

Southern Connecticut State University  
**FACULTY SENATE**

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Approved Minutes of September 04, 2019

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The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2019-2020 was held on September 4, 2019 at 12:10 p.m. in the Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

Attendance

Dave Allen* <i>Accounting</i> 0/1	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 1/1	Peter Latchman <i>Health &amp; Movement Sciences</i> 1/1	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 1/1	Binlin Wu <i>Physics</i> 1/1	Douglas Macur <i>Theatre</i> 1/1
William Farley <i>Anthropology</i> 1/1	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling &amp; School Psychology</i> 1/1	Robert Gregory <i>Health &amp; Movement Sciences</i> 1/1	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 1/1	Jon Wharton <i>Political Science</i> 1/1	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages &amp; Literatures</i> 1/1
Jeff Slomba <i>Art</i> 1/1	Beena Achhpal <i>Curriculum &amp; Learning</i> 1/1	Tom Radice <i>History</i> 1/1	Jonathan Irving* <i>Music</i> 0/1	Michael Nizhnikov <i>Psychology</i> 1/1	
Lisa Barbaro* <i>Athletics</i> 0/1	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum &amp; Learning</i> 1/1	Darcy Kern <i>History</i> 1/1	Frances Penny <i>Nursing</i> 1/1	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 1/1	Cindy Simoneau <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 1/1
Sarah Crawford <i>Biology</i> 1/1	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 1/1	Yan Liu <i>Information &amp; Library Science</i> 1/1	VACANT <i>Nursing</i>	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 1/1	Cynthia O'Sullivan* <i>Graduate Council</i> 0/1
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 1/1	Sanja Grubacic <i>Economics</i> 1/1	Jerry Dunklee <i>Journalism</i> 1/1	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 1/1	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism &amp; Sport Management</i> 1/1	Aidan Coleman <i>Student Government Association</i> 1/1
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 1/1	Peter Madonia* <i>Educational Leadership</i> 0/1	Parker Fruehan <i>Library Services</i> 1/1	VACANT <i>Part-time Faculty</i>	Paul Levatino <i>Social Work</i> 1/1	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i>
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 1/1	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 1/1	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 1/1	Mary Ellen Minichiello <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 1/1	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 1/1	
Derek Taylor <i>Communication, Media &amp; Screen Studies</i> 1/1	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 1/1	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business &amp; Public Utilities</i> 1/1	Walter Stutzmann <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 1/1	Greg Adams <i>Sociology</i> 1/1	
Mohammad T. Islam <i>Computer Science</i> 1/1	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography &amp; Marine Studies</i> 1/1	Robert Forbus <i>Marketing</i> 0/1	David Pettigrew <i>Philosophy</i> 1/1	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 1/1	
<u>Guests:</u> I. Crawford <i>AVP AA</i> C. Broadbridge <i>Exec. Director R &amp; I</i>	R. Prezant <i>Provost</i> J. Tetrault <i>AVP/Dean of Students</i>				

An asterisk denotes an absence. Overall attendance recorded below each member.

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

I. Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 8, 2019, were accepted as distributed.

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II. D. Weiss welcomed new and returning Senators.

III. Announcements

1. D. Pettigrew: Promotion and Tenure information workshop to be held on September 6 from 2-3:30 in the ASC Theater. An information meeting on how to prepare a digital file will be held on September 13 from 1-2 in the ASC Theater.
2. W. Stutzman: Two-step authentication is going live for students on October 10. On-campus network, except in residence halls, is not affected.

IV. Guests

1. SCSU President Joe Bertolino: welcomed Senators to the new academic year. Shared information on University enrollment, fundraising, budget, staffing challenges, and current administrative searches.
2. SCSU Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Robert Prezant: Shared updates on faculty searches, faculty research, visiting scholars program, survey distributed to local businesses concerning desired skills in graduating students, summer course offerings, partnerships with community colleges, and administrative searches.

V. President's Report: D. Weiss

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1. Discussion of the Faculty Website Pilot and its integration with the Digital Measures platform.
2. Shared that Faculty Senate has been awarded 16 release credits for the year; 6 per semester go to the Faculty Senate President, and 1.5-2 per semester go to the Secretary.
3. Encouraged faculty to consider grant opportunities available (e.g. FCARG, PIP, etc.).

VI. Formation of Standing Committees and Chairperson selection

1. Academic Policy: P. Petrie, chair.
2. Elections: K. Kruczek, chair.
3. Finance: W. Faraclas, treasurer and chair.
4. Personnel Policy: N. Starling, chair.
5. Rules: R. Gregory, chair.
6. Student Policy: K. Marsland, chair.
7. Technology: P. Fruehan, chair.

VII. Standing Committee Updates

1. Academic Policy (D. Pettigrew): Grade appeal document
2. Elections (K. Kruczek): Fall elections
3. Finance (W. Faraclas): No report.
4. Personnel Policy (S. Monroe Tomczak): Review and revision of Faculty Senate documents.
5. Rules (R. Gregory): Changes to the Faculty Senate constitution.
6. Student Policy (M. Nizhnikov): Feminine hygiene products availability on campus; summer appeal process for academic misconduct.

7. Technology (W. Stutzman): Online teaching

#### VIII. Special Committees

1. UCF (C. Simoneau): Updated members on the business of the UCF, the end of the School Curriculum pilot and the necessary steps going forward for each school, change in nomenclature for “undeclared” or “undecided” students.
2. Graduate Council (D. Weiss on behalf of C. O’Sullivan): The first GC meeting of the year will take place on Sept 23rd in Conn Hall from 1-3pm. Standing committee meetings are held the first Monday of the month on Buley 4th floor from 1-3.
3. FASP (D. Pettigrew): Survey on academic priorities and forum for either October or November, review the procedure for Faculty Creative Activity funds.

#### IX. New Business

1. Floor opened to discussion: Potential issues to address for the AY 2019-202.
  - a. Review of the 12/12 credit teaching load.
  - b. Limit the size of Promotion and Tenure files.
  - c. The rate at which travel funds were encumbered AY 2018-2019 for both full- and part-time faculty.
  - d. Formalize the amount of committee work.
  - e. Follow up on the Faculty Opinion Survey of Administrative Effectiveness.
  - f. Student Government Association concerns over curriculum

#### X. Adjournment

- P. Fruehan moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and approved. Adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

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L. Eilderts  
Secretary