Approved 4/18-2018), which formalizes the procedure for 8-week courses, and the accompanying Grade Appeal Form.
 - **Motion approved.**

3. Rules (W. O'Brien)

- **Moved to approve** revisions to the SCSU Faculty Senate Bylaws.
 - W. Faraclas **moved to add** the following language to section VII.C.
 - “4. The Graduate Council is a permanent, autonomous standing committee of the Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Faculty Senate charged with improving the overall quality of the graduate curriculum.”
 - M. Diamantis recognized Graduate Council Representative E. Rhoades without any objections from the floor.
 - **Motion approved.**
 - **Motion approved** as amended.
- **Moved to add** the following sentence (underlined below) to section II.G.1.a. of the SCSU Faculty Senate Chairperson Document.
 - Upon receiving notice from the University President of an impending or actual vacancy in the Department Chairpersonship, the Department Personnel Committee shall provide opportunity for discussion of the Department Chairpersonship with the department and with the appropriate Dean before the preferential poll is distributed. Upon request by the department, the dean shall meet with the whole department prior to the preferential poll. If issues arise other than those involving interpretation or implementation, they shall be resolved by the department prior to the voting process, and the department shall be bound by those decisions. Following resolution of issues, the Department Personnel Committee shall conduct a preferential poll of all tenured and tenure-track members of the department (including those with less than two semesters in the department) by secret written ballot on or before February 1st. The committee shall distribute a ballot on which is printed the following: (1) the names, in alphabetical order, of all tenured and tenure-track members of the department; and (2) the statement "search outside the department". The fact that one's name appears on the ballot should not be interpreted as a declaration of candidacy. Each department member shall then mark up to 3 choices, in order of preference. The Department Personnel Committee will communicate the results of the preferential poll to department members and the Dean within seven calendar days. If a member of the Department Personnel Committee emerges as one of the preferred choices of the department, he/she must either resign from the committee or decline candidacy for the Chairpersonship.
 - **Motion approved** as amended.
- M. Diamantis **moved to suspend the rules** to bring the “Resolution for Affordable, Accessible, and High Quality Comprehensive Child Care at CSCU” before the Senate.
 - **Motion approved.**

VI. New Business

- K. Swanson **moved to accept** “Resolution for Affordable, Accessible, and High Quality Comprehensive Child Care at CSCU”.
 - **Motion approved.**

VII. Standing Committee Reports (continued)

4. Technology (W. Stutzman)

- IT is investigating the problems that happened during Fall 2018 registration.
- To avoid potential thefts, please keep offices locked.
- Online learning committee working on improvements to courses.

5. Personnel Policy (M. Shea): No report.

6. Student Policy (M. Nizhnikov): No report.

7. Elections (K. Kruzcek): All-university elections currently underway. Ballots are due May 8 by noon.

VIII. Special Committee Reports

1. UCF (D. Weiss)

- Approved the new assessment procedure for department review.
- New degree programs approved: Bachelor of Health Science

2. Grad Council (E. Rhoades)

- Approved the new assessment procedure for department review.
- Exploring innovative programs, accelerated programs, certificate programs.

3. FASP/USPaRC (D. Pettigrew)

- **Moved to approve** the “Faculty Senate Resolution on the Restoration of the Original Implementation Plan for Faculty Creative Activity Travel Funds, 2018-2019”.
 - **Motion approved.**

IX. Guest

- Dean S. Hegedus: Presentation of the Strong 21st Century Communication and SCSU Lab School. Construction is scheduled to begin presently.
- <https://www.jcj.com/project/strong-school-new-haven/>
- <http://www.nhps.net/strongschool>

X. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Luke Eilderts
Secretary