**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT OLD WESTBURY**

**SPECIAL SENATE MEETING: Faculty Governance Orientation**

**Friday, Oct 19, 2018**

**12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Location NAB 1100**

**\*\*\* ALL MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. \*\*\***

**Documents for this meeting are available at:**

[**https://sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate/archive**](https://sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate/archive)

**Senators Present:** Andrew Mattson (Chair), Jennie D’Ambroise (M&CS, Vice Chair), Runi Mukherji (University Senator Alternate), Maureen Dolan (Parliamentarian, M&CIS), Dana Tomlin (Secretary/Treasurer, LI), Peter Ikeler (Senator At-Large, APPC), Jon Kleinman (Professional), Alonzo McCollum (EOP, Professional), Ana Martinez (Professional), Taj Ford (SGA), Priscila Ortega (SGA), Minna Barrett (FYE), Sara Williamson (MMF), Katarzyna Platt (MMF), Blidi Stemn (CE), Lina Gillic (EE), Lisa Payton (AS), Camille Jones (CP), Zenaida Madurka (ML, HLCC), Veronika Dolar (PEL), Seojung Jung (PY), Chris Hartmann (PH), Lee Blackstone (SY), Eric Hagan (VA), Fred Fleisher (VA), Rose Muzio (CAP), Patty Harris (LEC), Ali Ebrahimi (FRRC) , Deepa Jani (EN)

**Senators Absent:**  Joseph Foy (Senator At-Large), Manya Mascareno (Senator At-Large), Kathleen Velsor (Senator At-Large), Jon Kleinman (Professional), Linval Frazer (AC), Xavier Marechaux (AE), Jillian Nissen (BS), Jingyi Song (H&P), Chris Hobson (ARPT) , Jill Crocker (TLRC)

**Non-Voting Members of the Senate Present:**  Raj Devasagayam (Dean SOB)

**Visitors:**  Evan Kobalakis, Michael Kavic, Helidon Gjergji, Robert Bednarozyk, Brian Schwirzbin, Claudia Andrade, Yu Lei, Dana Prewitt

**DRAFT MINUTES**

I. Call to Order at 12:41 p.m.

II. Special Order of Business – There are not enough Senators present to have quorum. We need 19 Senators (half plus one). We will count again later in the meeting. This item is postponed. This item is revisited later in the meeting, and quorum is established.

1. The American Studies Resolution on Smart Classrooms is entered into the record.
2. Election of 2018-19 Exec. Committee Secretary/Treasurer

* Dana Tomlin indicates interest in Secretary/Treasurer position. Since she was elected as At-Large Representative to EC at 9/21 FS meeting, the Parliamentarian states that Dana would need to resign as At-Large Rep to EC in order to be nominated for other position on EC. Dana agrees and is nominated to Secretary/Treasurer position by Jennie D’Ambroise. The nomination is seconded. There are no other nominations; the Parliamentarian closes nominations for Sec/Treas. position. Dana is elected unanimously by voice vote.

1. Election of 2018-19 Exec. Committee At-Large Rep.

* There are no nominations.

III. **Special Order of Business:** **Faculty Governance Orientation**

1. Introduction to Faculty Senate (Andy Mattson)

* Bylaws are presented on the screen and the authority of the Faculty is summarized. The Executive Committee and the Senate represent the Faculty but the Faculty have authority. Anything that affects matters of educational interest and research and academic policy are concerns of the Faculty. The authority also extends to operational and institutional issues, in accordance with the verbiage in the ByLaws. As governance we need to understand how decisions are made including budgeting and resource allocation.
* Can students bring resolutions? Yes, through their Senators may be best. They can be also co-sponsored by faculty if desired. There is also a Student Life Committee through which resolutions can be brought and sponsored.
* Our voice cannot be taken for granted and people have lost their jobs for our priveleges in the past. Governance is one of our most important obligations. Issues should not come from the Executive Committee “down” to the faculty, it should be the other way around. Senate activities can be in the form of statements to state opinions, or resolutions which are more action-oriented.

1. Introduction to SUNY Governance (Runi Mukherji)

* The SUNY governance system is amazing and we can learn from its structure in order to get things done. The structure and the origin of the university senate is summarized. Our senate is a parallel structure to the university faculty senate.

1. Introduction to Committees: Standing, Special and College-wide

* Each committee summarizes their membership and responsibilities.
* For additional information also see the Bylaws and the Faculty Senate website.
  + Senate Website Link: <https://sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate/home>
  + Bylaws and Policies Link:

<https://sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate/bylaws-policies-etc-1>

1. Breakout Group Prompts

* We talked about quality of life issues and social community. We want a space to encourage intellectual collaboration between faculty including brown bag talks and workshops. Faculty access to nourishment and healthy food is an issue and this affects community. There is no platform to share our difficulties in acquiring resources.
* We talked about allocation of resources and budgeting problems. We discussed quality of life issues including students complaining about mold in the residence halls. Is there emergency funding?
* We talked about signage on campus, and how to get around. There are issues with putting in work orders through departmental secretaries and facilities including issues of cleanliness in restrooms. There is no recycling on campus. Capital planning and the library as a collaborative space are issues as well.
* We talked about the difficulties for students to register for classes. The condition of the science building is an issue including mold. We want someone in SGA to represent together with folks in science fields. Freshman have lack of information about courses and they may stay longer than needed if they take the wrong course.
* We talked about lack of transparency in budgeting. Items get submitted and approved or rejected, but there is not participatory budgeting. There is also no 360-degree review of administrators. We need transparency in accountability and in budgeting.

IV. Announcements

* OER Roundtable on pedagogy and resources: Thur Oct 25th common hour, in the red room.

V. Adjournment at 2:35pm