

**FACULTY SENATE***Approved Minutes of October 7, 2015*

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of 2015-2016, was called to order at 12:12 pm by President William Faraclas.

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

Emmanuel Emenyonu (Accounting)	<b>Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)</b>	Tom Radice (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	<b>Patricia Major (Special Ed/Reading)</b>
Valerie Andrushko (Anthropology)	Jim Fullmer (Earth Science)	Stephen Amerman (History)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	<b>Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)</b>
Greg Cochenet (Art)	Sanja Grubacic (Econ/Finance)	Jerry Dunklee (Journalism)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	<b>Kevin Colwell (Psychology)</b>	Sheila H. Garvey (Theatre)
<b>(Athletics)</b>	Beena Achhpal (Education)	<b>Elsie Okobi (Library Science)</b>	<b>Antoinette Towle (Nursing)</b>	William Faraclas (President)	Jian Wu (WLL/Foreign Language)
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	Gene Brady (Part-Time Faculty)	Deborah Flynn (Public Health)	Luke Eilderts (World Literature Language)
Ericka Barnes (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Jeff Dickens (Library Services)	<b>Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)</b>	Michael Dodge (Recreation/ Leisure)	
Jane McGinn (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	<b>Mina Park (Management / MIS)</b>	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Scott Graves (Environmental and Marine Studies)	
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Scott Ellis (English)	<b>Rajesh Elhance (Marketing)</b>	Walter Stutzmann (Part- Time Faculty)	<b>Heather Pizzanello (Social Work)</b>	<b>Liz Keenan (UCF)</b>
Amal Abdel Raouf (Computer Science)	Matt Rothbard (Exercise Science)	Maria Diamantis (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	<b>Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)</b>
<b>Michelle Lawler (Counseling)</b>	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Jessica Kenty- Drane (Sociology)	<b>Mary Papazian (SCSU President)</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	Mark Rozewski	Nick Valsamis	Jaye Bailey		

Approval of Minutes: The Senate Meeting of September 23, 2015 Minutes were approved with one correction.

President Faraclas welcomed Mr. Mark Rozewski to the Faculty Senate.

Mr. Rozewski reported the following information on our current budget status:

- There are 24 non-faculty positions frozen
- \$1.1 million in cuts to the adjunct budget, and
- a 4.8% tuition increase to make the appropriate budget
- the budget was built on the assumption that, if enrollment was flat, there would be a reserve amount for future rescissions. If enrollment was not flat, that rescission reserve would shrink
- if we had an enrollment decline as low as 2%, then there would be no rescission reserve. There were 3 rescissions last year.

- In June there was a "lapse", a reduction in the legislatively mandated budget, of \$136,000.
- The total cuts amount to \$1,000,000; \$454 K from the state appropriations and \$414 K in associated fringe benefits, plus the above "lapse".
- Enrollment remains low, 3.3% in headcount enrollment and 1.9% in headcount enrollment.
- Good news: undergraduate full time - new freshmen class - is up by 9% with applications up 54%.
- SCSU's peak enrollment was in 2006 with a 12,326 headcount and 9,437 FTE. This fall, SCSU is at 10,473 headcount and 8,516 in FTE. We have a 15% smaller than our peak headcount and a 10% lower than peak, FTE.
- Problem areas: retention and graduate enrollment with double digit declines.
- Practical effects: all budgeted discretionary activity will be ceased; minor capital projects will be slowed; investment in special projects will be slowed; and highest priority will be in investment of enrollment growth tools and strategies.
- Good news: the state is slated to distribute about \$1.5 million to SCSU for equipment purchases, from microscopes to snow plows; the process of selecting an architect for the new SHHS building is well under way. This will be the last fully funded major capital project under the 2020 program.

After his report, Mr. Rozewski responded to faculty questions:

- Q: any information on the status of the performance arts funds allocated/approved in the past?
- A: not addressed at this time, SHHS is the only funded project from the state.
- Q: is it known if the peak enrollment was due to internal or external factors?
- A: that is the area that will be looked into more carefully.
- Q: is there a way to track expenses? Since 2006?
- A: the most certain is the growth of faculty and staff due to new building going on line.
- Q: Is there a way to check for experiential opportunities for students? Is there a budget item on this? Is there any data on cooperative learning and how much is needed?
- A: not sure about that information, I will be discussing with the Provost to find out.
- Q: Are you attending the BoR meetings? How do they see us?
- A: yes, I do attend and my predecessor, Mr. Blake, was very respected, so I try to meet those expectations.
- Q: Faculty are concerned of what the BoR thinks of us?
- A: SCSU campus is highly thought of and respected.
- Q: How can we avoid the technology mess as classes started this semester?
- A: the classroom renovations happened too fast and too late for this fall semester and we are looking to plan better for next summer's improvements of classrooms.
- Q: The classrooms that were lacking technology this semester due to late renovations, will they be ready for Spring 2016?
- A: Yes, if not earlier.
- Q: Can you elaborate and explain the Travel Funds account? Historically there is always a rollover from the year past. But couple times in recent discussions it was mentioned that rollovers will not happen.
- A: The surplus of TA funds will rollover and will be used for that purpose.
- Q: Will that rollover be used for traveling funds?
- A: Yes.

- Q: Is budget being shifted from centralized to a decentralized process? If so, what is the change?
- A: Budget decentralization is a national move, so, we are moving to such.
- Q: What are the pros and cons?
- A: Since the leadership is strong, it is a good move to change.
- Q: What is the latest/update law on intellectual property/patent?
- A: We are looking into finding more information on the net proceeds of royalties; some schools have it at 100% to the university; others 50-50; others 80% to the university and 20% to the faculty. But it pertains only patented issues.
- Q: What about students' patented issues?
- A: the regulatory issue is silent on this, but my experience is that this is arranged prior with the university.
- Q: The 24 frozen positions are non-faculty, right?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Confirmation one more time: is the TA Funds rollovered?
- A: Yes.

President Faraclas thanked Mr. Rozewski for addressing the Senate and providing necessary information.

#### Announcements:

- A meeting is scheduled for Friday at 12 pm in EN A 120 to discuss the negotiations which have began, all urged to attend.
- Research Tapas to happen soon, stay informed
- The play "Rent" opens in Lyman Hall this Friday. Encourage all to attend, free for SCSU students
- AAUP meeting on Friday - email updates are distributed by President Faraclas, please stay informed. The opening negotiations do not display respect towards faculty, faculty needs to get involved in the discussions and try to change the direction. The state has hired a law firm in the amount of  $\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars to change the higher education status in the state.

President's Report: the full report is posted at the Senate's website, at:

<https://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2015-2016.html> . The following items were highlighted:

- ✓ Item 6: The UCF has voted to extend formal membership representation on UCF to the Director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDS). According to the UCF Constitution, such action, requires approval of the Faculty Senate. There was a motion to ratify such UCF decision. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- ✓ Item 4: The Faculty Senate must identify a faculty representative for the Advising Steering Committee, which is being empaneled by Provost Bergeron, Vice President for Student Affairs Tracy Tyree, and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Terricita Sass. The committee is to explore best practices and appropriate models for advising on our campus. A Call went out to all members at the last meeting and Drs. (a) Abd El-Raouf (CSC), (b) Keenan (SWK), and (c) Rothbard have expressed strong interest. A motion to recommend and present Dr. Rothbard and Dr. Abd El-Raouf as members of the Advising Steering Committee, was seconded. An amendment was accepted to name Senator

Rothbard the main committee member and Dr. Abd El-Raouf the alternate member for the committee. Amendment accepted.

The main amended motion was unanimously approved.

- ✓ Item 5: The Faculty Senate has to appoint two members to the University Library Committee. There were no self-nominations when the call went out. Dr. Joan Kreiger (EXS) has expressed interest. Senator Dr. David Pettigrew (PHI) is also willing to serve. Motion to accept and appoint Drs. Joan Kreiger and David Pettigrew as senate representatives to the University Library Committee was approved unanimously.

### **Standing Committees' reports:**

Elections: Senator Rothbard reported that there were 22 vacant positions across the committees. There were 6 nominations received, for 5 out of the 22 positions. No nominations for CSU Professorship Advisory committee. Nominations closed at noon today. Ballots will be coming out soon.

Finance: Senator Madonia provided a handout for the budget of the TA :

Full Time Faculty: Carry over \$77,267; New funding: \$276,247; thus a total of \$353,514. The encumbered funds so far are: (\$13,177), leaving a balance of \$340,337.

Part time faculty: Carry over: 9,328; New funding: \$30,694; thus a total of \$40,022. The encumbered funds so far are: (\$7,907), leaving a balance of \$32,115.

The Faculty Creative Activity Travel funds: \$85,000. Encumbered as of 10/07/15: (\$83,891), thus leaving a balance of \$1,109.

Some discussion occurred to find out if it will be allowed for faculty to encumber for a second trip above the allowable funds. The President has not approved that. The suggestion was made that faculty travel to conferences and try to spend the money. But many conferences are more expensive than the given amount, thus, faculty do not travel, as they can't afford to pay out of pocket.

Motion: change the order of day and address the Old Business. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion to remove the 1:45 rule. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Senator Stutzman: IT committee addresses such issues as:

1. Posting students' ID photos on Banner, but it wouldn't happen until the next Banner upgrade. Which is a big project and not scheduled yet.
2. Degree Works will have SCSU as first campus to use and some advisors will utilize it this coming semester. No training has been suggested yet. All advisors will be using it next fall.
3. Target X software, but not on IT governance;
4. Banner: Folder-wave is being deployed right now.
5. Senator Stutzman asked that any questions be addressed to him or to Senator Dodson.

At this time quorum was lost. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis

Secretary Faculty Senate