

Southern Connecticut State University
FACULTY SENATE

Approved Minutes of January 29, 2020

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The 8th meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2019-2020 was held on January 29, 2020 at 12:10 p.m. in the Seminar Room of Connecticut Hall.

Attendance

Dave Allen <i>Accounting</i> 5/8	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 8/8	Sandip Dutta* <i>Finance</i> 2/8	Robert Forbus* <i>Marketing</i> 5/8	David Pettigrew <i>Philosophy</i> 5/8	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 6/8
William Farley <i>Anthropology</i> 5/8	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling & School Psychology</i> 8/8	Peter Latchman <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 7/8	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 7/8	Binlin Wu <i>Physics</i> 4/8	Douglas Macur* <i>Theatre</i> 4/8
Jeff Slomba <i>Art</i> 7/8	Beena Achhpal* <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 4/8	Robert Gregory <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 8/8	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 8/8	Jon Wharton <i>Political Science</i> 6/8	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages & Literatures</i> 8/8
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 7/7	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 7/8	Tom Radice <i>History</i> 8/8	Jonathan Irving* <i>Music</i> 0/8	Michael Nizhnikov <i>Psychology</i> 6/8	
Sarah Crawford <i>Biology</i> 6/8	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 8/8	Darcy Kern* <i>History</i> 4/8	Frances Penny <i>Nursing</i> 7/8	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 7/8	Cindy Simoneau <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 7/8
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 5/8	Sanja Grubacic* <i>Economics</i> 6/8	Yan Liu* <i>Information & Library Science</i> 5/8	VACANT <i>Nursing</i>	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 7/8	Cynthia O'Sullivan* <i>Graduate Council</i> 3/8
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 8/8	Peter Madonia <i>Educational Leadership</i> 3/8	Jerry Dunklee <i>Journalism</i> 8/8	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 7/8	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management</i> 7/8	Aidan Coleman <i>Student Government Association</i> 5/8
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 8/8	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 7/8	Parker Fruehan <i>Library Services</i> 8/8	VACANT <i>Part-time Faculty</i>	Paul Levatino <i>Social Work</i> 6/8	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i>
Derek Taylor* <i>Communication, Media & Screen Studies</i> 7/8	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 8/8	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 8/8	Mary Ellen Minichiello <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 6/8	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 8/8	
Mohammad T. Islam <i>Computer Science</i> 5/8	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography & Marine Studies</i> 8/8	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business & Public Utilities</i> 6/8	Walter Stutzmann <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 7/8	VACANT <i>Sociology</i>	
<u>Guests:</u> I. Crawford (AA) R. Prezant (Provost)					

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

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

I. Announcements

1. D. Pettigrew: { HYPERLINK "https://calendar.southernct.edu/view/event/date/20200205/event_id/13176" }.
2. W. Stutzman: In December 2019, Southern's Music Department received accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music. This is national recognition for the vitality of Southern's music program.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 4, 2019, were accepted as distributed.

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III. President's Report

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IV. Standing Committees

1. Academic Policy (P. Petrie): Minutes received; committee working on P&T related matters (e.g. file size, procedures).
2. Elections (K. Kruczek): No additional report.
3. Finance (W. Faraclas): Minutes received; no additional report.
4. Personnel Policy (N. Starling): Minutes received; committee working on possible credit load adjustments.
5. Rules (R. Gregory): Minutes received; Senate bylaws and constitution revisions planned for Spring 2020; once finished, committee will turn to P&T related matters (see Academic policy above).
6. Student Policy (K. Marsland): Minutes received; Academic Misconduct document revisions planned for Spring 2020 semester; reviewing SAT requirement for admission to university.
7. Technology (P. Fruehan): Shared possible modifications to the Candidate Information Form (CIF) to bring it in line with the version that Digital Measures (DM) produces; committee also looking into modifications to the Sabbatical leave process to make it digital.

V. Special Committees

1. 2+2 Ad Hoc (J. Wharton): Elected co-chairs J. Wharton and B. Cook. Investigating Western CT State U's policy/MOU; information gathering on current practices and experiences of courses being or already delivered on a community college's campus; discussion on delivery methods; concern with competition from UConn-Stamford.
2. UCF (C. Simoneau): Changes to the Writing Across the Curriculum program and graduation requirement: change in language from three courses to nine credits with transfer student policies and exceptions still in place. New policy: students must declare a major once they have 60 credits, with a slightly different timeline for transfer students who come with 60 credits. New policy to include LEP language in LEP course syllabi outlining how the course satisfies the LEP category.
3. Graduate Council: No report.

VI. New Business

1. Finance Committee (W. Faraclas): Two questions asked to get a sense of the Senate.

- a. A new deadline for Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants applications. Presently, FCARG applications are due about four weeks into the academic year (around the beginning of October) when faculty members are getting settled into new classes and putting final touches on P&T and sabbatical files. Awards are announced at the beginning of December. The performance period for awards is July 1-June 30); hence it would be possible to establish a later deadline, say by one month, that would remove the competition for attention between the FCARG process and P&T and sabbatical applications.
 - i. Senators raised some of the following questions/issues: consider the workload of the committee that reviews the applications, might be a question of timeline; faculty know when the applications are due, the hope being that faculty are preparing applications before the start of the semester.
- b. A new model for funding Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants. Currently, these grants are given only in the form of a stipend. Stipends are taxable income (regardless of how they are used), upon which SCSU has to pay fringe benefits, which reduces the number of grants available. If the FS favors the development of a model with expanded options (e.g., to receive a grant for materials or services), the Finance Committee will develop the proposal to do so.
 - i. Senators raised some of the following questions/issues: concern over how the fringe was changed and how this change was implemented—shouldn't the Senate ask for this to be changed? ; Grants that include more information in the form of a budget might be favored over grants that ask only for the stipend; concern over the amount of additional paperwork that might be necessary; suggestion: align with the CSU AAUP grant process.

VII. Adjournment

- S. Monroe Tomczak **moved to adjourn.** Motion **seconded and approved.**
- Adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

L. Eilderts
Secretary