

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 15, 2016

The third Faculty Senate meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order by Prof. Fernando Guzman, Mathematics, at 11:45 am.

1. Minutes

After no discussion, the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Obituary Notices

Prof. Guzman notified the body that Prof. Jonathan Biggers, Music, passed away. Prof. Guzman
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the search process for the new chancellor. Chancellor Zimpher will step down in June 2017. The search will be a closed search and a new chancellor will be named no later than May 2017. He also discussed the COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in High Education) survey that is a best practice at Harvard which looks at tenure and promotion standards, family leave, etc.

Provost Cartwright spoke about the \$54 million discretionary monies. He will have conversations at each campus with senior administration and campus governance leaders on performance improvement plans, SWOT analysis to explore ideas, and to see where campuses see themselves in 2025 without financial constraints. Proposals will be invited based on these conversations.

Provost Cartwright also discussed items which resulted from the recent SUNY Presidents meeting mechanisms for sharing expertise across the SUNY system, redirecting rejected students to other SUNY campuses, and expediting curriculum review at SUNY and the State Education Department.

Problems with seamless transfer were voiced in several discussions including with the President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges. Some community colleges seem to have better relationships with Syracuse and other colleges than with SUNY institutions. One issue raised was the possibility of legislation regarding seamless transfer (e.g. transfer students would automatically have junior standing). It is not clear how much systematic data supports this view. Prof. Jones noted ing to know where Binghamton is at in this regard.

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across the system of teacher education and formed the TeachNY Advisory Council to create recommendations regarding development of teachers and school leaders. The SUNY TeachNY Steering Committee is working to translate the recommendations into SUNY policy. Needed is elevation of the teaching profession, providing clinical experience to education majors, investments in innovation, dealing with upcoming shortage of teachers due to delayed retirements going into effect. There was some undercurrent dissatisfaction with TeachNY but no specifics were raised.

Chancellor Zimpher noted that 40% of college students come to college in need of some remediation at a cost of \$70 million to SUNY (and \$90 million to students). CUNY Faculty Senate chair echoed this by saying that algebra is the biggest obstacle to graduation in CUNY and that CUNY has an M fields. Also noted was that it is more difficult to improve math education in the schools because newly trained teachers are themselves not very proficient in math.

In response to questions, Chancellor Zimpher noted that stabilizing and moving forward with respect president. (We now know that Vice President Bahgat Sammakia will be filling this interim president role.)

The campus governance leaders brought up the idea of campus leaders serving on local Councils/Boards. Councils are required to invite campus leaders to the meetings, but most are silent observers. Chancellor Zimpher said that she would consider this idea and willing to try working it through the legislative process. To clarify, it was noted that the campus governance leaders would be ex-officio non-voting members of the Councils. This was consistent with the position of Prof. Knuepfer and a resolution was passed (attached).

Prof. Sandra Michael, Biological Sciences, confirmed that Albany allows their campus governance leaders to be on their Council although she does not know if they are voting or non-voting. This can

be done on a campus-by-campus basis. Prof. Michael did note that former President DeFleur was strongly against this.

6. Curriculum Items

a. Social Work BSW

Prof. Reiter noted that this is a new undergraduate degree in CCPA. This will allow students who are interested in pursuing a career in social work

- *Commit to developing strong partnerships between research-intensive engineering schools and non-PhD granting engineering schools serving populations underrepresented in engineering.*
- *Commit to the development and implementation of proactive strategies to increase the representation of women and underrepresented minorities in our faculty.*

Prof. Tessman thanked Prof. Santos for this information. After no more discussion, this was approved by a hand vote with 3 abstentions.

d. SSIE degree at SUNY Korea

This is a new program which will be taught at SUNY Korea. Prof. Reiter noted that SUNY Stony Brook also participates in teaching courses there. SSIE has been invited to participate to offer BS, MS, and PhD degrees. These degrees will be our degrees. Separate faculty will be hired by a search committee here. Promotion and tenure of faculty will be similar to Binghamton but the faculty will not be employees of New York State. This program will be overseen very carefully by SSIE. Prof. Reiter said this was an unusual program for EPPC and FSEC and had a lot of discussion about this.

Prof. Tessman voiced concern that there are no home and diverse faculty shown in the program. Prof. Santos noted that SSIE faculty, of which many are women, will be periodically going over to Korea to teach.

After no more discussions, vote was approved by a vote of 43 in favor, 1 opposed, and 7 abstentions.

Prof. John Starks, FSEC chair, thanked Prof. Reiter and the EPPC for their work. Details of the programs are enormous and we owe a great deal of gratitude to them for making reviews such as these more efficient. Prof. Starks also thanked the Diversity Committee for responding to the proposals that came through in quick order.

7. Annual Reports of 2015-2016 Faculty Senate standing committees

- a. Budget Review Chair Wayne Jones, Chemistry, said that the BRC charge calls for committee to review budgets with the administration before they go to SUNY. This has not done, so a proposal to change the Faculty Bylaws will be coming soon to reflect what the committee actually does. There were budget challenges last year. There was an increase in tuition and we expect a small increase next year. Vice Provost McGoff has done excellent work in negotiating with SUNY on shortages and we may fall short next year. We hope to push projections forward 14 months so we know what our budget is looking like further ahead.
- b. Bylaws Review Chair Sandra Michael, Biological Sciences, reported that the Bylaws Review committee reviewed two types of changes to the Faculty Bylaws last year. Some changes were housekeeping changes (adding the Pharmacy School and changing titles to reflect new titles in administration). Also, the 1980 Otruba memo show how faculty participate in search committees for senior level administrators.

access, and space. Issues still exist for faculty space in the Library. Prof. Dennis Lasser, SOM, commented that the Bloomberg terminal will be set up soon which will be a great addition.

- h. Professional Standards -- Prof. Robert Guay, Philosophy, reported for chair Gale Spencer. The committee held one meeting to address an issue involving a research assistant.
- i. University Undergraduate Curriculum tabled to next meeting.

Prof. Guzman noted that the next Senate meeting will be held on December 6. Agenda items will include conversations about the Calendar Committee, motion proposed by the Diversity Committee, and the post-election concern about minority and open dialogue.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Present: Nancy Abashian, Laura Anderson, Rosemary Arrojo, Serdar Atav, Christopher Bartlette, Anne Brady, Cassandra Bransford, Elizabeth Casteen, Manas Chatterji, Kenneth Chiu, Junghyun Cho, Cynthia Connine, Leon Cosler, Alexandra Cuesta, Daniel Davis, Heather DeHaan, Marvin Diaz, Mark Fowler, Leslie Gates, Christof Grewer, Robert Guay, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Haile, Christopher Hanes, Brendan Hennessey, Stephanie Hess, Sharon Holmes, Barry Jones, Kristina Lambright, Dennis Lasser, Richard Lee, Alistair Lees, Tongshu Ma, Tami Mann, Sandra Michael, Robert Micklus, Natalija Mijatovic, Carol Miles, Jose Morales-Collazo, Richard Naslund, Jay Newberry, Donald Nieman, Vladimir Nikulin, Titalayo Okoror, Neil