

FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of April 29, 2015

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The 15th meeting of 2014-2015, was called to order at 12:10 pm by President William Faraclas.

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

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| Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting) | Ramon Vega de Jesus (Couns/Sch Psych) | Luisa Piemontese (WLL/Foreign Language) | Rajesh Elhance (Marketing) | Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty) | Heather Pizzanello (Social Work) |
| Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology) | Jim Fullmer (Earth Science) | Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language) | Maria Diamantis (Mathematics) | David Pettigrew (Philosophy) | Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work) |
| Greg Cochenet (Art) | Sam Andoh (Econ/Finance) | Leon Yacher (Geography) | Joe Fields (Mathematics) | Todd Schwendemann (Physics) | Jessica Kenty- Drane (Sociology) |
| Michael Makubika (Athletics) | Beena Achhpal (Education) | Troy Rondinone (History) | Wes O'Brien (Media Studies) | Kevin Buterbaugh (Political Science) | Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading) |
| Jonathan Weinbaum (Biology) | Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership) | Stephen Amerman (History) | Mark Kuss (Music) | Gayle Bessenoff (Psychology) | Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading) |
| Adiel Coca (Chemistry) | Joel Dodson (English) | Jerry Dunklee (Journalism) | Chris Denhup (Nursing) | Kevin Colwell (Psychology) | Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre) |
| Rich Glinka (Communication) | Mike Shea (English) | Elsie Okobi (Library Science) | Lisa Rebeschi (Nursing) | William Faraclas (President) | |
| Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders) | Scott Ellis (English) | Diane Tomasko (Library Services) | Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty) | Christine Unson (Public Health) | |
| Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science) | Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science) | Jeff Dickens (Library Services) | Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty) | Michael Dodge (Recreation/ Leisure) | Nicole Fluhr (Grad Council) |
| Michelle Lawler (Counseling) | Robert Gregory (Exercise Science) | Veronica Gill (Management) | Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty) | Catherine Koehler (Environmental and Marine Studies) | Mary Papazian (SCSU President) |

Approval of Minutes: Senate Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2015 --- approved as distributed

Announcements - Senate President Faraclas thanked Luke Eilderts for serving as parliamentarian this year at the Senate.

President's Report- the report was distributed and following items were highlighted:

1. The Long Wharf property no longer in discussion as a site for the School of Health and Human Services. The Faculty Senate opposed moving the School off campus in a December 2014 resolution. Interim dean of SHHS emailed stating that Long Wharf site is off the table for now.
2. The advice of the FS on the departmental merger of the Environmental and Marine Studies and Geography Departments. Documents were distributed and after short

discussion the motion to approve the merger was seconded. Motion to approve the merger was approved unanimously.

3. On April 23, the Library Faculty presented a formal letter of protest to President Papazian in response to reassignment of a dedicated Library Instruction Room to OIT for a Help Desk Office. According to the letter, the action was taken without consultation with the Library Faculty.

After lengthy discussion there was a motion: *"The FS decision on the issue of assignment of the Library space is that the assignment be censured since it had no faculty input".*

The motion was seconded and during further discussion it was amended as follows: *"The FS endorses the letter from the Library Faculty and supports its request to restore the classroom to library instruction."*

Question was called to close debate and seconded. Since there was no objection, the debate closed. Voting on the amended motion resulted with: 0 in favor, 33 against. Amended motion was defeated.

A new motion was presented: *"The Faculty Senate strongly endorses the letter of April 23 from the SCSU Library Services Faculty to President Papazian. The Faculty Senate is calling for the immediate restoration of the library instructional space to its original, intended purpose."*

After some discussion the results of the vote on the motion: 33 in favor, 0 against. Motion was unanimously approved.

Standing Committee Updates: -- Committees didn't meet last week. The only update was from Senator Colwell (Student Policy) distributed the Sexual Misconduct Policy and explained that clarifications were sought from the administration. The policy will be discussed further in the future.

At this time, President Faraclas requested that since no standing committee met last week, the Senate moves to address Old Business. No objection.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution Regarding the Size of the Robert E. Jirsa Service Committee: Senator Coca presented the resolution as a motion to accept. There was no further discussion, motion was approved by majority.
2. Resolution Regarding the size of the Faculty Academic Strategic Plan Committee: Senator Coca presented the resolution and asked for approval. After some discussion, the question was called, no objections. The results of the vote on the resolution were 2 in favor, 31 opposed. Motion was defeated. The committee remains as is.
3. Resolution on the Sabbatical Leave document Technical Fixes: Senator Bessenoff presented the summary of the corrections and highlighted that those were to correct references from the Board of Trustees to Board of Regents. Another correction was the name of HR to "Office of Human Resources" from "Office of Human Resources and Labor Relations". She presented the resolution for approval. Motion to approve was unanimous.

4. Resolution on technical fixes on the Renewal Document : Senator Bessenoff presented the summary of corrections throughout the document. Motion to approve the presented resolution was unanimous.

5. Faculty Senate Vision for Academic Technology at SCSU: Senator Dodson presented the vision statement crafted by the Technology Committee. The idea is to create a set of values on technology and the imperative steps to be taken in order to meet those needs. The values and imperatives presented are:

(1) classroom technology should support effective pedagogy in *all* campus classrooms.

- Standard, up-to-date configuration in every classroom
- Timely and consistent start-up
- Timely and consistent repair and upgrade
- Clean, orderly, sensibly arranged learning space (screens lecterns, etc)
- Reliable network connection and web access

(2) Educational tools and software - eg., LMS, academic software, and library resources - should support genuine student learning

- Thorough training for faculty and students in LMS (current Blackboard)
- Administrative support for training resources
- Faculty review of current and future LMS platforms
- Departmental governance over hybrid and online course offerings and content
- Support for course-specific or research-related software and use of open-source materials

(3) Technology should enhance faculty creative activity, workflow, advising, and the growth of academic programs.

- Clear, user-friendly, detailed guidelines for effective use of advising tools
- Accessible resources for new and part-time faculty on university technology
- Clear, public listing of all software available on campus, with updates
- Support for academic department web page design

(4) Technology should enhance student academic progress at Southern, including time-to-degree, access to resources, and communication with faculty and staff.

- Clear, user-friendly, intuitive web registration and course selection tools
- Improved SCSU web directory and online information for critical academic offices
- Reliable web service throughout campus
- Improved Help Desk support for student technology needs

Senator Dodson is seeking feedback and input from senators who can email him as soon as possible at: Dodsonj2@southernct.edu .

6. Proposal to modify the language in the Faculty Senate Promotion & Tenure document regarding the reporting of the P&T final vote counts on candidates, effective academic year 2015-16: Senator Pettigrew presented the document with the current language and the proposed modifications. The document was discussed but it needs to be presented and reviewed as an official resolution format.

The results of the vote to accept the proposal were approved by majority

At this time there was a motion to remove the 1:45 rule and it was approved unanimously.
Business will continue until 2 pm.

7. Resolution to clarify recusal language in Promotion & Tenure Procedures document:
Senator Bessenoff presented the resolution which was crafted by the Personnel Policy committee after it was requested by the P&T committee. The clarification will be that: Recusal here means you are present, you listen to, but you don't have input.

The results of the vote: 24 in favor, 3 opposed; motion passes by majority.

Due to time limitations, the motion presented: "*to censure President Papazian and the cabinet from taking the classroom and instruction classroom of the library*", was not addressed.

It was highly recommended that the Senate holds an emergency meeting next Wednesday. It will be scheduled once the room is reserved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Diamantis
Secretary Faculty Senate