

Southern Connecticut State University

FACULTY SENATE

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2021

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The 7th Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2021-2022 was held on December 1, 2021, at 12:10 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendance

Dave Allen* <i>Accounting</i> 6/7	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 7/7	Sandip Dutta* <i>Finance</i> 2/7	Shibiao "Bill" Ding <i>Marketing</i> 7/7	Rex Gilliland <i>Philosophy</i> 7/7	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 6/7
William Farley <i>Anthropology</i> 6/7	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling & School Psychology</i> 7/7	Lawrence Brancazio <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 7/7	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 7/7	Christine Broadbridge <i>Physics</i> 7/7	Douglas Macur* <i>Theatre</i> 5/7
Melanie Uribe <i>Art</i> 7/7	Helen Marx <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 6/7	Robert Gregory <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 7/7	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 7/7	Jonathan O'Hara* <i>Political Science</i> 5/7	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages & Literatures</i> 7/7
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 4/7	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 7/7	Troy Paddock <i>History</i> 7/7	Jonathan Irving* <i>Music</i> 2/7	Gayle Bessenoff <i>Psychology</i> 7/7	
Sean Grace <i>Biology</i> 7/7	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 7/7	Carmen Coury <i>History</i> 7/7	Andrea Adimando <i>Nursing</i> 5/6	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 7/7	Deborah Weiss <i>Faculty Senate President</i> 7/7
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 7/7	Jia Yu <i>Economics</i> 7/7	Yan Liu <i>Information & Library Science</i> 7/7	Kelly Martinez* <i>Nursing</i> 4/7	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 7/7	
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 7/7	Peter Madonia* <i>Educational Leadership</i> 5/7	Cindy Simoneau <i>Journalism</i> 7/7	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 7/7	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management</i> 7/7	Meredith Sinclair <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 7/7
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 7/7	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 7/7	Patrick Crowley <i>Library Services</i> 5/7	Michele DeLucia <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 4/4	Sebastian Perumbilly <i>Social Work</i> 7/7	Cynthia O'Sullivan <i>Graduate Council</i> 6/7
Wes O'Brien <i>Communication, Media & Screen Studies</i> 6/7	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 7/7	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 6/7	Michael Sormrude <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 4/4	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 7/7	Kyle Mashia-Thaxton <i>Student Government Association</i> 7/7
Alaa Sheta <i>Computer Science</i> 7/7	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography & Marine Studies</i> 7/7	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business & Public Utilities</i> 7/7	Virginia Metaxas* <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 5/7	Gregory Adams* <i>Sociology</i> 5/7	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i> 6/7
Guests:	T. Bennett S. Gossman E. Hurlbert J. H. Kim	M. Kingan R. Prezant R. Regos M. Walker-Pickett D. Woolfolk			

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

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called the 7th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:10 p.m.

I. Announcements

- A. C. Simoneau: New edition of *Crescent* magazine available. Any ideas for stories, please forward them to C. Simoneau.
- B. M. Diamantis: Reminder that the Jirsa Service Award nominations are due December 3, 2021.
- C. J. Fields: Reminder that the livestream of the faculty meeting with the CSCU System President is available online. Kudos to T. Paddock for his eloquent statement.
- D. B. Cook: Reminder that the FYRE event is taking place all week.
- E. K. Marsland: Thanks to M. Diamantis for charing SPC; thanks to the committee and everyone for their support.
- F. D. Weiss: On November 22, 2021, a swastika was found in Engleman Hall. More information is being gathered and a resolution may be forthcoming.
- G. K. Marsland: Wished to recognize K. Mashia-Thaxton for his work on SGA.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 10, 2021, were accepted as distributed.

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III. Faculty Senate President's Report

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- A. D. Weiss provided context for the Addendum to the President's Report as requested by the Provost.

IV. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- A. Reports of the Standing Committees were received.
- B. SPC (M. Diamantis): shared updates on the information gathered regarding the removal of PINs for registration after November 29, 2021 (see PowerPoint below), as well as the reporting of Mid-Term grades.

V. Reports of the Special Committees

- A. Report of the UCF was received.

VI. New Business

- A. J. Fields (TC) **moved to approve** the Resolution Regarding [Routing of Results from Electronic Student Opinion Surveys](#).

- i. L. Brancazio **moved to strike** the last "resolved" statement from the resolution and **to strike** "in the Fall and Spring semesters" from the second to last resolved statement.

- 1. Vote tally for amendments to the resolution

- a. Yes 32
 - b. No 4

- i. Motion to **amend and strike language from** the resolution **passed**.

- ii. With no further debate, the Senate moved to vote on the amended resolution.

- 1. Vote tally

- a. Yes 34
 - b. No 2

- i. Motion to **approve the resolution as amended passed**.

- B. J. Fields (TC) **moved to approve** the Resolution Regarding Increasing the Response Rate of Electronic Student Opinion Surveys.

- i. W. Faraclas **moved to recommit** the resolution to the Technology Committee.

- 1. **Seconded**.

- a. Motion to **commit** the resolution to the Technology Committee was approved by **unanimous consent**.

- C. W. Faraclas (FC) **moved to approve** the Resolution Regarding Operating Expense Allocation.
 - i. K. Kruczek **moved to amend the resolution by striking** the dates.
 - 1. **Seconded.**
 - 2. K. Marsland **moved to amend the amendment by adding** “including at least once in November and once in April”.
 - 3. C. Stewart **moved to call the previous question.**
 - a. **Seconded.**
 - i. Vote tally
 - 1. Yes 26
 - 2. No 4
 - a. With no opposition, D. Weiss **postponed** the pending motion to the next meeting.

VII. Guests

- A. S. Gossman (SGA) addressed the Senate regarding procedure at UWIC and the UCF concerning the motion to modify the LEP Multilingual Communication requirement.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. M. Diamantis moved **to adjourn** the meeting. **Seconded.**
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

L. Eilderts
Secretary

SPC PowerPoint presentation Regarding Removal of PINs after 11/29/2021

Student Policy Committee Report to the FS

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

a) Removal of PIN to register after 11/29/21

- This was a response to enrollment issues – decline of enrollment
- Advising this semester has been successful and this removal of PIN requirement will make it easier for outside SCSU students to sign up
- This is a policy shift and not a new policy, thus, no need for FS to approve. The SPC feels that this communication is important for transparency and to keep shared governance avenue open, to avoid miscommunications.

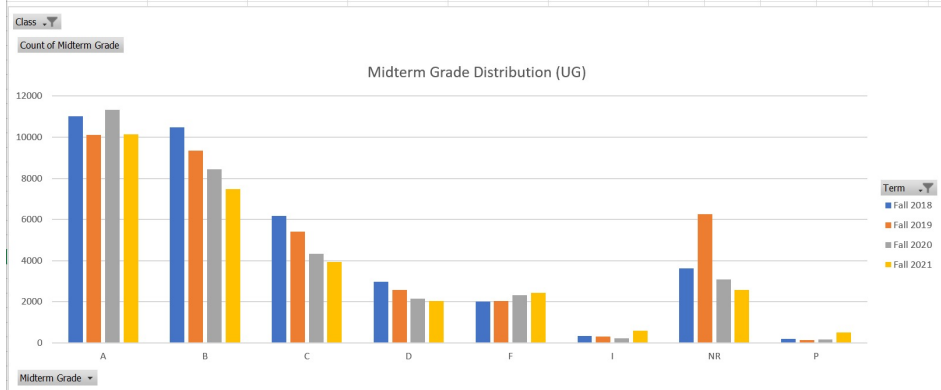
b) Dr. Tyree's Email communication - Midterm Grades

- Dr. Tyree received communication from different cohort meetings (residential students, students affiliated with USP, multicultural organizations, peer mentors' feedback, etc) in reference to the complex challenges our students are facing. Thus, her email to remind us to continue assisting our students as we can.
- One potential connection seems to be the Midterm Grades (MG) reports.
- Alicia Carroll was asked to run some data on MG reporting from semesters prior to COVID, amongst different cohorts (1st year students, sophomores, juniors, seniors), and across the teaching modalities.

Midterm Grade Distribution Count (UG) Fall 2018-2021

Note: NR = Not Reported in Banner

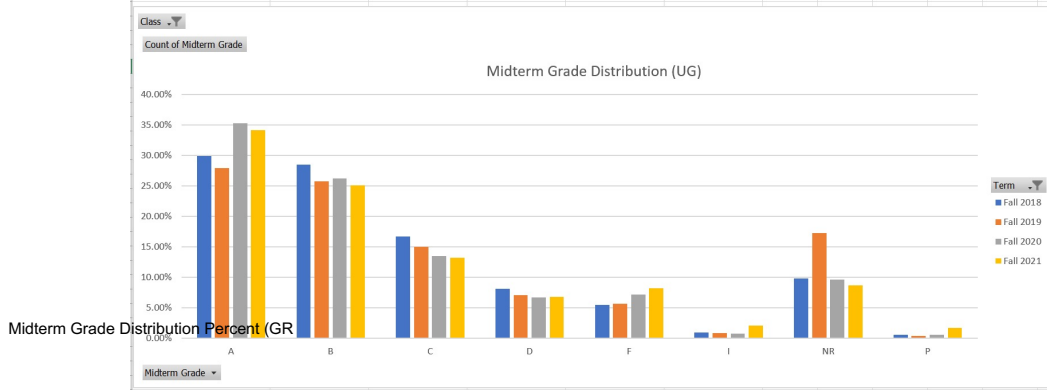
Midterm Grades	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Grand Total
A	11022	10123	11341	10148	42634
B	10488	9352	8441	7474	35755
C	6167	5423	4337	3937	19864
D	2979	2570	2163	2033	9745
F	2017	2038	2314	2446	8815
I	338	304	239	609	1490
NR	3623	6265	3098	2572	15558
P	206	150	183	509	1048
Grand Total	36840	36225	32116	29728	134909



Midterm Grade Distribution Percent (UG) Fall 2018-2021

Note: Percent used in place of count due to the variability in enrollment from Fall to Fall

Midterm Grades	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Grand Total
A	29.92%	27.94%	35.31%	34.14%	31.60%
B	28.47%	25.82%	26.28%	25.14%	26.50%
C	16.74%	14.97%	13.50%	13.24%	14.72%
D	8.09%	7.09%	6.73%	6.84%	7.22%
F	5.48%	5.63%	7.21%	8.23%	6.53%
I	0.92%	0.84%	0.74%	2.05%	1.10%
NR	9.83%	17.29%	9.65%	8.65%	11.53%
P	0.56%	0.41%	0.57%	1.71%	0.78%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



What's next?

Couple questions as we look at the data a little more...

- What trends do we see?

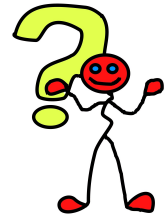
On a quick look: grade distribution across semester and modalities are similar.

- What fluctuations do we observe?

Some fluctuation on D's and F's.

- What does an **I** mean as MG?

MAT 100 P's? Online courses with modules, which students work independent outside the time frame of MG



- As the SPC members reflected on the MG , how can we report MG's to be more meaningful, perhaps with a checklist:

A: You are doing great and are ahead of schedule in finishing your assignments

B: You are just about on track finishing your assignments

C: You are a little behind on finishing your assignments

D: You are well behind on finishing your assignments

I: You have not submitted any work yet



SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Resolution Regarding Routing of Results from Electronic Student Opinion Surveys

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty;

Whereas, Student Opinion Surveys provide important feedback on teaching for Faculty members, information for faculty evaluations, and provide an opportunity to address student concerns;

Whereas, The Collective Bargaining Agreement requires that “The procedure for collecting, routing, and disposition of the [Student Opinion] surveys shall be recommended by the Senate and approved by the President;”

Whereas, Past practice for paper surveys was that Department Chairs received Student Opinion Surveys and the associated statistical summaries and then forwarded them to Faculty members; and

Whereas, The delivery of Student Opinion Surveys has been changed from a paper to an online process necessitating a formalization of the process for distribution of results; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the results of Student Opinion Surveys shall be routed simultaneously to the Faculty member and the relevant Department Chair or Program Director after final grades have been submitted.