

Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday 9/22/2016

Call to order- 4:04 PM

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 12th Faculty Senate Meeting. APPROVED.

Motion- Blair Madore

2nd- Cheryl Miller

Chair Report (Lisa Wilson)

Reminded the delegates to bring meeting materials to their departments and areas

There will be 2 full faculty meetings this semester which are listed on the calendar on the web:

The October 6th meeting will be a Q&A session; anyone who has specific questions they want addressed can attend or forward them to the Exec. Committee prior to the meeting

Everyone should encourage their colleagues to attend

There is still 1 opening on the Student Life Committee; it would be a 1-year term by appointment. Let a member of FSEC know if you are interested.

Faculty Senator Report (Walt Conley)

Walt Conley is filling in as University Faculty Senator for Jan Trybula for the fall semester, while Jan is on sabbatical.

The Fall Plenary is scheduled for the end of October and will be held in Cortland.

New SGA President (Sean Koloski)

The SGA has been working with Nicole Conant, Faculty Senate Vice Chair, to get students to sign up to serve on Faculty Senate Committees; there is a bill going to the Senate tonight that would allow Senate subcommittee meetings to fulfill their Committee attendance requirement for SGA.

Anyone needing to contact the SGA President can do so via e-mail at sgapres@potsgdam.edu

Committee Reports:

APSA (Tim Morse- Co-chair)

-Still trying to set meeting times

-Some of the previous charges have carried over from last year:

- Reporting Class Rank
- Changing the guidelines for transferring upper division credits
- 2 charges related to the Dismissal Policy

APCC (Cheryl Miller & Joel Foisey)

-No new business yet

Lisa Wilson: Committee and I are working with the Deans and Provost to have one set of forms for submissions for new/revised majors.

Admissions (Mark Misiak)

-No report

Business Affairs (Karla Fennell & Cliff Rossiter)

-The 1st meeting this week

-By the next Senate meeting they expect to have a proposition on the floor for the creation of a campus-wide Fiscal Affairs and Strategic Planning Committee

Goals & Planning (Joshua LaFave & Lynn Hall)

-Working on a new Goals and Planning assessment plan; will work with Provost Bergeron

Graduate Affairs (Harold Ellingsen)

-No report

Nomination Committee (Peter Cutler)

-No report

REPORTS:

Alan Hersker- Director of General Education; Report on General Education Task Force:

- Gen Ed task force continues to meet
- Focusing on knowledge and skills that are crucial to SUNY's success
- They have been looking at various models
- Task Force has from nearly every academic department and key areas

Josh LaFave- Director of Graduate and Continuing Education; Report on proposals for changes to the Summer and Winterim special sessions

Dealing with Summer/Winterim special sessions

- Ideally courses would be set up and put on the books a year in advance
- They are looking for feedback from all areas on campus concerning the possible new models
- There is a proposal for what are called "Intensive Courses" that can be for students to get ahead or get caught up
- They would be 5 day courses with the 1st session to meet in May just after classes end and a 2nd session in August just before classes begin
- This would not interfere with the current schedule of summer courses or the regular academic year
- Watertown programs already use this model successfully, mostly intro courses and courses that involve a lot of group work

Provost Bergeron: This would be for a student who may need to catch up on a course, it would not be for every type of course

Questions:

Have there been discussions with Res. Life about housing students for these courses?

Would it be just for off campus students?

We have been told in the past that summer course enrollments did not count toward FTE's or might hurt departments' numbers or enrollments during the regular academic year. Is that still true?

Provost: Increasing the number of credit hours in the summer is a good thing

- There is no negative effect on FTE
- Getting a robust summer enrollment would be a good thing
- Professors do get money and credit for summer FTE
- We are losing FTE because students are going elsewhere for summer credits
- This would be a good retention tool

Question: Past policy was that revenue generated by summer courses were credited to Extended Ed and not shared with the departments. Will that change?

Provost: It will go to Extended Ed and then be distributed to the departments

- The Provost will work with V.P. Voggel to examine the current policy and create a new model

Provost Bergeron—Academic Affairs report and Q&A:

-Academic Affairs will gather feedback on its strategic plan (the Academic Strategic Plan)

-Need to make sure it is aligned with the campus plan

-The 1st “Coffee & Conversation” is this Monday. Topics include:

- “Moodle vs Blackboard”
- November will be “CRTS Integration”
- December will be “The Strategic Plan”

-The Strategic plans start with Values

-Working on how our goals align with the those of the campus

-Also needs to align with Middle States requirements

Question: Is it true we are opening a Police Academy?

-Yes. The Police Academy courses will now count as their academic experience which involves the 1st part of the program (2 courses)

-Dave Bugg who is the department liaison is reviewing the state requirements

-SUNY wants campuses coming up with courses/programs that are scale-able; this could be one.

Question: Why didn't this go through Faculty Senate?

Provost- These are not new courses they are just being credited in new ways

Chief Diversity Officer Bernadette Tiapo—Diversity Task Force and Diversity Office report:

-Areas of focus will be:

- Review the current initiatives
- Restructure the current framework
- Create campus wide programs
- Start building relationships with various areas and organizations

-Plan to meet with all academic departments, groups, and student groups by the end of the semester, including DIAC

-There will be an affirmative action/ Title 9 division within Academic Affairs

-A task force consisting of 24 people from across campus is already at working

-They are reviewing the current policies & have created a draft Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion mission statement for the campus

-This was approved by the President's Council

-There will be campus forums on the full DEI plan, which includes goals and action items—the plan must be submitted to SUNY by November 15.

-It will be a living document on Diversity and Inclusion and we expect changes even after we submit the plan to SUNY.

V.P. Tiapo is also working with various departments on their position searches—developing and using inclusive and equitable language in ads and in search processes.

Motion to adjourn 5:27 pm- Blair Madore

2nd- Josh Lafave