

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of February 20, 2019

<http://www2.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/2018-2019.html>

The 11th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2018-2019 was held on
 February 20, 2019 at 12:12 p.m. in the
 Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

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

Wafeek Abdelsayed (Accounting)	Matthew Ouimet (Counseling)	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Robert Forbus (Marketing)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Angela Lopez-Velasquez (Special Ed/Reading)
William Farley (Anthropology)	Natalie Starling (Couns/Sch Psych)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Binlin Wu (Physics)	Douglas Macur (Theatre)
Jeff Slomba (Art)	Beena Achhpal (Curriculum & Learning)	Tom Radice (History)	Klay Kruczek (Mathematics)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	Luke Eilderts (Secretary/World Languages & Literatures)
Lisa Barbaro (Athletics)	Adam Goldberg (Curriculum & Learning)	Darcy Kern (History)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	(World Languages & Literatures)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Mike Knell (Earth Science)	Yan Liu (Info & Library Sci)	Francess Penny (Nursing)	Kate Marsland (Psychology)	Cindy Simoneau (UCF)
Jeff Webb (Chemistry)	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Lisa Rebesch (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Elizabeth Lewis Roberts/Jess Gregory (Grad Council)
Jim Dempsey (Com Disorders)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Parker Fruehan (Library Services)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	Mia Forgione (Student)
Wilfredo Alvarez (Comm, Media & Screen Studies)	Mike Shea (English)	Kari Swanson (Library Services)	(Part-Time Faculty)	Paul Levatino (Social Work)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
Derek Taylor (Comm, Media & Screen Studies)	Paul Petrie (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	Mary Ellen Minichiello (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	
Mohammad T. Islam (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environment, Geography & Marine Studies)	Alison Wall (Management/MIS)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Greg Adams (Sociology)	
<u>Guests:</u> Ilene Crawford (AA) Dennis Reiman (IT)	Kathryn Jervis (ACE) Bruce Kalk (Dean A&S)	Ellen Durning (Dean BUS) Stephen Hegedus (Dean EDU)	Sandy Bulmer (Dean HHS)		

Call to order at 12:12 p.m.

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

<http://www2.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/2018-2019.html>

- February 6, 2019
 - **Accepted as distributed.**

II. President's Report: M. Diamantis

<http://www2.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2018-2019.html>

III. Standing Committee Reports

1. Finance (S. Grubacic)
 - a. AAUP Full-time: \$ 92,058.59
 - b. AAUP Part-time: \$ 2,147.45
 - i. Concern was raised again since faculty had received an email stating the part-time funds had been exhausted.
 - c. Creative Activity: No report
2. Personnel Policy (M. Shea)
 - a. Committee worked on the faculty opinion survey of administrative effectiveness.
3. Rules (R. Gregory)
 - a. Committee worked on roles of a parliamentarian and webmaster for inclusion in the bylaws.
4. Student Policy (M. Nizhnikov)
 - a. Committee drafted two resolutions that will be presented at the next meeting. One concerns removing the "A+" as a possible grade; the second is to remove "WF/WP" when a student withdraws and replace with just "W."
5. Technology (W. Stutzman)
 - a. Alerts senators that IT is rolling out an additional layer of security. Information concerning this change will be sent out by email soon and it will be important that faculty are familiar with these changes.
 - b. The results of the survey on Learning Management Software (LMS) will be made available soon.
 - c. A computer replacement policy for faculty has been drafted. The committee will request to meet with stakeholders to finalize it.
 - d. A workaround for people experiencing keychain issues with Mac computers will soon be available.
6. Academic Policy (D. Pettigrew)
 - a. Committee has researched policies on awarding posthumous degrees. Common practice indicates that a student is awarded either a degree or a certificate depending on the percentage of completed credits at time of passing.
 - i. After discussion, Senators felt that a threshold of at least 75% credit completion warranted awarding the degree; below that level of completion, a student would be awarded a certificate.
7. Elections (K. Kurzcek)
 - a. Electronic voting should be in place for the next round of All-University elections.

V. Special Committees

1. UCF (C. Simoneau)
 - a. UCF has moved forward with the articulation agreement with Tunxis Community College.
 - b. On March 4, 2019, 1-1:50 in Engleman C112 there will be a forum on the School curriculum committee issue.
 - c. Interdisciplinary guidelines are being discussed and will be brought back to the Senate soon.
 - d. The UCF Constitution was distributed for approval to all Senators.
 - i. J. Dunklee **moved to approve the UCF constitution as distributed.** Seconded.
 - ii. **Motion was approved.**
2. Graduate Council (J. Gregory)
 - a. Committee stressed that everyone has a role to play in graduate enrollment, and committee is seeking ideas for internal and external efforts.
 - b. In addition to the traditional open house in April, they will be transitioning to different, more targeted models.
3. FASP (D. Pettigrew)
 - a. Committee is working on making the academic strategic plan more visible and relevant to our daily lives and operation.
 - b. During community hour on April 8, 2019, a forum will take place, taking into account a previously distributed survey asking for participants to identify priorities within the plan.

VI. Unfinished Business

- Approval of Faculty Development Advisory Committee (FDAC) By-Laws – Postponed for Spring 2019.

VII. New Business

- Students First Petition (S. Tomczak)
 - Presented a “for information only” petition developed under the auspices of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents and coming out of a grassroots movement of the Community Colleges to oppose their consolidation. Interested parties can sign the petition.

VIII. Adjournment

- S. Tomczak **moved to adjourn following the announcement that the University would close early due to impending hazardous weather. Seconded.**
- **Motion approved.**
- Adjourned at 12:57 p.m.