

MINUTES OF  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
December 4, 2018

The second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2018-2019 academic year was called to order by Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, at 11:46 am.

1. Minutes

After no discussion, the minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting were approved.

2. Obituary notices

Prof. Karp notified the body that Prof. Geraldine Allerman, Nursing, and Prof. Michael Horowitz, Anthropology, passed away. Prof. Karp asked for a moment of silence to remember these colleagues.

3. Open Access Policy

The Open access policy was discussed at our October 23 meeting. Dean Kendrick was present at that meeting to answer any questions and address concerns. The policy clearly spells out how permissions and the use of materials would function in open access format.

Prof. Leslie Gates, Sociology, asked for an explanation of the difference between “opt in” and “opt out.” Dean Kendrick explained that for “opt in” faculty are not required to submit their publications to the library repository, but it is suggested. With “opt out” the default is that everybody submits to the repository unless they get a waiver. Prof. Karp noted that the proposal we have in front of us reads “...we pledge to share/submit scholarly articles to the Library who will then review publisher self-archiving policies for each article and post in the Libraries’ Open Repository @ Binghamton (ORB) as permitted”. The language implies that this is an “opt out” policy.

After no more discussion, this was approved by a vote of 31 in favor with 1 opposed and 5 abstentions.

4. Summary of Annual Reports of 2017-2018 Faculty Senate standing committees and others

Prof. Karp thanked all committee chairs and members for all their hard work on these committees. The Committee on Committees urges faculty to look favorably on any requests to serve on committees. Committee work is important and is greatly appreciated. Serious and substantive work of these committees can be seen in these reports. Prof. Karp suggested that everyone review the Budget Review Committee report due to the current budget situation. After no discussion, all reports were unanimously accepted.

5. Curriculum Nursing RN to BS

Dean Mario Ortiz explained that the school had been offering this program under the umbrella of the baccalaureate program. New York State requested that the school send in a separate HEGIS code. At the same time, we are proposing to move the program online to be in line with national programs. We are the only SUNY research center that does not offer an online program.

Prof. Fernando Guzman, chair of the Diversity Committee, reported that the Diversity Committee reviewed the proposal and made suggestions to Dean Ortiz and Prof. Gale





would we have to wait until the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the semester? Provost Nieman commented that our intent would be to start on the normal cycle but that the Deans would have to make decisions on where hires would be and hedge against the uncertainty they are going to have.

Prof. Andrew Walkling, Theater, commented that one of the problems was that our graduate enrollment was lower than anticipated. He asked for a clarification on how headcount correlates with revenue. If a graduate student is funded, does it have effect on revenue? Provost Nieman noted that the relationship between headcount and revenue and the spread of revenue based on headcount is considerable. We try to get PhD students course complete as quickly as possible. PhD student revenue does count in graduate revenue in the schools. Tuition goes to SUNY and is allocated back to us as part of our revenue.

Prof. Natalia Mijatovic, Art, asked how we will cover our budget with tuition. It seems that New York State did not follow through with their promise. If the state appreciates the importance of education, the people of New York State need to know what is going on and where the blame lies. Provost Nieman responded that we did have to assume responsibility for raises the last time a contract was signed, but that was less of a burden on the University. This is a much bigger contract and a bigger impact. This year we are paying retroactive raises. He does agree with Prof. Mijatovic's point and does not believe the state is shouldering its share of responsibility for public higher education in New York.

Prof. Melissa Zinkin, Philosophy, asked if our mission isn't to take in-state students with moderate income. Provost Nieman noted that yes, that is our mission, and a large portion of our undergraduate students are in-state. The Nursing online program will both enhance our enrollment and boost revenue. Currently there are 169,000 RN's in New York who will have to get their BA in the next decade. We will provide high quality online experience for working nurses and will be serving the population that we were designed to serve. We will continue to play the role in offering opportunities to working and middle class families by providing access to high quality undergraduate education.

Prof. Christopher Hanes, Economics, stated that we do not have enough money from the state. The public needs to know what is happening. Is anyone getting this message out? Do we explain what is happening regarding class size and enrollment cuts? Is there anything faculty can do? Can SUNY administration do more to set off alarms to the public? Provost Nieman responded that there is a lot that faculty and students can do. We have good relationships with our local legislature that understands this completely. This is a high priority for the Chancellor; she has worked through the political process with the Governor. Provost Nieman admits that he does not know if a more aggressive stance will be beneficial.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Present: Anne Bailey, Christina Balderamma-Durbin, Robin Best, Cassandra Bransford, Leon Cosler, Jill Dixon, Patrick Doyle, Heather Fiumera, Mark Fowler, Ann Fronczek, Leslie Gates, Neyda Gilman, Christof Grewer, Fernando Guzman, Christopher Hanes, Noah Henry, Olivia Homes, Sharon Holmes, Mattias Iser, Barry Jones, John Suk Young

