

# Southern Connecticut State University

## FACULTY SENATE

### APPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023

<https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2023-2024 was held on November 1, 2023, at 12:12 p.m. via Zoom.

#### Attendance

FIRST	LAST	DEPARTMENT	TERM ENDS (SPRING)	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL
Lisa	Haylon	Accounting	2025	✓	6/6
Valerie	Andrushko	Anthropology	2026	✓	5/6
Melanie	Uribe	Art & Design	2024	✓	6/6
Jillian	Rispoli	Athletics	2026	✓	4/4
Nicholas	Edgington	Biology	2026	✓	6/6
Kate	Toskin	Business Information Systems	2025	✓	6/6
Jeff	Webb	Chemistry & Biochemistry	2026	✓	5/6
Shawneen	Buckley	Communication Disorders	2024	✓	6/6
Melanie	Savelli	Communication, Media & Screen Studies	2025	✓	6/6
Shafaeat	Hossain	Computer Science	2025	✓	5/6
Matthew	Ouimet	Counseling	2024	✓	4/6
Laurie	Bonjo	Counseling & School Psychology	2026	✘	5/6
Beena	Achhpal	Curriculum & Learning	2024	✓	4/4
Maria	Diamantis	Curriculum & Learning	2024	✓	6/6
Dushmantha	Jayawickreme	Earth Science	2025	✓	6/6
Jia	Yu	Economics	2024	✓	5/6
Peter	Madonia	Educational Leadership & Policy Studies	2026	✓	4/6
Paul	Petrie	English	2026	✓	6/6
Mike	Shea	English	2024	✓	6/6
Miriah	Kelly	Environment, Geography, & Marine Sciences	2025	✓	6/6
Sandip	Dutta	Finance & Real Estate	2025	✘	2/6
Amanda	Strong	Healthcare Systems & Innovation	2025	✓	6/6
Mark	Robertson	Health & Movement Sciences	2025	✓	6/6
Sarah	Benes	Health & Movement Sciences	2025	✓	4/6
Christine	Petto	History	2026	✓	6/6
Troy	Rondinone	History	2026	✓	6/6
Yan	Liu	Information & Library Sciences	2024	✓	3/6
Cindy	Simoneau	Journalism	2024	✓	6/6
Elizabeth	Wilkinson	Library Services	2026	✓	5/6
Amy	Jansen	Library Services	2025	✓	6/6

Alison	Wall	Management & International Business	2025	✓	6/6
Melvin	Prince	Marketing	2023	✘	4/6
Sebastian	Perumbilly	Marriage & Family Therapy	2025	✓	5/6
Klay	Kruczek	Mathematics	2025	✓	6/6
Owen	Biesel	Mathematics	2025	✓	6/6
Jonathan	Irving	Music	2026	✓	6/6
Deborah	Morrill	School of Nursing	2026	✓	6/6
Andrea	Adimando	School of Nursing	2024	✓	6/6
Virginia	Metaxas	Part-Time Faculty	2026	✓	6/6
Garbielle	Ferrell	Part-Time Faculty	2025	✓	2/2
Michael	Sormrude	Part-Time Faculty	2024	✓	6/6
Michele	Delucia	Part-Time Faculty	2024	✓	5/6
Rex	Gilliland	Philosophy	2026	✓	6/6
Elliott	Horch	Physics	2024	✓	6/6
Jonathan	O'Hara	Political Science	2025	✘	2/6
Kate	Marsland	Psychology	2025	✘	3/6
Chris	Budnick	Psychology	2024	✓	5/6
John	Nwangwu	Public Health	2024	✓	6/6
Deron	Grabel	Recreation, Tourism, & Sport Management	2026	✘	4/6
Isabel	Logan	Social Work	2026	✓	4/4
Stephen	Monroe Tomczak	Social Work	2025	✘	5/6
Gregory	Adams	Sociology	2026	✓	6/6
Joan	Weir	Special Education	2024	✘	3/4
Douglas	Macur	Theatre	2024	✓	6/6
Tricia	Lin	Women's & Gender Studies	2025	✓	6/6
Luke	Eilderts	World Languages & Literatures	2026	✓	6/6
Natalie	Starling	SCSU Faculty Senate President	2024	✓	6/6
Dwayne	Smith	SCSU President		✓	6/6
Barbara	Cook	Chair, Graduate Council		✓	6/6
Meghan	Barboza	Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Form		✓	5/6
Pierce	Kozlowski	SGA		✘	3/4

**GUESTS**

Craig Hlavac  
Michael Dodge  
Marilyn Rochefort  
Robert Prezant

Trever Brolliar  
Tracy Tyree  
Trudy Milburn

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 2022) Michele DeLucia (spring 2023)
Faculty Development Advisory Committee (FDAC)	Klay Kruczek
Undergraduate Curriculum Forum (UCF) liaison	Cindy Simoneau
University Library Committee (ULC)	Amy Jansen 1 Representative Unfilled
Working Group for Governing Bodies & Documents	Paul Petrie (Rules rep) Jeffrey Webb (Rules rep) Michael Shea (senator, non-Rules member, rep)
Strategic Action Plan Subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing Social Justice</li> <li>• Maintaining Academic Excellence</li> <li>• Engaging our Community</li> </ul>	Miriah Kelly Kenneth McGill Michael Sormrude
DEI Advisory Council	Laurie Bonjo
Chief of Police Search Committee	Isabel Logan

November 1, 2023

Faculty Senate President Natalie Starling called the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:12 p.m. via Zoom.

- I. Announcements
  - A. T. Lin shared information regarding Native American Heritage Month (<https://www.southernct.edu/native-american-heritage-month>).
  - B. L. Eilderts thanked Dean Kalk, Provost Prezant, President Smith, and the department of World Languages & Literatures for their support of the French-language hip-hop concert on October 30<sup>th</sup>. 1,300+ middle and high school students from across Connecticut attended.
- II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 18, 2023, were accepted as distributed. <https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>
- III. Faculty Senate President's Report <https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>
  - A. N. Starling thanked Provost Prezant for sharing a draft of the APP report with the Faculty Leadership Council (FLC).
  - B. M. Shea asked about the information regarding credit for prior learning and if this information had been shared with the UCF. M. Barboza shared that this issue has been sent to UWIC. Provost Prezant shared that, ultimately, the policy will be decided by the individual campuses.
  - N. Starling shared that the timeline for feedback is by the end of the semester.
- IV. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees
  - A. Reports of the standing committees have been received.
  - B. Elections (K. Kruczek) shared that the recent elections have been completed and the results would be shared with the elected members shortly. N. Starling shared that there is still a seat on LTEC for the College of Education; Senators from that college are encouraged to share this information with colleagues.
  - C. Finance (C. Simoneau) shared that a University Budget committee meeting is scheduled for November 6.
  - D. Student Policy (E. Horch) shared that the committee is working on a resolution to address midterm grade reporting. Future topics include the availability of menstrual products on campus.
  - E. Technology (D. Macur) shared that IT has been working with our vendor Ellucian (Banner and Degree Works) to resolve an authentication issue. The committee is also working closely with IT to design a more transparent way to track learning technology issues/tickets; this information will be provided by IT, and the Technology committee will distill it into a faculty-friendly format. Faculty are and will be encouraged to share any future questions about the data and its tracking with the chair of the Technology committee.
- V. Special Committees
  - A. UCF (M. Barboza) shared that they have been asked to provide general equivalencies of our general education program with the other schools; TAP/FIRC is being dissolved by the end of the academic year.
  - B. Graduate Council (B. Cook) reminded senators to go to the GC Confluence website for the most up-to-date forms. Also reminded senators that the GC revised their bylaws, which prompted a

review of Faculty Senate and UCF bylaws; thankful that the working group has met and that this work is underway. Next steps include a review by the Faculty Senate's rules committee; M. Barboza clarified that the revised UCF bylaws have not yet been voted upon. N. Starling shared that, since all documents need to be consistent among themselves, all three bylaws will be put forward for approval by Faculty Senate at the same time (following UCF and GC approval of the respective by-laws of those bodies).

VI. Updates from the University President

- A. President Smith shared that we are exploring different deficit mitigation models to see which one would best suit the institution. Currently the model that appears the most compelling is leaning towards enrollment growth and a tuition increase. The deficit mitigation strategy does not include any involuntary layoffs of faculty or staff. M. Rozewski is meeting with the system CFOs, and there will be a meeting November 6 to share more information with the University Budget committee. President Smith shared that he appreciated how the entire university community is on board with enrollment growth, retention, and persistence.
- B. President Smith shared that he would like to have room for respectful public discourse concerning the events taking place in the Middle East. Universities have been at the forefront of social change, and he believes that we have a role to play. More information regarding future events and opportunities for dialogue will be shared with the university community.

VII. Adjournment

- A. J. Webb **moved to adjourn. Seconded.**
  - i. The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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L. Eilderts  
Secretary

