

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Unapproved Minutes of March 29, 2017

<http://southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/mins/2016-2017.html>

The 12th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2016-2017 was held on
 March 29, 2017, at 12:13 pm
 in the Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

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

Wafeek Abdelsayed (Accounting)	Uchenna Nwachuku (Couns/Sch Psych)	Robert Gregory (Exercise Science)	Klay Kruczek (Mathematics)	David Pettigrew (Philosophy)	Ron Tamura (Special Ed/Reading)
Kenneth McGill (Anthropology)	Mike Knell (Earth Science)	Tom Radice (History)	Joe Fields (Mathematics)	Todd Schwendemann (Physics)	Judith Tepstra (Special Ed/Reading)
Greg Cochenet (Art)	(Econ/Finance)	Stephen Amerman (History)	Wes O'Brien (Media Studies)	Jon Wharton (Political Science)	Larry Nye (Theatre)
Lisa Barbaro (Athletics)	Beena Achhpal (Curriculum & Learning)	Yan Liu (Information & Library Science)	Jonathan Irving (Music)	Michael Nizhnikov (Psychology)	
Sarah Crawford (Biology)	Peter Madonia (Ed Leadership)	Cindy Simoneau (Journalism)	Maria Krol (Nursing)	Katherine Marsland (Psychology)	Luke Eilderts (Secretary/World Languages & Literatures)
James Kearns (Chemistry)	Joel Dodson (English)	Diane Tomasko (Library Services)	Antoinette Towle (Nursing)	William Faraclas (Public Health)	Deborah Weiss (UCF)
Anette Madlock Gatson (Communication)	Mike Shea (English)	Kari Swanson (Library Services)	(Part-time Faculty)	Michael Dodge (Recreation/Leisure)	William Faraclas (Faculty Senate Past President)
Deborah Weiss (Com Disorders)	Scott Ellis (English)	Mina Park (Management/MIS)	Robin Esposito (Part-Time Faculty)	(Social Work)	Elizabeth Rhoades (Grad Council)
Md Shafaat Hossain/ Amal Abd El-Raouf (Computer Science)	Scott Graves (Environment, Geography & Marine Studies)	Greg Robbins (Management/MIS)	Obiageli Okwuka (Part-Time Faculty)	Stephen Monroe Tomczak (Social Work)	(Student)
Michelle Lawler (Counseling)	Peter Latchman (Exercise Science)	Shyam Lodha (Marketing)	Walter Stutzmann (Part-Time Faculty)	Alan Brown (Sociology)	Dr. Joe Bertolino, SCSU President
Guests: Steven Breese, Dean of A&S Christine Broadbridge, Dean of Graduate Studies	Tracy Tyree VP, Student Affairs Elizabeth Keenan (PCH)	Sean Grace (BIO) Helen Marx (EDU)	Representative from <i>Southern News</i>		

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 8, 2017, were approved as distributed.

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Announcements

- Senator Simoneau (JRN): SGA has approved a new campus magazine for students. Any interested students can contribute.
- Senator Cochenet (ART): Closing reception for Arthur Guagliumi, April 5, 2017 from 5-7pm in the Buley Art Gallery.
- Senator El-Raouf (CSC): Interfaith dialogue at 2pm today.
- Senator Pettigrew: Jewish Studies program will host a speaker on April 24 1-2pm in Engleman D121. More information to follow.

President's Report

<http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/senatepresidentreports/2016-2017.html>

Guests

- Elizabeth Keenan (PCH), Sean Grace (BIO), Helen Marx (EDU), and Tracy Tyree (VP Student Affairs) presented the new model for advising.
- President Joe Bertolino spoke at length about the evolving budget situation, the drop in graduate enrollment, and the position of Dean of Arts & Sciences.

Senator Simoneau (JRN) moved to debate the Statement on Human Rights, Civility, and Respect. There was no objection.

Unfinished Business

After debate and amendment, the statement was adopted as follows:

Statement on Human Rights, Civility, and Respect

Our nation is experiencing an outbreak of demeaning and threatening acts of intolerance that has captured the attention of people of conscience. With concern for all persons, on our campus and elsewhere, the Faculty Senate issues this *Statement on Human Rights, Civility, and Respect* in response to a shifting social climate that has implied to some license to perform acts of hatred targeting vulnerable populations.

The Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate proclaims its unqualified condemnation of such behavior and corresponding expectation that all members of our University community will rise above divisive persecutions and will champion dignity and human rights on and off this campus. We call on the faculty, staff and students of this institution to engage in civil and constructive conversations about uncomfortable subjects and take purposeful actions that will ensure a safe and supportive campus environment and promote values of humanity in our national culture.

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In opposition to national divisiveness and disruption to education, the Faculty Senate believes our campus should be a "sanctuary" where we will advocate for more rational and humane immigration policies that value the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural experience of this nation. Acting affirmatively to increase understanding and promote community cohesion, the Faculty Senate remains committed to on-going fora and other activities in the pursuit of human rights and social justice.

Standing Committee Reports

- Academic Policy: Senator Pettigrew (PHI): Work continues on the grade appeal policy and Research and Creative Activity Reassign Time.
- Elections: Senator Kruczek (MAT): Reminded senators that nominations close April 7, 2017.
- Finance: Senator Abdelsayed (ACC): AAUP Full-time: \$109,811; AAUP Part-Time: \$15,597; Creative Activity Fund: \$2,341.
- Personnel: Senator Shea (ENG): Met with Linda Cunningham (AAUP) and plan to meet with P&T members about the recusal rule. A motion should be brought before the senate soon. A subset of the committee has also been meeting since November to bring the Renewal, P&T, and Professional Assessment documents into alignment.
- Rules: No report.
- Student Policy: No report.
- Technology: Senator Stuzman (PT): Reminded senators to fill out the forthcoming survey on technology in the classrooms.

Special Committee Reports

- UCF: UCF President and Senator Weiss (CMD): Undergraduate certification programs have nearly all been completed. The implementation in Banner of the 6 of 7 tier II as well as the exceptions to tier I are underway.
- Graduate Council: Graduate Council Representative Rhoades (CSP): The first joint program with John Moore's University in Liverpool has been approved. A vision and goals for the development of a handful of applied doctoral programs has been developed.
 - Senator Weiss (CMD) inquired about the history of ProQuest. Dean Broadbridge was invited to clarify, explaining that it is a requirement that theses be made available digitally, and the choice of ProQuest was made by the previous dean.
- FASP/USPaRC: Senator Pettigrew (PHI): Working on the priorities in the academic strategic plan.

New Business

- Senator Fields (MAT) brought a resolution before the Senate (included below). Discussion ensued, but quorum was lost before a vote could be taken.

Quorum lost at 1:57 p.m.

Luke Eilderts
Secretary

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Resolution regarding the establishment of a task force to recommend plans for restructuring the University.

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence; and

Whereas, the financial climate in Connecticut dictates that we should operate as efficiently as possible; and

Whereas, the current structure of the University, consisting of 5 schools -- with vastly different sizes -- is the source of some inefficiencies; and

Whereas, a reorganization of the University, with faculty grouped into schools having more closely aligned interests, would have positive impacts on many aspects of University life including hiring, promotion and tenure, resource allocation, obtaining external funding, faculty morale, curriculum development and student outcomes; therefore

Be it resolved that the President of the University and the President of the Faculty Senate shall jointly constitute a task force which will be charged with studying potential organization schemes and developing a plan for reorganizing the University, said plan to be implemented upon approval by the University President and by the Faculty Senate.

Further, be it resolved that this task force be charged with developing a plan which produces fiscal savings and streamlines operating procedures for the University.

