

FACULTY SENATE

August 31, 2022 | 12:10 p.m. | Zoom

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- I. Announcements Relevant to the Faculty Senate
 - a. Welcome and Introduction of Senators
 - b. Welcome and Introduction of the Faculty Senate President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, & Treasurer
 - c. Announcements from the floor
- II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on May 4, 2022
- III. Faculty Senate President's Report
- IV. Election of Faculty Senate Standing Committee Chairpersons (breakout rooms)
 - a. Academic Policy
 - b. Elections
 - c. Finance
 - d. Personnel Policy
 - e. Rules
 - f. Student Policy
 - g. Technology
- V. Reports of Faculty Senate Special Committees
 - a. UCF
 - b. Graduate Council
- VI. New Business
 - a. Open discussion: Suggestion of Business for the year
- VII. Guest(s)
 - a. Joseph Bertolino, President, SCSU
 - b. Robert Prezant, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, SCSU

Fall 2022

Full Faculty Senate Meetings
8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 12/7
Standing Committee Meetings
9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30

Spring 2023

Full Faculty Senate Meetings:
1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3
Standing Committee Meetings:
1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022

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The 15th Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2021-2022 was held on May 4, 2022, at 12:10 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendance

Dave Allen <i>Accounting</i> 13/15	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 14/14	Sandip Dutta <i>Finance</i> 10/15	Shibiao "Bill" Ding <i>Marketing</i> 14/14	Rex Gilliland <i>Philosophy</i> 14/14	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 12/15
William Farley* <i>Anthropology</i> 10/15	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling & School Psychology</i> 14/14	Lawrence Brancazio <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 14/14	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 14/14	Christine Broadbridge <i>Physics Sciences</i> 14/14	Douglas Macur <i>Theatre</i> 12/15
Melanie Uribe <i>Art</i> 14/14	Helen Marx <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 14/15	Robert Gregory <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 14/14	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 14/14	Jonathan O'Hara* <i>Political Science</i> 9/15	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages & Literatures</i> 14/14
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 9/15	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 14/14	Troy Paddock <i>History</i> 14/14	Jonathan Irving <i>Music</i> 6/15	Christopher Budnick* <i>Psychology</i> 5/8	
Sean Grace* <i>Biology</i> 11/15	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 14/14	Carmen Coury <i>History</i> 14/14	Andrea Adimando <i>Nursing</i> 9/14	Kate Marsland* <i>Psychology</i> 13/15	Deborah Weiss <i>Faculty Senate President</i> 14/14
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 14/14	Jia Yu* <i>Economics</i> 14/15	Yan Liu <i>Information & Library Science</i> 14/14	Kelly Martinez <i>Nursing</i> 8/15	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 14/14	
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 14/14	Peter Madonia <i>Educational Leadership</i> 12/15	Cindy Simoneau <i>Journalism</i> 14/14	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 14/14	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management</i> 14/14	Meredith Sinclair <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 14/14
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 14/14	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 14/14	Patrick Crowley <i>Library Services</i> 12/15	Michele DeLucia <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 12/12	Sebastian Perumbilly <i>Social Work</i> 14/14	Cynthia O'Sullivan <i>Graduate Council</i> 13/15
Wes O'Brien <i>Communication, Media & Screen Studies</i> 13/14	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 14/14	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 14/15	Michael Sormrude <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 12/12	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 14/15	Kyle Mashia-Thaxton <i>Student Government Association</i> 14/14
Alaa Sheta <i>Computer Science</i> 14/14	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography & Marine Studies</i> 14/15	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business & Public Utilities</i> 13/15	Virginia Metaxas <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 11/15	Gregory Adams <i>Sociology</i> 12/15	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i> 10/15
Guests:	T. Broliar S. Hegedus A. Casey McPherson	M. Kingan R. Prezant R. Regos D. Woolfolk			

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

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called the 15th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:10 p.m.

- I. Announcements
 - A. K. Kruzcek: Reminded senators of the UCF ad hoc committee vote.
 - B. M. Shea: Invited Senators to his annual Solstice gathering.
 - C. C. Simoneau: Alerted Senators to the publication of the latest *Crescent* magazine.
 - D. D. Weiss: Held a moment of silence for the Southern students we have lost this year.

- II. Election of the Faculty Senate President (K. Kruzcek)
 - A. Previous nominations of N. Starling, J. Webb, and M. Diamantis.
 - i. M. Diamantis declined nomination.
 - B. No additional nominations heard.
 - i. Vote tally
 1. N. Starling 33
 2. J. Webb..... 10
 - a. N. Starling elected President of the SCSU Faculty Senate for AY 2022-2023.
 - C. Senators thanked D. Weiss for her service as Faculty Senate President.

- III. Election of the Faculty Senate Treasurer (K. Kruzcek)
 - A. D. Allen self-nominated. Seconded.
 - B. W. Faraclas nominated C. Simoneau. Seconded.
 - C. No further nominations
 - i. Vote tally
 1. D. Allen 18
 2. C. Simoneau..... 25
 - a. C. Simoneau elected Treasurer of the SCSU Faculty Senate for AY 2022-2023.
 - D. Senators thanked W. Faraclas for his service as Faculty Senate Treasurer.

- IV. Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 27, 2022, were accepted as distributed.
<https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>

- V. Faculty Senate President’s Report
<https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>

- VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - A. No reports.

- VII. Reports of the Special Committees
 - A. Report of the UCF was received.

- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Resolution Regarding the Chairperson Selection Document
 - i. W. Faraclas **moved to insert** in section II.G.1.(b). “The Department Personnel Committee shall communicate to the Department’s full-time faculty a complete report of the names and number of votes for all votes cast in the preferential poll”. **Seconded.**

1. Vote tally
 - a. Yes 27
 - b. No 13
 - i. Amendment **approved**.
- ii. W. Faraclas **moved to strike** II.G.1.(c) on page 5 and replace with “The Department Personnel Committee shall report to the dean and the Department the names of all members who have accepted nomination within seven (7) calendar days.”
 1. T. Paddock **moved to insert** “and the voting tallies” after “the names” and before “of all members”. Seconded.
 - a. Vote tally
 - i. Yes 28
 - ii. No 10
 1. Motion to amend **approved**.
 2. Hearing no additional motions, the body moved to a vote on the amendment.
 - a. Vote tally
 - i. Yes 34
 - ii. No 1
 1. The motion to amend was **approved**.
 - iii. J. Webb **moved to strike** II.G.2 on page 6 and the language “in writing within fourteen (14) days” would be inserted into II.G.1.(b).
 1. Vote tally
 - a. Yes 37
 - b. No 2
 - i. Motion to amend **approved**.
 - iv. K. Kruzcek **moved to insert** “Department’s full time Faculty Members” to II.G.1.(c). Seconded.
 1. Vote tally
 - a. Yes 34
 - b. No 3
 - v. Hearing no additional motions, the body moved to vote on the amended resolution.
 1. Vote tally
 - a. Yes 39
 - b. No 1
 - i. The resolution on Revisions to the Chairperson Selection document was **approved** as amended.
 - B. UCF Documents
 - i. J. Webb moved to approve the UCF documents as presented. Seconded.
 1. Vote tally
 - a. Yes 35
 - b. No 2
 - i. The UCF documents were **approved** as presented.

IX. New Business

A. K. Kruczek **moved to approve** the Resolution Regarding the Composition of the CSU Professorship Advisory Committee.

i. Vote tally.

1. Yes 36

2. No 1

a. The resolution was **approved**.

X. Guests

A. S. Hegedus, Dean of the College of Education, and T. Broliar, Director of Academic Technology.

i. Presented information regarding the roll out of software that will replace TK20. Roll out will take place over the next few years.

ii. This software integrates into Blackboard and would no longer carry a cost for students. Information may be found at this address:

<https://www.blackboard.com/teaching-learning/data-and-analytics/blackboard-assessment-accreditation>.

XI. Adjournment

A. M. Shea moved to adjourn.

B. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

L. Eilderts
Secretary

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Resolution Regarding Proposed Changes to the Chairperson Document

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;
and

Whereas, The Faculty Senate is responsible for making changes to the Chairperson Document;
now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following changes regarding the Chairperson Document (see attached for proposed changes to the document) be approved. (see below for a summary of the proposed changes):

- [Link to the Chairperson Selection Procedures Document \(final\)](#)

UCF Documents (Flow of Proposals, UCF Bylaws, UCF Constitution)

To review these documents please click on the links below. You will need to be signed in with your Southern credentials to view them. If you have any issues, please contact the Faculty Senate Secretary.

- [UCF Flow of Proposals](#)
- [UCF Bylaws](#)
- [UCF Constitution](#)

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Resolution Regarding The Composition Of The CSU Professorship Advisory Committee

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, Within the context of shared governance faculty participation furthers such excellence;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate is charged with maintaining and filling All-University committees;

Whereas, Membership of All-University committees shall have faculty representation from each college/school; and

Whereas, The Faculty Senate strives to maintain efficient All-University committees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the committee eligibility requirements be listed as

- (a) Full-time faculty member
- (b) Tenured
- (c) Associate Professor or higher, or the equivalent for Counselors, Librarians, Athletic Trainers, and Coaches
- (d) One (1) member from each college/school and four (4) at-large members
- (e) No two (2) from the same department may serve
- (f) No more than three (3) members belonging to any one unit (College/School, Library, Counseling, Athletic Training, or Coaching);

and be it further

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate Election Committee shall develop a mechanism for dealing with expiring terms on the committee that arise. Affected SCSU documents shall be revised to conform to the new committee structure.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Undergraduate Curriculum Forum (UCF)

Report to the Faculty Senate May 5, 2022 & May 12, 2022 Meeting Actions

Actions

Special meetings of the UCF were held on May 5 and May 12 to conclude debate on the proposal to revise the LEP. Minutes of both meetings are available in Confluence. The attached LEP revision proposal was approved by a vote of 28-15 on May 12 (see PDF following report).

Other Notes

- UCF will continue to meet via Teams this fall. All are welcome to attend.
- All proposals received and approved by UCF will be filed in a new UCF Teams space. This space can be viewed by all. Please visit the UCF Confluence site for the link and further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Sinclair, UCF Chair
August 25, 2022

Motion from LEPC for changes to the LEP Program/General Education:

The LEPC moves to make the following changes to the Liberal Education Program structure and requirements, effective fall 2023:

Foundations:

- 1) Include the Quantitative Reasoning Prerequisite Math 100 or 100/P (waived with placement).
- 2) Include the Written Communication Prerequisite ENG 110 or 119 (waived with placement).
- 3) Remove the Critical Thinking category and course requirement.
 - a. Current Critical Thinking courses can request (via an expedited review process by the LEP Director and LEPC) to move to an Explorations Category for a period of three years, after which an RCP must be submitted.
- 4) Change the Multilingual Communication Competency requirement to a World Language course at the 101-level.
 - a. Current 200-level courses in this category will be moved to Explorations - Cultural Expressions category.

Explorations:

- 5) Maintain the total number of courses required for a total of 25 credits.
 - a. During the 22-23 AY the key elements of Explorations categories will be amended and an implementation process for re-approval of existing courses will be developed.
 - b. The Explorations categories and requirements will be as follows:
 - i. Two courses (7 credits) one from NW I Life and Environment and one from NW II Physical Realm category. At least one of these must have a lab.
 - ii. One course (3 credits) from the Creative Drive category.
 - iii. One course (3 credits) from either American Experience or Time and Place category.
 - iv. One course (3 credits) from either Mind and Body or Social Structure, Conflict and Consensus category.
 - v. One course (3 credits) from either Global Experience or Cultural Expressions category.
 - vi. Two courses (6 credits) from Explorations Elective – any course from any Explorations category.

Tiers:

- 6) Remove the capstone Tier 3 requirement from the LEP.
 - a. Current T3 Capstone courses can request (via an expedited review process by the LEP Director and LEPC) to move to an Explorations Category for a period of three years, after which an RCP must be submitted.
- 7) Remove Tier 1 and 2 language; sections retain the current Foundations and Explorations titles.

Chart of Changes to the Liberal Education Program:

Category	Requirement	Description of Change
Foundations		
FYE/INQ 101	1 course	no change
Critical Thinking	0	Remove category, retain critical thinking as an embedded competency, courses may move to Explorations
Technological Fluency	1 course	no change
Multilingual Communication	1 course	WLL-101 level meets requirement
Quantitative Reasoning	2 courses	QR Prerequisite – MAT 100/100P* QR – no change
Written Communication	2 courses	WC Prerequisite – ENG 110 or 119* WC – no change
Foundations Total Credits	21 credits	
Explorations		
Natural World I: Life and Environment Natural World II: Physical Realm	2 courses	choice category, increase requirement to 7 credits
Creative Drive	1 course	no change
American Experience Time and Place	1 course	choice category
Mind & Body Social Conflict & Consensus	1 course	choice category
Global Experience Cultural Expressions	1 course	choice category, WLL@200 moved to Cultural Expressions
Exploration Elective	2 courses	choice of any 2 courses from any Explorations category
Explorations Total Credits	25 credits	
TIER 3		
Capstone	0 credits	Remove
LEP Total Credits	46 credits*	There is no change to the 3 "W" course requirement within General Education program. These may be taken in the LEP, Major, Cognate or as a free elective.

* General Education course can be waived based on placement.

Graduate Council

Report to Faculty Senate August 31, 2022

We would like to share the '22 – '23 AY executive board:

Graduate Council Chair, **Dr. Barbara Cook**, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders.

Vice Chair and StAR Committee Co-Chair, **Dr. Heather Warner**, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders.

Policies and Procedures Committee Chair, **Dr. Siobhan Carter-David**, is an Associate Professor in the Department of History.

Graduate Council Secretary, **Dr. Casey McPherson**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology.

Graduate Curriculum Committee Chair: TBD

Please feel free to join any of the Full Council meetings of the Graduate Council and share any questions or ideas for consideration to Barbara Cook, cookb5@southernct.edu.

Graduate Council 2022-2023 Standing Meetings

	Sub-committees	Executive Committee	Full Council	Mondays for Optional Meetings
Time	1:00 – 3:00 pm	1:00 – 3:00 pm	1:00 – 3:00 pm	1:00 – 3:00pm
Meeting Links	(created by Chair)	TBD	(Click here for Zoom link)	(use Full Council link)
August	--	--	--	--
September	12	19	26	N/A
October	10	17	31	24
November	14	21	28	7
December	5	12*	19*	N/A
January	No Meeting	23	30	N/A
February	6	13	27	N/A
March	6	20	27	N/A
April	10	17	24	N/A
May	1	8	--	

** Optional meeting if needed.

DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW FOR THE AUGUST 31, 2022 MEETING
