MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
February 11, 2020

The third Faculty Senate meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year was called to order by
Associate Librarian Jill Dixon at 11:50 am.

1. *Minutes*
   The minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. *Obituary notices*
   Chair Dixon notified the body that Prof. Emeritus James A. Geschwender, Sociology,
   passed away. Chair Dixon asked for a moment of silence to remember our colleague.

3. *Curriculum*
   a. Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS)

      Program has been approved by Faculty Senate executive committee and has also been
      reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee. Motion was made
      and seconded to approve the program. After no discussion, it was unanimously
      approved with 0 abstentions and 0 opposed.

4. *New Business*
   a. ITS Research Computing Advisory Committee (Joint)
      Prof. Barry Jones, chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC), explained there
      was a need for a research computing committee, especially with the pending
      investments in computing infrastructure, and to have a mechanism for faculty to provide
      input on computing needs. In discussions with Provost Nieman and Niyazi Bodur, Chief
      Information Office, the charge and composition for the committee were established. This
      committee parallels the ACET committee but will focus on research.

      Prof. Fernando Guzman, Mathematics, asked what else is needed to put the committee
      in place and when the work would start. Prof. Jones responded c66l Joed yu 13( )6()-4(cr)90 1 382.M

      Prof. Anne Clark, Biological Sciences, asked how available would the committee be for
      faculty to make individual and lab requests. Prof. Jones responded that, as with any
      committee, faculty can connect with this committee which can become a collection point
      via the co-chairs.

      Prof. Aaron Beedle, Pharmacy, asked if this committee would be linked to the Data
      Sciences initiative. Prof. Jones said that we do not see this as linked, more of a general
      committee, but there could be joint discussions.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the formation of the ITS Research Computing Advisory committee. After no discussion, it was unanimously approved with 0 abstentions and 0 opposed.

b. Final Exam Period Policy
Prof. Paul Schleuse, Music, reported that this policy was revised to clarify concerns and the potential of misreading the existing policy. He emphasized that the goal of the policy is for instruction to

Prof. Anne Clark, Biological Sciences, asked if this precludes a faculty member from establishing their own deadline and putting it in their syllabi. Chair Dixon did not think it would preclude anyone from doing that. Prof. Guzman said it does not prevent students from notifying faculty at any time during the semester. Prof. Guzman reported that although he appreciated Prof. Walkling's intention, it is dangerous practice to pass legislation in hopes there will be different language later. Leaving the sentence ending with "…student's responsibility to notify faculty" allows a student to notify faculty at any time.

After no other discussion, vote was taken 5 in favor, 46 opposed, and 5 abstentions. Motion is not carried.

A motion was made to approve original language. After no other discussion, it was approved by 49 in favor, 1 opposed, 5 abstentions.

5. Reports
   a. Dean Curtis Kendrick, University Libraries, reported on:
      x Science Direct update – SUNY and Elsevier continue to be far apart. We differ in our valuation of the resource. Elsevier is basing their valuation on the claim that they made a mistake in earlier negotiations and gave away more than they intended, and they need to correct for that now. Our calculations, based on their data, suggest SUNY has been overpaying by several million dollars per year. Our license expired end of December 2019 and we signed a three-month extension through March 2019 at a lower rate (they say they can't give us that rate longer term.). We are now looking at options for select titles with less coverage and figuring out what the impact will be. Conversations are continuing with another meeting the week of February 17.

      x Library renovations – The third floor of Bartle Library is scheduled for renovation starting July 2021. There is a necessary asbestos abatement and the building's mechanical infrastructure also needs to be repaired/replaced. This is an opportunity to make changes to services, programs, and collections in that space.

         Student population has risen and library space requirement has risen – there is not enough study space. We are looking to remedy that. We plan to remove the graduate student carrels to allow for more natural light to permeate into the building. We will create a larger room for graduate students (with lockers) that will accommodate the same number of students.

         We will create a digital scholarship area – a growing area of research and scholarship – and we want to support it.

         This renovation will have an impact on collections. All volumes will be transferred off site. After completion, 60% of the collections will be brought back to campus, to either the 3rd or 4th floor. A collection management facility is being built in Johnson City with a projected April 2021 completion.

Associate Librarian Jill Dixon is project lead; questions can be referred to her or Dean Kendrick.

Prof. Kent Schull, History, asked how long the project would last. It will last three years. The plan is to have collections available during the entire time of renovation except during transit.

Concerns with declining enrollment continue to bypass the University Centers but have a large impact on other campuses in the system. The SUNY Provost explained initiatives related to strategic enrollment planning.

Excused: Allan Arkush, John Baust, Robin Best, Lubna Chaudhry, Jeroen Gerrits, Leslie Heywood, Douglas Holmes, Natesha Smith, Elizabeth Skaggs, Harvey Stenger, Stan Whittingham

Absent: Nancy Appelbaum, Lisa Blitz, Ana Maria Candela, Hwan-Sik Choi, Sung Chung, Eric Cotts, Lois Einhorn, Nicole Fenty, Thomas Glave, Jennifer Gordon, Albrecht InhofD 0 0 1Jo