

Southern Connecticut State University  
**FACULTY SENATE**

Approved Minutes of October 16, 2019

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The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2019-2020 was held on October 16, 2019 at 12:10 p.m. in the Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

Attendance

Dave Allen <i>Accounting</i> 3/4	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 4/4	Sandip Dutta* <i>Finance</i> 2/4	Robert Forbus <i>Marketing</i> 2/4	David Pettigrew* <i>Philosophy</i> 2/4	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 4/4
William Farley <i>Anthropology</i> 3/4	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling &amp; School Psychology</i> 4/4	Peter Latchman <i>Health &amp; Movement Sciences</i> 3/4	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 4/4	Binlin Wu <i>Physics</i> 3/4	Douglas Macur <i>Theatre</i> 3/4
Jeff Slomba* <i>Art</i> 3/4	Beena Achhpal* <i>Curriculum &amp; Learning</i> 2/4	Robert Gregory <i>Health &amp; Movement Sciences</i> 4/4	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 4/4	Jon Wharton <i>Political Science</i> 3/4	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages &amp; Literatures</i> 4/4
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 3/3	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum &amp; Learning</i> 3/4	Tom Radice <i>History</i> 4/4	Jonathan Irving* <i>Music</i> 0/4	Michael Nizhnikov <i>Psychology</i> 3/4	
Sarah Crawford <i>Biology</i> 3/4	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 4/4	Darcy Kern* <i>History</i> 2/4	Frances Penny <i>Nursing</i> 4/4	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 3/4	Cindy Simoneau <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 4/4
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 4/4	Sanja Grubacic <i>Economics</i> 4/4	Yan Liu <i>Information &amp; Library Science</i> 3/4	VACANT <i>Nursing</i>	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 4/4	Cynthia O'Sullivan <i>Graduate Council</i> 1/4
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 4/4	Peter Madonia* <i>Educational Leadership</i> 1/4	Jerry Dunklee <i>Journalism</i> 4/4	Obiageli Okwuoka* <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 3/4	Michael Dodge* <i>Recreation, Tourism &amp; Sport Management</i> 3/4	Aidan Coleman <i>Student Government Association</i> 4/4
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 4/4	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 3/4	Parker Fruchan <i>Library Services</i> 4/4	VACANT <i>Part-time Faculty</i>	Paul Levatino <i>Social Work</i> 4/4	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i>
Derek Taylor <i>Communication, Media &amp; Screen Studies</i> 4/4	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 4/4	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 4/4	Mary Ellen Minichiello <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 4/4	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 4/4	
Mohammad T. Islam <i>Computer Science</i> 2/4	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography &amp; Marine Studies</i> 4/4	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business &amp; Public Utilities</i> 3/3	Walter Stutzmann <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 4/4	Greg Adams* <i>Sociology</i> 3/4	
<u>Guests:</u> R. Prezant <i>Provost</i> B. Kalk <i>Dean A&amp;S</i>	S. Hegadus <i>Dean Education</i> C. Hlavac <i>Assoc. Dean A&amp;S</i>	R. Drobish <i>Scheduling Officer</i>			

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

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

I. Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 16, 2019, were accepted as distributed.

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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): Minutes received. Reminder for faculty to vote by October 18 at noon.
3. Finance (W. Faraclas): In addition to the following report, Finance met with Executive Vice-President for Finance, Mark Rozewski.

Available Faculty Travel Funds as of: October 16, 2019				
Fund	Starting	Spent	Encumbered	Balance
FT AAUP Travel	280,704	11,695	68,251	200,758
PT AAUP Travel	31,190	166	15,465	15,725
Creative Activity	85,000	19,672	63,258	2,070

4. Personnel Policy (N. Starling): Minutes received.
5. Rules (R. Gregory): Minutes received.
6. Student Policy (K. Marsland): Minutes received.
7. Technology (P. Fruehan): No report.

IV. Special Committees

1. UCF (C. Simoneau): Presented the approved UCF motions to accept credits for International Baccalaureate (IB) degrees.
2. Graduate Council (C. O'Sullivan): First Graduate Council meeting took place last week of September. An updated STAR committee schedule should be distributed soon.
3. FASP: No report.

V. Guests

1. Craig Hlavac, Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and Robert Drobish, Scheduling Officer.
  - a. The Scheduling Committee met and propose to make both 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. start times standard; and to make the 10-minute break between courses standard.
  - b. R. Forbus **moved to approve** the schedule as distributed. Motion **seconded**. Motion **approved**.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Resolution Regarding No Confidence Vote on Students First Plan.
  - a. After much discussion, M. Diamantis **moved to postpone** the vote until the next Faculty Senate meeting. Motion **seconded**.
    - i. After continued discussion, the body **moved to amend** the motion to read as follows: Move to postpone the vote until such time as we can bring guests

to debate the issues who have expertise on both sides. Motion **seconded**.  
Motion **approved**.

- b. J. Dunklee **moved to call the previous question**. Motion **seconded**. Motion **failed**.
- c. P. Petrie **moved to amend the motion** to read, “Move to postpone the vote until such time as parties can be brought to campus to discuss the motion/resolution, and to charge the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to make the necessary arrangements.” Motion **seconded**.
  - i. K. Kruczek **moved to call the previous question**. Motion **seconded**.  
Motion **approved**.
- d. After continued debate, M. Diamantis **moved to call the previous question**. Motion **seconded**. Motion **approved**.
- e. Motion to “postpone until such time as parties can be brought to campus to discuss the motion/resolution, and to charge the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to make the necessary arrangements” **passed**.

#### VI. New Business

1. D. Weiss: Discussion on the creation of a template for inclusion in Blackboard for all faculty putting together a digital evaluation file.
  - a. Question about setup: should all possible folders be in place for candidates, or should candidates create folders as needed? Consensus of the body leaned heavily towards simplification and echoing the categories of the contract.

#### VII. Adjournment

- J. Webb **moved to adjourn**. **Seconded** and **approved**.
- Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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L. Eilderts  
Secretary