

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
December 3, 2019

The second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year was called to order by Associate Librarian Jill Dixon at 12:02 pm.

1. Minutes

The following changes to the November 12, 2019 minutes were requested by Prof. Andrew Walkling, Theatre:

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Motion was made and seconded to approve the suggested changes. After no additional discussion, minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Obituary notices

Ms. Dixon notified the body that Dean Sheldon N. Grebstein, Harpur College, passed away. Ms. Dixon asked for a moment of silence to remember our colleague.

3. New business

a. Statement from Faculty Senate Diversity Committee

Prof. Fernando Guzman, co-chair of the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee, read the statement from the Diversity Committee dated November 25, 2019. This statement appeared in the November 25, 2019 issue of Pipedream.

b. Resolution on Freedom of Expression and Culture of Civility

Prof. Barry Jones, chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC), noted that the FSEC felt it should address some of the issues that happened on campus on November 15 and 18 and cited the following reasons:

We are still sorting through exactly what happened; administration and student leaders and faculty are trying to get the fu1 108.02o

controversial issues in the coming year. We may want to hold a similar event to the one that Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, held last year on free speech.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. After no discussion, it was unanimously approved with 0 abstentions and 0 opposed.

4. Summary of Annual Reports of 2018-2019 Faculty Senate standing committees

Ms. Dixon thanked members for their service on committees and requested that if anyone was asked to serve on a committee to consider doing so. The charge for each committee is listed in the appendix of the FacultyTJE-61 2.024 5h814dETBT1 0 0 1 227091

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IGMAP co-directors Prof. Nadia Rubaii, Public Administration, and Prof. Max Pensky,
Philosophy, to discuss the creation of a new degree d5y

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Nobel Prize for Chemistry FSEC approved a resolution commemorating Stan

but ones we do have include: Biology, Business, Geology, Mathematics, Nursing, Physics, Psychology, and Theatre.

Many campuses are searching for Presidents this year, so open versus closed searches is a topic of concern.

Student mental health and wellness is a major concern this year with a conference planned.

Questions for the Chancellor In responding to the perennial question from the University Centers about what SUNY is doing to support liberal arts, the Chancellor mentioned a forthcoming initiative involving History and also a graduate fellowship program.

Hearing no more business,