

Southern Connecticut State University

FACULTY SENATE

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022

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The 6th (Special) Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2021-2022 was held on November 16, 2022, at 12:12 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendance

FIRST	LAST	DEPARTMENT	TERM ENDS (SPRING)	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL 2
Lisa	Haylon	Accounting	2025	X	4
Kenneth	McGill	Anthropology	2023	X	3
Melanie	Uribe	Art	2024	X	6
Kevin	Siedlecki	Athletics	2023	X	6
Elizabeth	Roberts	Biology	2023	X	6
Kate	Toskin	Business Information Systems	2025	X	5
Jeff	Webb	Chemistry	2023	X	6
Richard	Zipoli	Communication Disorders	2024	X	4
Melanie	Savelli	Communication, Media & Screen Studies	2025	X	6
Shafaeat	Hossain	Computer Science	2025	X	6
Matthew	Ouimet	Counseling	2024	X	6
VACANT		Counseling & School Psychology	2023		
Helen	Marx	Curriculum & Learning	2024		5
Maria	Diamantis	Curriculum & Learning	2024		3
Dushmantha	Jayawickreme	Earth Science	2025	X	6
Jia	Yu	Economics	2024	X	6
Peter	Madonia	Educational Leadership	2023	X	4
Paul	Petrie	English	2023	X	6
Mike	Shea	English	2024	X	6
Miriah	Kelly	Environment, Geography, & Marine Sciences	2025		5
Sandip	Dutta	Finance & Real Estate	2025	X	5
Kyle	O'Brien	Healthcare Systems & Innovation	2025	X	6
Robert	Knipe	Health & Movement Sciences	2025	X	6
Daniel	Swartz	Health & Movement Sciences	2025	X	6
Carmen	Coury	History	2023	X	6
Troy	Paddock	History	2023	X	6
Yan	Liu	Information & Library Sciences	2024		On Leave Fall 2022
Cindy	Simoneau	Journalism	2024	X	5
Patrick	Crowley	Library Services	2023	X	6
Amy	Jansen	Library Services	2025	X	5

Alison	Wall	Management & International Business	2025		5
Melvin	Prince	Marketing	2023	X	5
Sebastian	Perumbilly	Marriage & Family Therapy	2025	X	2
Klay	Kruczek	Mathematics	2025	X	6
Raymond	Mugno	Mathematics	2025	X	6
Jonathan	Irving	Music	2023	X	2
Kelly	Martinez	Nursing	2023	X	4
Andrea	Adimando	Nursing	2024	X	6
Obigaeli	Okwuka	Part-Time Faculty	2023		On Leave Fall 2022
Virginia	Metaxas	Part-Time Faculty	2023	X	4
Michael	Sormrude	Part-Time Faculty	2024	X	6
Michele	Delucia	Part-Time Faculty	2024	X	6
Rex	Gilliland	Philosophy	2023	X	6
Christine	Broadbridge	Physics	2024	X	5
Jonathan	O'Hara	Political Science	2025		3
Kate	Marsland	Psychology	2025	X	5
Chris	Budnick	Psychology	2024	X	6
Jon	Nwangwu	Public Health	2024	X	5
Michael	Dodge	Recreation, Tourism, & Sport Management	2023	X	6
Carmela	Smith	Social Work	2023	X	4
Stephen	Monroe Tomczak	Social Work	2025	X	5
Gregory	Adams	Sociology	2023	X	6
Angela	Lopez-Velasquez	Special Education	2024		On Leave Fall 2022
Douglas	Macur	Theatre	2024	X	5
Tricia	Lin	Women's & Gender Studies	2025	X	5
Luke	Eilderts	World Languages & Literatures	2023	X	6
Natalie	Starling	SCSU Faculty Senate President	2023	X	6
Joe	Bertolino	SCSU President			4
Barbara	Cook	Chair, Graduate Council			5
Meredith	Sinclair	Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Form		X	5
Trevor	Boczer	SGA		X	4

GUESTS

Alicia Carroll
Carol Stewart
Corinne Blackmer
David Pettigrew
Craig Hlavac
Julie Edstrom
Kathleen Skoczen

Kyle Mashia-Thaxton
Kimberly Lacey
Pina Palma
Robert Prezant
Terri Bennett
William Faraclas

The following senators are empowered by the Faculty Senate to represent the Faculty Senate and thereby represent the faculty body in their role and contributions to the respective committee/group in which shared governance of business is being conducted with a duty to report back to the Faculty Senate minimally once per semester (additional reports determined by the respective representative or upon request by the Faculty Senate). It is recommended representatives also seek the Faculty Senate’s support and endorsement for matters determined by the respective representative or upon request by the Faculty Senate.

Early College Experience	Christine Broadbridge (fall) Michele DeLucia (spring)
Faculty Development Advisory Committee (FDAC)	(1 representative – unfilled)
Committee on Reassigned Time	Troy Paddock
Undergraduate Curriculum Forum (UCF) liaison	Cindy Simoneau
University Library Committee (ULC)	(2 representative – unfilled)

Faculty Senate President N. Starling called the 6th (Special) meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:12 p.m.

- I. Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 9, 2022, were accepted as distributed. <https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>

II. New Business

- A. N. Starling shared the Petition received and confirmed that it had met the threshold of 40 signatures for consideration. Once the final Excel document with electronic signatures is received, it will be included in the packet for the November 16 special meeting as well as reflected in the minutes of that meeting (see [documents](#) below).
 - i. C. Blackmer, a member of the Judaic Studies Steering Committee, from which the petition originated, presented arguments for its support.
 - ii. N. Starling explained that having heard the petition, the obligations of the Senate have been met. To proceed, a motion would need to come from the body.
 - 1. P. Petrie **moved** to hold a faculty referendum on delaying implementation of the recently approved LEP revisions until fall 2024 in order to ensure adequate time for departments to appropriately deliberate further curricular changes necessitated by the LEP revision and for the UCF to establish new Tier 2 (Exploratory) categories and key elements based on the recommendations coming to the UCF in March 2023 from the recently created working groups.

Wording for the referendum is “The University Curriculum Forum shall delay implementation of the recently approved revisions to the Liberal Education Program until academic year 2024-25.”

- a. The motion was **seconded**.
- b. N. Starling stated that dates of the proposed referendum should be included in the motion and could come as an amendment.
- c. After discussion, C. Simoneau **moved to amend** the motion by inserting “Voting would begin Monday November 28 and close at noon on Wednesday December 7.” **Seconded**.
 - i. Vote tally
 - 1. Yes.....36
 - 2. No5
 - a. The motion to amend **passed**.
 - d. J. Webb **moved to extend** the meeting until 2 p.m. **Seconded**.
 - i. Vote tally
 - 1. Yes.....27
 - 2. No17
 - a. The motion to extend the meeting **passed**.
 - e. P. Petrie **moved to call the previous question**. **Seconded**.
 - i. Motion **approved** by unanimous consent.
 - ii. Vote tally
 - 1. Yes.....25
 - 2. No16
 - a. The amended motion originally proposed by P. Petrie **passed**.
- B. M. Shea **moved** to create a repository of statements on the Faculty Senate’s website; statements in the repository shall address the question of delay only and be civil in language and respectful of all colleagues’ integrity. **Seconded**.

- i. P. Petrie **moved** to divide the question. **Seconded.**
 - 1. The motion to divide the question was **approved** by unanimous consent.
 - a. The two parts being considered separately are
 - i. ...to create a repository of statements on the Faculty Senate’s website; statements in the repository shall
 - 1. address the question of delay only
 - 2. and be civil in language and respectful of all colleagues’ integrity.
 - 2. C. Simoneau **moved to call the previous question. Seconded.**
 - a. Vote on “address the question of delay only”
 - i. Vote tally
 - 1. Yes..... 32
 - 2. No 2
 - b. Vote on “and be civil in language and respectful of all colleagues’ integrity”
 - i. Vote tally
 - 1. Yes..... 24
 - 2. No 8
 - 3. Now the body moved to vote on the entire motion.
 - a. Vote tally
 - i. Yes 29
 - ii. No 5
 - 1. The motion was **approved.**

III. Adjournment

- A. S. Simoneau **moved to adjourn. Seconded.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

L. Eilderts
Secretary

Petition to Delay Implementation of the Revised LEP

Petition to Delay Implementation of the Revised LEP

We the undersigned, based on Article VI.A.1 of the Faculty Senate Constitution, petition the SCSU Faculty Senate to pass a resolution creating a reasonable timeline of no earlier than fall 2024 for implementation of the revised Liberal Education Program. The timeline that is being imposed for implementation of the revised LEP in fall 2023 is unreasonable for a number of compelling reasons:

- 1) The changes to the LEP are major; the revised LEP will require that a significant number of departments and programs revise programs and courses as well as create new courses. The typical timeline to accomplish this is at least one year. To expect that departments and programs will be able to make these changes within several weeks' time is unreasonable and disrespectful.
- 2) Fall and spring 2023-2024 schedules have already been in place and will soon be finalized. Faculty, both full- and part-time and students, have the right to plan their schedules well in advance; our administration has been insistent that these plans occur one year in advance. There is not sufficient time to make major changes to these schedules that would require revisions to courses, instructors, class times, etc. without creating havoc and disruption.
- 3) Given that details of the LEP have not yet been finalized, e.g., revision of key elements, student learning outcomes, etc., it is unreasonable for faculty to be expected to revise and design new courses prior to having necessary information available; this will lead to the requirement for further revisions once these have been decided upon.
- 4) There is no compelling reason to require that these changes be implemented in fall 2023. In fact, there are compelling reasons not to do so.
- 5) In an institution where collegiality and caring among faculty colleagues is highly desirable, the current manner of implementation is creating discord and strife, as well as causing tremendous anxiety amongst our colleagues who are most affected by the curricular revision.

To sign the petition, please complete the form below.



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Motion to create a Repository of Statements on the Faculty Senate's Website

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