

Southern Connecticut State University  
**FACULTY SENATE**

Approved Minutes of October 2, 2019

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2019-2020 was held on October 2, 2019 at 12:10 p.m. in the Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

Attendance

Dave Allen <i>Accounting</i> 2/3	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 3/3	Sandip Dutta <i>Finance</i> 2/3	Robert Forbus <i>Marketing</i> 1/3	David Pettigrew <i>Philosophy</i> 2/3	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 3/3
William Farley* <i>Anthropology</i> 2/3	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling &amp; School Psychology</i> 3/3	Peter Latchman <i>Health &amp; Movement Sciences</i> 2/3	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 3/3	Binlin Wu <i>Physics</i> 2/3	Douglas Macur* <i>Theatre</i> 2/3
Jeff Slomba <i>Art</i> 3/3	Beena Achhpal <i>Curriculum &amp; Learning</i> 2/3	Robert Gregory <i>Health &amp; Movement Sciences</i> 3/3	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 3/3	Jon Wharton* <i>Political Science</i> 2/3	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages &amp; Literatures</i> 3/3
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 2/2	Maria Diamantis* <i>Curriculum &amp; Learning</i> 2/3	Tom Radice <i>History</i> 3/3	Jonathan Irving* <i>Music</i> 0/3	Michael Nizhnikov <i>Psychology</i> 2/3	
Sarah Crawford <i>Biology</i> 2/3	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 3/3	Darcy Kern <i>History</i> 2/3	Frances Penny <i>Nursing</i> 3/3	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 2/3	Cindy Simoneau <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 3/3
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 3/3	Sanja Grubacic <i>Economics</i> 3/3	Yan Liu <i>Information &amp; Library Science</i> 2/3	VACANT <i>Nursing</i>	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 3/3	Cynthia O'Syllivan <i>Graduate Council</i> 0/3
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 3/3	Peter Madonia* <i>Educational Leadership</i> 1/3	Jerry Dunklee <i>Journalism</i> 3/3	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 3/3	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism &amp; Sport Management</i> 3/3	Aidan Coleman <i>Student Government Association</i> 3/3
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 3/3	Mike Shea* <i>English</i> 2/3	Parker Fruehan <i>Library Services</i> 3/3	VACANT <i>Part-time Faculty</i>	Paul Levatino <i>Social Work</i> 3/3	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i>
Derek Taylor <i>Communication, Media &amp; Screen Studies</i> 3/3	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 3/3	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 3/3	Mary Ellen Minichiello <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 3/3	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 3/3	
Mohammad T. Islam* <i>Computer Science</i> 1/3	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography &amp; Marine Studies</i> 3/3	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business &amp; Public Utilities</i> 3/3	Walter Stutzmann <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 3/3	Greg Adams* <i>Sociology</i> 2/3	
<u>Guests:</u> R. Prezant <i>Provost</i> I. Crawford <i>AA</i>	S. Hegadus <i>Dean Education</i> Dennis Reiman <i>IT</i> Trevor Broliar <i>IT</i>	Olcay Yavuz <i>EDU</i>			

An asterisk denotes an absence. Overall attendance recorded below each member.456

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

I. Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 2, 2019, were accepted as corrected.

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II. President's Report

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III. Standing Committees

1. Academic Policy (P. Petrie): Minutes received.
2. Elections (K. Kruczek): No minutes. Reminder: self-nominations were distributed.
3. Finance (W. Faraclas): Distributed the following report:

Available Faculty Travel Funds as of: October 2, 2019			
Fund	Starting	Spent/Enc	Balance
FT "AAUP" Travel	280,704	40,118	240,586
PT "AAUP"Travel	31,190	11,378	19,812
Creative Activity	85,000	84,836	164.

4. Personnel Policy (N. Starling): Minutes received. Encouraged senators with experience working with at 3+1 to contact chair of committee.
5. Rules (R. Gregory): Minutes received.
6. Student Policy (K. Marsland): Minutes received.
7. Technology (P. Fruehan): Minutes received.

IV. Special Committees

1. UCF (C. Simoneau): Presented a proposal to add an FYE representative and alternate to the UCF roster.
  - a. P. Fruehan **moved** to endorse the addition of an FYE representative and alternate to the UCF roster. **Seconded**. After a short discussion, motion **approved**.
2. Graduate Council: No report.
3. FASP (D. Pettigrew): No report. D. Pettigrew and O. Yavuz presented findings from the survey distributed by the Academic Strategic Planning Committee. A university-wide forum is scheduled for October 21, 2019, from 1-2 p.m. in EN C112.

V. Unfinished Business

1. J. Dunklee **moved** to approve the following motion: "Faculty who were eligible to submit a paper file before AY 2019-2020, but chose to submit a digital file, will be allowed to revert to a paper file in a subsequent year if they so desire. There shall be no restrictions on these eligible faculty in the medium they choose to submit their file until the year 2024-2025 when all files are required to be submitted digitally." **Seconded**. After a short discussion, motion **approved**.

VI. New Business

1. Discussion on "Resolution Regarding No Confidence Vote on Students First Plan."
  - a. Senators debated issues associated with the plan, including proposed cost savings, association with the previous Transform 2020 plan, how sister institutions' no

confidence votes included the system president and the Board of Regents, the tone of Southern's resolution, questions concerning the timing of Southern's resolution and the impact it will have, lack of shared governance, potential negative impact on academics, loss of jobs at individual campuses.

- b. Senators are asked to return to their departments and discuss the will of their colleagues in supporting the resolution.

#### VII. Adjournment

- S. Monroe Tomczak **moved to adjourn. Seconded and approved.**
- Adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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L. Eilderts  
Secretary