

Southern Connecticut State University

FACULTY SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023

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The 7th 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	✓	7/7
Valerie	Andrushko	Anthropology	2026	✓	6/7
Melanie	Uribe	Art & Design	2024	✓	7/7
Jillian	Rispoli	Athletics	2026	✓	5/5
Nicholas	Edgington	Biology	2026	✓	7/7
Kate	Toskin	Business Information Systems	2025	✓	7/7
Jeff	Webb	Chemistry & Biochemistry	2026	✓	6/7
Shawneen	Buckley	Communication Disorders	2024	*	6/7
Melanie	Savelli	Communication, Media & Screen Studies	2025	✓	7/7
Shafaeat	Hossain	Computer Science	2025	✓	6/7
Matthew	Ouimet	Counseling	2024	✓	5/7
Laurie	Bonjo	Counseling & School Psychology	2026	*	5/7
Beena	Achhpal	Curriculum & Learning	2024	✓	5/5
Maria	Diamantis	Curriculum & Learning	2024	*	6/7
Dushmantha	Jayawickreme	Earth Science	2025	✓	7/7
Jia	Yu	Economics	2024	✓	6/7
Peter	Madonia	Educational Leadership & Policy Studies	2026	✓	5/6
Paul	Petrie	English	2026	✓	7/7
Mike	Shea	English	2024	✓	7/7
Miriah	Kelly	Environment, Geography, & Marine Sciences	2025	✓	7/7
Sandip	Dutta	Finance & Real Estate	2025	*	2/7
Amanda	Strong	Healthcare Systems & Innovation	2025	*	6/7
Mark	Robertson	Health & Movement Sciences	2025	✓	7/7
Sarah	Benes	Health & Movement Sciences	2025	✓	5/7
Christine	Petto	History	2026	✓	7/7
Troy	Rondinone	History	2026	✓	7/7
Yan	Liu	Information & Library Sciences	2024	✓	4/7
Cindy	Simoneau	Journalism	2024	✓	7/7
Elizabeth	Wilkinson	Library Services	2026	✓	6/7
Amy	Jansen	Library Services	2025	✓	7/7

Alison	Wall	Management & International Business	2025	✓	7/7
Melvin	Prince	Marketing	2023	✓	5/7
Sebastian	Perumbilly	Marriage & Family Therapy	2025	✓	6/7
Klay	Kruczek	Mathematics	2025	✓	7/7
Owen	Biesel	Mathematics	2025	✓	7/7
Jonathan	Irving	Music	2026	✓	7/7
Deborah	Morrill	School of Nursing	2026	✓	7/7
Andrea	Adimando	School of Nursing	2024	✘	6/7
Virginia	Metaxas	Part-Time Faculty	2026	✓	7/7
Garbielle	Ferrell	Part-Time Faculty	2025	✓	3/3
Michael	Sormrude	Part-Time Faculty	2024	✓	7/7
Michele	Delucia	Part-Time Faculty	2024	✓	6/7
Rex	Gilliland	Philosophy	2026	✓	7/7
Elliott	Horch	Physics	2024	✓	7/7
Jonathan	O'Hara	Political Science	2025	✘	2/7
Kate	Marsland	Psychology	2025	✓	4/7
Chris	Budnick	Psychology	2024	✓	6/7
John	Nwangwu	Public Health	2024	✓	7/7
Deron	Grabel	Recreation, Tourism, & Sport Management	2026	✘	4/7
Isabel	Logan	Social Work	2026	✘	4/5
Stephen	Monroe Tomczak	Social Work	2025	✘	5/7
Gregory	Adams	Sociology	2026	✓	7/7
Joan	Weir	Special Education	2024	✓	4/5
Douglas	Macur	Theatre	2024	✓	7/7
Tricia	Lin	Women's & Gender Studies	2025	✓	7/7
Luke	Eilderts	World Languages & Literatures	2026	✓	7/7
Natalie	Starling	SCSU Faculty Senate President	2024	✓	7/7
Dwayne	Smith	SCSU President		✘	7/7
Barbara	Cook	Chair, Graduate Council		✓	7/7
Meghan	Barboza	Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Form		✓	6/7
Pierce	Kozlowski	SGA		✓	4/5

GUESTS

Daniela Lopes
Michael Dodge
Joseph Merly
Kyle Thaxton

Meredith Sinclair
Michael Conley
Trevor Brolliar

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"> • Advancing Social Justice • Maintaining Academic Excellence • Engaging our Community 	Miriah Kelly Kenneth McGill Michael Sormrude
DEI Advisory Council	Laurie Bonjo
Chief of Police Search Committee	Isabel Logan

November 15, 2023

Faculty Senate President Natalie Starling called the 7th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:12 p.m. via Zoom.

I. Announcements

- A. A. Jansen shared information about a virtual workshop on SCOPUS, an abstract and citation database. It will take place December 1 from 10-11:30. To sign up, click on this link: <https://southernct.libwizard.com/f/Scopus>.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 1, 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 shared additional information relating to item #2 section 4 on the President’s Report (Continuing Education/OWLL): the two faculty representatives to the leadership council will be from different colleges/schools.
- B. N. Starling thanked the SGA for welcoming her and FS secretary L. Eilderts to their meeting. We look forward to visiting again.

IV. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- A. Reports of the standing committees have been received. No additional announcements.

V. Special Committees

- A. UCF (M. Barboza) shared that there has been a change to accelerated degrees; they have had meetings with all concerned programs.
- B. Graduate Council (B. Cook) also shared the change to accelerated degrees. They are also working to create a checklist for students with all the policies for theses and dissertations.

VI. New Business

- A. E. Horch (Student Policy) **moved to approve** the Resolution Regarding Midterm Grades.
 - i. After discussion, the body moved to a vote.
 - 1. Vote tally
 - a. Yes36
 - b. No5
 - i. The motion to approve the resolution was **approved**.

VII. Adjournment

- A. E. Horch **moved to adjourn. Seconded.**
 - i. The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

L. Eilderts
Secretary

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Resolution Regarding Midterm Grades**

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, The Faculty at SCSU have a deep commitment to the intellectual development and success of our students;

Whereas, All members of the University community have a common goal to increase retention, persistence, and graduation rates of our students;

Whereas, Providing assessments for students supports these objectives;

Whereas, Students who receive Midterm Letter Grades in Banner have a lower DFW rate than students who do not receive them;

Whereas, A Midterm Grade does not affect a student's academic record and therefore cannot by itself constitute grounds for a Final Grade Appeal;

Whereas, The University also has advising services that use Midterm Grades to identify and reach out to students in academic distress;

Whereas, University advising services are greatly facilitated by entering Midterm Grades in Banner in a uniform and consistent manner across all classes, in addition to other methods that faculty may find appropriate for communicating to students their midterm performance; and

Whereas, The University Academic Calendar¹ provides the dates for Midterm Grade submission well in advance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That all instructors shall enter Midterm Grades in Banner for undergraduate classes by the relevant date in the University Academic Calendar.

¹ <https://calendar.southernct.edu/academic/all>