

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of October 4, 2017

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The 3rd meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2017-2018 was held on
 October 4, 2017, at 12:10 pm
 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)	Len Brin (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Angela Lopez-Velasquez (Special Ed/Reading)
Kenneth McGill (Anthropology)	Mike Knell (Earth Science)	Tom Radice (History)	Klay Kruczek (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (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)	(Psychology)	
James Kearns (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Parker Fruehan (Library Services)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Deborah Weiss (UCF)
Derek Taylor (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)	Elizabeth Kalbfleisch (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Jemel Aguilar (Social Work)	Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)
Mohammad T. Islam (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environment, Geography & Marine Studies)	Greg Robbins (Management/MIS)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	(Student)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Greg Adams (Sociology)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
<u>Guests:</u> Craig Hlavac Ilene Crawford Robert Prezant					

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Senator Stutzman (PT) moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on September 20, 2017, as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

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Announcements

- Senator Dodge (REC): Urges senators to complete the student athlete reports as well as urge their departments to do the same.
- Senator Pettigrew (PHI): P&T Informational meeting for Department Chairpersons and DEC members on October 6, 2017.
- Senator Swanson (LIB): Friends of the Library book sale, October 5, 2017, from 9-4 on the library patio.
- Senator Stutzman (PT): Please do not adjust or modify technology in classrooms.

Senator Dunklee (JRN): Moved to change the orders of the day to welcome guest speaker to take the floor. Seconded and approved.

Guest

Mark Rozewski, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration

- Presented the current status of the university budget. Shared that, since there is no confirmed state budget at this time, we are moving forward in as responsible a manner as possible. Stated that there are currently 60 vacant/frozen staff positions, but that we are still going ahead with 31 faculty searches. Stated that administration is going to ask to unfreeze some of the most needed staff positions. Shared that, unfortunately, at this moment, without a state budget, the future is unclear.

Questions

- Senator Dunklee (JRN): Asked which positions are frozen?
 - Rozewski: Answered a dozen custodians, police, clerical staff, AVP Institutional Effectiveness, University Librarian.
- Senator Shea (ENG): Acknowledged the work and transparency of Mr. Rozewski's work.

President's Report

- President Diamantis reminded senators that undergraduate mid-term grades are due October 27 by 8 a.m.

Standing Committee Reports

- Academic Policy: Senator Pettigrew (PHI): Moved to accept the resolution "Faculty Senate Resolution to Restore 20 student class caps for Inquiry, Critical Thinking, and Writing Intensive Courses."
 - Senator Shea (ENG): moved to replace "Writing Intensive" with "W-courses" and add "reading" every time "writing" is mentioned. Motion seconded.
 - Senator Eilderts (WLL): moved to consider each amendment separately. Motion seconded and accepted.
 - After discussion, motion to replace "Writing Intensive" with "W-courses" was approved.

- After discussion, motion to add “reading” every time “writing is mentioned is defeated.
- Senator Kruczek (MAT): Moved to replace both “academic writing” in the 8th paragraph and “writing” in the 9th paragraph with “written communication.” Motion seconded.
- After much debate, Senator Shea (ENG) moved to postpone the motion and pending amendment until the December 6, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting. With two-thirds approval, the motion to postpone was approved.
- Rules: Senator O’Brien (MDS): Moved to accept the resolution to amend the bylaws of the Faculty Senate. Debate ensued.

Quorum lost at 1:51 p.m.

Luke Eilderts
Secretary