

Southern Connecticut State University

FACULTY SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

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The 1st Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2021-2022 was held on September 1, 2021, at 12:10 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendance

Dave Allen <i>Accounting</i> 1/1	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 1/1	Sandip Dutta* <i>Finance</i> 0/1	Shibiao "Bill" Ding <i>Marketing</i> 1/1	Rex Gilliland <i>Philosophy</i> 1/1	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 1/1
William Farley <i>Anthropology</i> 1/1	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling & School Psychology</i> 1/1	Lawrence Brancazio <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 1/1	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 1/1	Christine Broadbridge <i>Physics</i> 1/1	Douglas Macur <i>Theatre</i> 1/1
Melanie Uribe <i>Art</i> 1/1	Helen Marx <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 1/1	Robert Gregory <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 1/1	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 1/1	Jonathan O'Hara <i>Political Science</i> 1/1	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages & Literatures</i> 1/1
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 1/1	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 1/1	Troy Paddock <i>History</i> 1/1	Jonathan Irving * <i>Music</i> 0/1	Gayle Bessenoff <i>Psychology</i> 1/1	
Sean Grace <i>Biology</i> 1/1	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 1/1	Carmen Coury <i>History</i> 1/1	Frances Penny <i>Nursing</i> 1/1	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 1/1	Deborah Weiss <i>Faculty Senate President</i> 1/1
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 1/1	Jia Yu <i>Economics</i> 1/1	Yan Liu <i>Information & Library Science</i> 1/1	Kelly Martinez <i>Nursing</i> 1/1	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 1/1	
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 1/1	Peter Madonia* <i>Educational Leadership</i> 0/1	Cindy Simoneau <i>Journalism</i> 1/1	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 1/1	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management</i> 1/1	Meredith Sinclair <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 1/1
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 1/1	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 1/1	Patrick Crowley <i>Library Services</i> 1/1	VACANT <i>Part-time Faculty</i>	Sebastian Perumbilly <i>Social Work</i> 1/1	Cynthia O'Sullivan <i>Graduate Council</i> 1/1
Wes O'Brien <i>Communication, Media & Screen Studies</i> 1/1	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 1/1	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 1/1	Stephanie Fischer <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 1/1	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 1/1	VACANT <i>Student Government Association</i>
Alaa Sheta <i>Computer Science</i> 1/1	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography & Marine Studies</i> 1/1	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business & Public Utilities</i> 1/1	Virginia Metaxas <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 1/1	Gregory Adams <i>Sociology</i> 1/1	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i> 1/1
Guests:	T. Bennett T. Broliar J. Edstrom C. Hlavac B. Kalk	J. H. Kim M. Kingan T. Milburn R. Prezant M. Rozewski	T. Tyree		

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

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called the 1st meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:10 p.m.

- I. Welcome and introduction of new senators.
 - A. D. Weiss commended R. Gregory for his work as chair of the Rules committee.
- II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 5, 2021, were accepted as distributed.
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- III. Faculty Senate President's Report
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- IV. Announcements
 - A. M. Shea congratulated T. Paddock for being designated a CSU Professor.
 - B. K. Marsland announced that outdoor classroom space is available for reservation by using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/200344566069961>. Make sure to select "Outdoor Classrooms" and specify which area in the description.
 - C. K. Marsland thanked C. Serchuk and T. Paddock for organizing the A&S roundtable.
 - D. D. Macur announced the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". Tickets are available by clicking [here](#) or visiting the Lyman Center website.
 - E. K. Kruczek announced that nominations for All-University committees were ongoing.
- V. Election of Standing Committee Chairpersons
 - A. Senators moved into Breakout rooms to elect their chairpersons.
 - B. Results
 - i. Academic Policy: P. Petrie
 - ii. Elections: K. Kruczek
 - iii. Finance: W. Faraclas (previously elected by the entire Faculty Senate)
 - iv. Personnel Policy: N. Starling
 - v. Rules: J. Webb
 - vi. Student Policy: K. Marsland
 - vii. Technology: D. Macur
- VI. Guests
 - A. J. Bertolino, President of SCSU
 - i. Welcomed back senators and faculty to campus; provided updates on student vaccinations (90% have reported their status, 93% of that group is vaccinated, with an overall vaccination rate of 83%); provided updates on university enrollment; as issues arise, encouraged faculty to go to the source; shared thoughts on Faculty Senate resolutions and encouraged more collaboration; shared information on upcoming discussions regarding the university, its programs, its funding models, and opportunities for growth.
 - B. R. Prezant, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs
 - i. Welcomed back senators and faculty to campus; thanked everyone for their efforts this summer preparing for the return to campus; recognized the hard work of the Office of Student Affairs; provided updates on faculty grant successes.

VII. New Business

- A. K. Marsland, on behalf of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, **moved to approve** the Resolution Regarding University Event Guidelines for Fall 2021.
 - i. M. Diamantis **moved to adjourn**. Motion **seconded**. Motion will return under “Unfinished Business” at the next scheduled meeting.
 - 1. By unanimous consent, meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

L. Eilderts
Secretary