

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
December 6, 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 November 15, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Announcements

Prof. Guzman asked for a moment of silence for student Stefani Livena who was killed a few days ago.

Prof. Guzman noted that to allow enough time for open conversations, we have decided to review the remainder of the committee reports in the spring semester.

3. Reports

Prof. John Starks, chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee, reported on Faculty Senate Executive Committee business for the fall 2016 semester. The FSEC met on nine occasions over the course of the fall semester. They began the academic year by helping to establish and fill vacancies in numerous committees that ensure more effective distribution of faculty governance across a diverse body of the faculty. Of note among these were faculty representation on the Professional Staff Senate and the Parking and Transportation Stakeholders Group; a selection committee for a new Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence (TAE); constitution of a TAE Evaluation Committee, with Tom Sinclair as chair, to begin review this semester; and faculty representation on the search committees for Deans of Harpur College and the Graduate School.

The FSEC gave guidance to the Evaluation Coordinating Committee on the most appropriate procedures for developing and reviewing the evaluation of President Stenger, which has just recently been completed, and for adding new chief administrative positions to their oversight, such as Vice Provost for Student and Faculty Development James Pitarresi. They reiterated the need to continue informing the faculty and university community how important these regular evaluations are and that the confidentiality of the ECC's final reports is crucial to the effectiveness and openness of the resulting dialogue with administrators after the evaluations.

In keeping with the Faculty Senate charge to its newly constituted Diversity Committee, the FSEC instituted an operating procedure for directing its resolutions, via the chair of the Faculty Senate, to the Diversity Committee for review and comment as resolutions are being moved to the Faculty Senate for vote.

In response to faculty concerns raised early in the semester, we developed the charge and composition for a Joint Committee on the University Calendar, which comes to the Faculty Senate for discussion and vote today.

The FSEC received from the EPPC numerous proposals for new or adapted undergraduate and graduate programs. Those receiving the most discussion and further attention prior to approval included the SSIE degree at SUNY Korea, a Bachelor's in Social Work, and a Master's in Public Health.

President Stenger provided the FSEC with an Interim Management Plan for the Division of Research during the interim presidency for SUNY Poly by Vice President Bahgat Sammakia. The FSEC

the program and curriculum that easily would be accredited. There is a lot of student demand for this degree. The EPPC did have some concern with housing faculty within the Graduate School and question how this would work and how it would affect a junior faculty's tenure if one contributed a lot to this program. Prof. Reiter feels that this will come up more for future multidisciplinary programs. State Education Department does not address this nor is concerned about this aspect. The FSEC approved and passed along to the Senate the curriculum portion of this program. Prof. Reiter feels that placement of faculty lines and involvement of junior faculty in cross-disciplinary programs need to be discussed extensively to address issues such as where faculty will be located, how being housed in the Graduate School will work, and what other possible programs may have these similar issues.

Prof. Sandra Michael, Biological Sciences, noted that there are other programs such as the

proposal for a Joint University Calendar Committee.

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