

Faculty Senate meeting 12/1/2016

Convened at 4:02 pm

Approval of Agenda- Agenda stands as presented

Minutes from the previous meeting- approved by all present

Senate chair (L. Wilson):

- Working on organizing another Full Faculty Q&A, possibly in Feb.
- Created Ad-hoc committee to work on course approval procedures project
- N. Conant attended 2nd annual SUNY Diversity conference on behalf of Senate

University Fac Senate report- W. Conley for J. Trybula

See Plenary presentation.

Full report of Faculty Senator's web site.

SGA Report - S. Koloski

- Dealing with ongoing racial issue
- Created a DIAC within SGA--students only to get students to work together
- Trying to get this committee written into constitution of SGA rather than ad-hoc
- Trying to recruit so they can meet next week
- Counseling Center- trying to dispel rumors

Standing committee reports:

APSA- Action Item: Revision to Policy on Counting Upper-Division Courses

(See Agenda)

Motion: (Made by C. Miller/ Second by W. Conley) To replace the current policy with the revised Policy on counting upper division courses

(Discussion)

Motion passes by all present

Academic Programs and Curriculum- No report

Admissions- No report

Business Affairs- Just received and will review revised proposal for MA in Music and vocal performance

Goals & Planning- No report

Graduate Affairs- Just received and will review revised proposal for MA in Music and vocal performance

Student Life Committee- (L. Wilson for S. Partridge)- FSEC sent 3 charges to them; they will decide which to address first

Nominating Committee- No report

Reports:

President's report – K. Esterberg

- Went from 7 percent to 30 percent students of color
- Campus is reviewing data on LGBTQ students
- We are significantly ahead of other campuses for PELL eligible students
- The campus is feeling stressed: “You can’t change the campus makeup that dramatically in a 10-year period without feeling stress”
- Thank you to everyone who helped put together the Strategic plan in Diversity and Inclusion
- College Council meetings are open to the public and coming up soon. (Also available on web streaming)
- College Council is body authorized to make changes to student conduct policy and related policies
- SUNY President’s meeting scheduled for Dec 15th. Will have more info on the coming Budget season after that.
- SUNY Chancellor search is ongoing

Chief Diversity Officer Q & A- Bernadette Tiapo

- 23 campus task force members worked on the strategic plan
- Wed. the 23 is the final draft
- Submitting feedback in January
- Will give brief presentation on plan in College Council tomorrow

- Please let us know if anything is not included that should be and begin to think about implementation in your areas

Provost Q & A- B. Bergeron –

- Tomorrow morning 8 a.m. is next coffee and conversation on Diversity
- How can Academic affairs help with the next steps?
- How can we be academically proactive?
- Dec 15th coffee & conversation on Arts integration @ 8:30 a.m.
- Academic affairs strategic plan has been put on hold to make sure it coordinates with the campus plan and to discuss Middle States recommendations

General Education Task Force report (A. Hersker)-

- Opened up to the campus for proposals
- Monday 6 presentations on Raymond 8th floor 3-5 pm
- If models might work, the task force will work to make recommendations on which to pursue

Greek Life report - Brittany Englert and Caleigh Ames-

- Want to share what we have been doing lately
- 11 Recognized chapters here at SUNY Potsdam
- Have GPA 3.0 in Spring 2016 for Greek community

Greek Life-sponsored Events:

- Lost? Let a Greek help you
- 50 hour seesaw- Fundraiser for ASPCA Potsdam
- Smash your stress away- Raised 100 dollars for Potsdam school district
- All Greek Thanksgiving dinner at the Elks - All leftovers donated to local food pantry
- 5 days of giving- Raised \$ 216 dollars through multiple events: volleyball tourney, Gingerbread jar wars, gift drive- all donations go to Potsdam Holiday Fund

Motion to adjourn 5:10- Motion By Tim Morse, 2nd by Karla Fennell