

**FACULTY SENATE***Minutes of April 23, 2014*<http://www.southernct.edu/facultysenate/senateminutes/>

The 13th meeting of 2013-2014 was called to order at 12:10 pm by President William Faraclas.

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

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	Ramon Vega de Jesus (Couns/Sch Psych)	Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language)	Mel Prince (Marketing)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)
<b>Joseph Manzella (Anthropology)</b>	<b>Jim Fullmer (Earth Science)</b>	Lisa Vitale (World Literature Language)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)
<b>Greg Cochenet (Art)</b>	Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance)	Leon Yacher (Geography)	John Scheuermann (Mathematics)	<b>Jim Dolan (Physics)</b>	<b>Jessica Kenty-Drane (Sociology)</b>
<b>(Athletics)</b>	Beena Achhpal (Education)	Nikos Chrissidis (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
<b>Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology)</b>	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	<b>Byron Nakamura (History)</b>	<b>Mark Kuss (Music)</b>	Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	<b>Chris Denhup (Nursing)</b>	<b>Kevin Colwell (Psychology)</b>	Larry Nye (Theatre)
<b>Derek Taylor (Communication)</b>	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Elsie Okobi (Library Science)</b>	Lisa Rebesch (Nursing)	William Faraclas (President)	Susan Cusato (Past President)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Paul Petrie (English)	Rebecca Hedreen (Library Science)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Deb Flynn (Public Health)	Elizabeth Keenan (UCF)
Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	<b>Jan Jones (Recreation/Leisure)</b>	<b>Chris Petto (Grad Council)</b>
<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	<b>Rick Bassett (Management)</b>	<b>(Part-Time Faculty)</b>	<b>Catherine Koehler (Science Ed/Env Stud)</b>	<b>Mary Papazian (SCSU President)</b>
Guests: Brad Crerar (Admin Faculty Senate)	Guests:	<b>Sarah Green (Student Government)</b>			

**ELECTIONS** for 2014-2015:

a) Faculty Senate President:

Senator Dunklee nominated Dr. William Faraclas, seconded by Senator Major. Dr. Faraclas accepted. There was a motion to close nominations. Since there were no objections, nominations for the Presidency were closed.

Secretary Diamantis casted a vote for Dr. William Faraclas as President of the Faculty Senate for 2014-2015. Congratulations President Faraclas.

b) Faculty Senate Treasurer:

Senator Diamantis nominated Dr. Peter Madonia, seconded by Senator Dunklee. Dr. Madonia accepted. There was a motion to close nominations and there were no objections. A vote was cast by Secretary Diamantis for Dr. Peter Madonia, Treasurer of the Faculty Senate for 2014-2015. Congratulations Treasurer Madonia.

Approval of Minutes: The April 9, 2014 were approved as presented.

There was a motion to change the order of Agenda items and address the Faculty Senate Resolution on the CBA Travel Funds, 2014-2015 from NEW BUSINESS; and Graduate Council ByLaws from OLD BUSINESS. Motion approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Faculty Senate Resolution on the CBA Travel Funds, 2014-2015 was presented by Senator Madonia and seconded by Senator Dunklee. Discussion occurred on the reasons the administration provided for the decrease of the funds. Based on data from more than two years ago, less than 30% of the AAUP members would be able to travel if we increase to the \$1500 level. 40% travelled two years ago and last year 70% travelled with the decrease of funds to \$1000. Yet, there were more funds this year, because (1) We used the Creative Activity Funds first (which don't carry over) and (2) We brought forward \$70000 from the Faculty Retraining account.

Senator Madonia recommended to replace AAUP with CBA in the title of the resolution. No objection.

Motion to close debate (Dunklee, Andoh). In favor 26; opposed 2; motion approved.

Motion to approve the resolution: in favor 28; opposed 2. Resolution passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Graduate Council ByLaws Resolution was presented to correct a contradiction in the document as noted. Senator Wesley motioned to accept, Senator Dunklee seconded. Since there was no further discussion, there was a motion to approve the resolution. Resolution was approved unanimously.

**Guest:** Brad Crerar - (a) Faculty Senate Meeting Room proposal; (b) Faculty Dining Room. Mr. Crerar provided information that the Faculty Dining room is not used even after the special price offering. It is limited space and it is not used. It can accommodate up for 55 people now. After different considerations on different needs for a large meeting room area, there is a proposal for two set-ups. With some construction the access to the kitchen area will be closed to control the noise; the soda set-ups will be removed; a projector and a screen will be set up and tables to accommodate up for 80-90 table. The set up of tables provides the two versions for a variety of meetings accommodating the same number of people.

Currently there is a room behind the coffee area in the dining room with round tables, that faculty can have lunch and socialize with no noise from the student dining area. Senators were asked to use it and provide their feedback.

Brad was thanked for his hard work and dedication on putting Senate needs in the plan. He was thanked by Senators Bessenoff Shea, and Madonia.

Announcements --

- Monday, April 28, 12:10-1:55 there is a Holocaust Remembrance Day event in EN C 112. All are invited
- Tuesday, April 29, 12:30-1:30 there is a presentation commemorating the Armenian Genocide in the Adanti Student Center-Theater. All are invited.
- Friends of Library is sponsoring a book sale which is still going on.]
- Thursday, April 24, 12-2 is the celebration for John DaPonte's retirement. Please stop by to wish him the best.

President's Report was distributed.

- Some discussion occurred on the issue of the Provost and/or University President to visit the Faculty Senate on a regular schedule. President Faraclas will communicate couple proposals to the Administration.

OLD BUSINESS:

P&T Documents --

- Senator Bessenoff introduced the Part II - Structure and Procedures document. There was a motion and a second to accept the proposed changes. After some discussion there was a motion to close debate. It was approved. The main motion was approved unanimously.
- Senator Bessenoff presented the resolution to change the language for the Promotion and Tenure candidate's recommendations. There was a motion and a second to accept the proposed changes from "Strongly Recommend; Recommend; Recommend with Reservations; and Do not Recommend" to "Recommend or Do Not Recommend". Lengthy discussion occurred. There was a motion to call the question - defeated. Discussion continued. There was a motion to call the question - passed. Motion to accept the proposed resolution was approved with 13 in favor and 9 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis  
Faculty Senate Secretary