

MINUTES OF THE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
May 5, 2015

The fourth Faculty Senate meeting of the 2014-2015 academic year was called to order by Prof. Lees at 11:48 am.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

2. New Business

a. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major

This proposal has been approved by Harpur College Council, EPPC, and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. FSEC had asked for more detail and this additional information is included as an addendum to the document. There will be 20 students enrolled at any given time. If this is approved today, it will then go to the State Education Department. After no discussion, this program was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

b. Advanced certificate for Social Work in Health Care

This is an online certificate which will service people who are already in the field who are receiving further education. This is an area of high need for New York State. This involves new models for health care and mental health, integrating both, which includes three courses and a capstone project. It was noted that the Center for Learning and Teaching was heavily involved in development of this certificate and special attention was paid to the report from the Provost's Task Force for Online Education. This has been approved by Graduate Council and Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Prof. Fernando Guzman, Mathematics voiced concerns. This is a 100% online program. Even though a good job was done developing this using the Provost's Task Force on Online Education guidelines, it is being advertised as a 100% online program. We do have a number of online courses, but they are not entirely online.

Secondly, the Governor has mandated that to be part of the high need initiative, it has to be 100% online. Is the state government telling us how to conduct our courses? Prof. Guzman asked that we pass a motion to bring the issue of the state government telling us how to conduct our business to our state-wide senators. Prof. Randall McGuire, Anthropology, SUNY Senator, noted that a motion was not necessary because this was already an active issue in the SUNY Senate and because Prof. Guzman's comments are sufficient to charge the Binghamton SUNY Senators to keep this issue at the forefront of discussions.

Prof. Guzman notes that he is not against this particular proposal, but he believes that special attention must be given to entire online programs. He proposes that we ask Provost Nieman to develop an online education task force to address online programs.

Dean Susan Strehle, Graduate School – While Prof. Guzman's concerns are valid, we are reminded that this program is in response to a high needs grant for people in social work who are certified and working full time. It is believed that this certificate is best to be online as the people who need this are working full time. They do need to further their education credits and this certificate fulfills this. New York State gave us funds to develop this online certificate program and this serves a need in the community and the state.

After no more discussion, this advanced certificate was approved by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

A motion was made to ask Provost Nieman to form a task force for online education with special attention to online programs. After no discussion, motion was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

### 3. Reports

#### a. Prof. Randall McGuire, University Faculty Senator

Governor Cuomo put a provision in the executive budget requiring each SUNY student be required to complete an experiential learning experience. Even though the University Faculty Senate is in favor of experiential learning, it was felt that the Governor was interfering with curriculum. The final budget included a compromise where by the Governor asks the SUNY Board of Trustees to develop a plan for an experiential learning requirement for all SUNY students.

A resolution was passed that encourages the SUNY administration to explore the feasibility of offering a Chancellor's graduate fellowship at each baccalaureate campus to an outstanding undergraduate SUNY student to begin their graduate work at a SUNY institution.

A resolution was passed to urge the State Legislature and Governor Cuomo to renew the NY-SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Act through the 2019-2020 fiscal year with the three following interdependent elements -- establishing a commitment to a true Maintenance of Effort by the State for the entire State University of New York System, reauthorizing a rational tuition plan, and renewing the tuition credit for TAP-eligible students.

A resolution was passed that all SUNY experiential education such as internships, co-operative education, and all applied learning and/or experiential education earning academic credit shall be the responsibility of appropriate faculty who are members of the academic department.

A resolution was passed regarding the evaluation of long-standing presidents being done by the Chancellor which does not affect this campus at this time.

A resolution was passed for the Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate work with the SUNY Provost office, the SUNY Librarians Association, the SUNY Council of Library Directors, and other stakeholders to create a task force to explore alternative models of scholarly publishing and communications and their impact on promotions and continuing appointment. Prof. McGuire noted that this was already done on this campus last year.

In addition, Prof. Thomas Sinclair, University Faculty Senator, noted that the University Faculty Senate has asked the Executive Board to have a conversation and discussion with UUP and the SUNY administration regarding the family medical leave policy to expand this as a paid benefit for faculty and staff of SUNY.

Prof. Sinclair noted that Prof. McGuire's term on the University Faculty Senate has ended. He has been a great advocate for us, for our students, and public education, and we thank him for his service.

After no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Present: Manoj Agarwal, Serdar Atav, Jeffrey Barker, Mark Blumler, Anne Brady, Cassandra Bransford, Kenneth Chiu, David Clark, Alison Coombs, Scott Craver, Magdalena Czubak, Brandon Gibb, Jennifer Gordon, Vincent Grenier, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Hailey,

Hadassah Head, Murali Jagannathan, David Jenkins, Barry Jones, Hoe Kyeong Kim, Michael Lawson, Alistair Lees, Michael Lewis, Randall McGuire, Robert Micklus, Natalija Mijatovic, Florenz Plassmann, Xingye Qiao, Sara Reiter, Kristian Rydqvist, Pamela Sandoval, Daryl Santos, Thomas Sinclair, Pamela Smart, Diane Sommerville, John Starks, Ruth VanDyke, Sara Wozniak, Stephen Zahorian

Excused: Gisela Brinkler-Gabler, Frank Cardullo, Charles Goodman, Celia Klin, Gretchen Mahler, Sandra Michael, Neil Christian Pages, Mark Poliks, Harvey Stenger, Lisa Tessman

Absent: Josephine Allen, , Benjamin Andrus, John Baust, Jonathan Biggers, Howard Brown, Nicole Cameron, John Cheng, Lee Cummings, Leslie Gates, Don Greenberg, Leslie Heywood, Douglas Holmes, Sharon Holmes, Jonathan Karp, Ji-Song Ku, Ricardo Laremont, Stephen Levy, Aja Martinez, Pamela Mischen, Donald Nieman, Robert Palmer, Seungbae Park, Carolyn Pierce, Dmitry Ponomarev, Bonita Roth, Omowunmi Sadik, Sandro Sticca, Cyma VanPetten, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Bruce White, David Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Zili Yang, Chaun Zhong