

Approved Minutes of February 10, 2016<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/index.html>

The 9th meeting of 2015-2016, was called to order at 12:11 pm by President William Faraclas.

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

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Tom Radice (History)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Cassi Meyerhoffer (Sociology)
Kenneth McGill (Anthropology)	James William Anthony Fullmer (Earth Science)	Stephen Amerman (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Lisa Barbaro/Joseph Van Gilder (Athletics)	(Education)	Elsie Okobi (Library Science)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	Katherine Masland (Psychology)	Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (President)	Jian Wu (World Literature Language)
Adiel Coca (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty)	Deborah Flynn (Public Health)	Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language)
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Mina Park (Management / MIS)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	Liz Keenan (UCF)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Scott Ellis (English)	Greg Robbins (Management/ MIS)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Scott Graves (Environmental and Marine Studies)	Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)
Taraneh Seyed (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)	Julie Gagliardi (Student)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	Mary Papazian (SCSU President)
Guests: Dean Hegedus					

Approval of Minutes: The Senate Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Announcements

Senator Dunklee thanked all members who were involved on the Faculty Senate's Forum on Islam seminar. It was well planned, delivered, and attendance was high. An awesome job!

Senator O'Brien urged Senators to review the UCF's and LEPC's work on the proposal to decrease the LEP credits. Clarification was made that it was not a proposal but rather options. Thus, it is on the table to be discussed further.

Information has been emailed to all faculty on how to provide some input and any posted comments will be welcomed and remain on Blackboard for all to share.

President's Report: the full report can be found on: <http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2015-2016.html>

The report was distributed and the following items were highlighted:

1. The February 3rd FS Forum on Islam was a remarkable success. The Senate thanks the planning committee: Dr. David Pettigrew, Ms. Asmaa Abdelati, Dr. Amal Abd El-Raouf, Dr. Krystyna Gorniak-Kocikowska, Dr. Steven Judd, and Mr. Walter Stutzman for impeccable organizational and presentation of the event.
2. The FS Forum on Judaism is being planned.
5. The search for a new Provost has been suspended.
6. Search for a new President for SCSU. President Faraclas was informed by Central's Senate President of an announcement that the Board is considering to appoint interim president or go ahead with search. The Senate EC has requested a meeting with BOR

President Faraclas distributed a copy of the "2016 Report Card: on the CT Budget Support for Public Higher Education". In addition he will be addressing the legislators meeting tonight.

Standing Committees Updates:

- Academic Policy – Senator David Pettigrew stated that there is no report since there was no meeting.
- Elections – Senator Matthew Rothbard reported that the Senate will be running an emergency election for the 2016 CSU Professorship Advisory Committee. The process will be initiated next week.
- Finance – Senator Peter Madonia reported that there is no report.
- Personnel Policy – Senator Michael Shea stated that there is no report.
- Rules – Senator Adiel Coca reported that the committee met this week and discussed the FS Constitution and Bylaws. Also the committee will be meeting with Provost on the chairperson's document.
- Student Policy – Senator Deborah Flynn stated that the committee didn't meet but next week's meeting is with Jack Mordente to discuss issues with veterans.
- Technology – Senator Walter Stutzman reported the following: the committee met with CIO, Rob Rennie and his staff. There is a commitment to an ongoing partnership with the faculty to improve campus IT. The committee will be meeting with the IT group monthly as well as inviting Nick Valsamis (IT support director) to attend FS TC meetings.
 - The Academic Technology Director position is open and now reassigned to IT. This person will work closely with the Provost's Office as well as the faculty. The search is beginning but may be impacted by the current hiring freeze.
 - Blackboard: May be upgrade but no replacement is not imminent. IT is interested in investigating other LMS products.
 - Tech Support: Weekly visits to non-upgrade classrooms; repair of 2015 upgraded classrooms on schedule for late May; goal is to have 3 button-pushes to have classroom tech ready for use; surveys on new room upgrades should be going out soon; wireless broadcast to classroom display has been demonstrated in one classroom
 - Dregreeworks (degree evaluation replaces): Academic Affairs is in charge of deployment
 - TargetX is product that will initially support recruitment and retention (and integrate some of the current EAB/SSC functions); project is in process but doesn't appear to have an impact on teaching faculty at this time.
 - Hardware upgrade: Plan being developed by Nick Valsamis. A survey will be published soon to all faculty, please participate.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a question of update on Resolution F-15-07 regarding the School Health Education graduate program. President Faraclas will follow up on this.

Special Committees' Reports:

- ❖ UCF – Liz Keenan – announcement was already shared on the UCF and LEPC's proposal.
- ❖ Graduate Council - no report.
- ❖ FASP / USPaRC – Pettigew – nothing yet, but will have news soon.

President Faraclas asked the Student Government Representative, Ms. Julie Gagliardi, if there is any update. The SGA has not met.

At this time there was a suggestion to discuss following items:

- a) Crafting a document/statement of expectation for a new SCSU president. This item also needs to include shared governance.
- b) Discuss the LEPC options. It was decided that discussion on this will be delayed.
- c) Another topic that was suggested for discussion is the BOR policy on consultation/research and compensation. This was a topic of long discussion and the suggestion of commencing a committee to explore a forum on this issue was mentioned. Greg Cochenet, Maria Diamantis, and other senators can volunteer to serve on this ad-hoc committee.
- d) Another topic is a discussion of an electronic P&T file. Could we use Blackboard? This discussion group should invite IT for their support and assistance.
- e) A full discussion of the "recusal rule" should be an agenda item soon. The Personnel Policy committee will start discussion with the P&T committee and go forth from there.
- f) Discussion on restructuring School of Arts and Sciences being that it is one such large school.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis
Faculty Senate Secretary