

Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, December 6, 2013
Minutes

Senators Presents: Duncan Quarless (Chair, presiding), Shalei Simms (Vice-Chair/MMF Dept.), Kerwin Kaye (Secretary/Treasurer/Sociology), Jacob Heller (Parliamentarian), Minna Barrett (University Senator), Cristina Notaro (At-Large Rep. to Exec. Committee/H&P), Kathie Greenberg (Senator at-Large), Costas Hadjicharalambous (Senator At-Large), Caroline Sawyer (Univ. Senator Alternate/Senator At-Large), (Kathleen Velsor (At-Large), Alonzo McCollum (Professional), Ana Martinez (Professional), Camilla Swasey, (Student Gov't. Assoc.), Laura Anker (First Year Experience), Curt Friebs (Library), Jeffrey D'amico (Accounting), Samara Smith (TLCR/American Studies), Amara Graf (English), Frank Sanacory (Math/CIS), Fernando Guerrero (Modern Languages), Fred Millan (Psychology), Robert Gero (Visual Arts), Cary Lange (CAP Com.), Alireza Ebrahimi (TLRC).

Senators Absent: Manya Mascareno (Senator At-Large/Biology), Marc Kettler (Professional), Nick Savva (Student Gov't. Assoc.), Elenna Geffrard (Student Gov't. Assoc.), Jeanne Shimizu (Adolescence Education), Stephanie Schneider (Childhood Education), vacant (Exceptional Education), Ruomei Gao (Chemistry & Physics), Tom Delgiudice (PEL), Shijian Li (Public Health), Christopher Hobson (ARPT Com.), Zenaida Madurka (HLCC) .

Non-Voting Members of the Senate Present: Calvin Butts (President), Patrick O'Sullivan (Provost/AVP), Anthony Barbera (Dean, SOB).

Visitors Present: Paul Vroman (Big Data student representative), Rafat Sada (Enrollment), Llana Barber (GE/SOE), Jermaine Archer (American Studies), Patricia Smith (Registrar), Hedva Lewittes (Psychology), Ron Welton (AVP Academic Affairs), Carol Quirke (American Studies), Ashlee Lien (Psychology), Dinorah Martinez (recording).

I. Call to Order: 12:36 pm

II. The minutes from the November 15th meeting were not available, will be posted to website for review.

III. Faculty Senate Chair's Report (see separate Chair's Report)

- Executive Committee will issue a proclamation regarding Nelson Mandela and distribute
- Paul Vroman, SUNY Fellow on Big Data, was acknowledged by Faculty Senate. He attended SUNY conference on big data's impact in academic institution.

- Motion carried to table Hate Speech resolution
- Resolutions on College Culture and Social Justice Curriculum Component presented by Exec. Comm. for consideration
 - Vote to be taken in Spring 2014
 - Resolutions to be distributed to full faculty
- Motion carried to reinstate distribution of Senate information to full faculty list
- Review of bylaws has been asked of all committee chairs
 - Exec. Comm. is working on a removal from office clause
- RABPC committee still waiting on approval of member list
- Ad Hoc sexual harassment committee to be re- established
 - Committee and new charge as currently written is on website
- New system for Master Scheduling to be implemented Spring 2014

IV. President's Report

- College facing an enrollment issue, 1 percent decline and 3 percent from goal resulting in a shortfall of 1.3 million dollars
- One enrollment issue is the course schedule, there will be consultation with faculty but decisions and changes must be made soon
- The college is getting pressure to address revision in our current offering to address enrollment issues and graduation rates.
- OW will be meeting with NCC and SCCC regarding Seamless Transfer
- Branding process should be in place spring 2014

**Motion carried to extend meeting 30 minutes.

V. Provost's Report

- Distributed 3 handouts
 - Joint task force charge of General Education
 - Provost will put together notes on final Gen Ed results

- Profile of graduates
 - Mean number of credit on graduation on three schools
 - Average number of semesters to graduation
 - Each department should be reviewing their number
- Ron Welton presented information on course schedule utilization (handout)
 - Does not include graduate courses
 - Difficulty with hybrid
 - There is a disproportionate number of courses offered at 10:20 and 1pm and not offered at 8:30 am and 8:20 pm
- Town halls with students emphasize student issues with schedule. Eliminating common hour is one idea. There will be a survey of students for Gen. Ed. and scheduling, common hour. Changes will be targeted for Spring 2015

VI. Committee Reports

- Gen. Ed. Committee report (C. Sawyer and L. Barber) will be rescheduled to a special Faculty Senate meeting on the consequences of the SUNY BOT directives regarding General Education and Seamless Transfer on OW. Date to be determined (December or January) and full faculty will be notified.

VII. Old Business

- CAP Resolution on Modern Language Minor passes
- CAP Resolution on 5 Year Review passes

VIII. New Business (Walk-In item)

None

IX. Announcements

None

X. Adjournment: 3:36 PM