

Faculty Assembly Minutes

March 26, 2015; Kunsela KH A112

- I. Approval of the Agenda - **Approved by clear majority**
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the February meeting - **Approved by clear majority**
 - Announcements –
 - COO/VP Dr. Geer:
 - March 6 – Merger provisionally approved– final review next March. – Students can be admitted to all undergraduate and Masters programs
 - PhD is currently with State ED
 - Accreditation updates – Adding Albany, adding PhD, noting change in mission, self study being developed
 - Faculty appointments – returned to two-year appointments – current faculty reviewed this year moved to a two-year appointment
 - Provost Durgin
 - Business School getting full AACB accreditation
 - \$6 m endowment in part because funds from Albany moved to SUNY Poly
 - Additional funds for scholarships - \$.5 m in additional aid
 - K-12 activities – Lego League, Tech Challenge (going to nationals), First Robot Team (finished fifth at RIT)
 - Next Friday is project showcase
 - Director of Student Success – Mary Perrone – description changed
- III. Announcement – chair elections in April for Academic Affairs, Curriculum, and Planning and Budgeting, and Secretary (Note: there will also have to be an election for University Faculty Senator, but that is a SUNY Poly position)

Motion/Clarification: Secretary position needs to be elected for a two-year term so it is staggered with chair. Current position is filling out Zora Thomova’s term. **Unanimous.**

- IV. Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs – Daryl Lee, chair
 - I. **Motion: “Policy Statement Regarding Authority over Prerequisites and Other Course Restrictions (See Attachment #1)”**

Discussion regarding concern about policy that registrar turns off prerequisite checking because past records of students were not entered into Banner. It was noted that this is being resolved by having a transfer counselor input coursework from prior schools.

Motion approved unanimously with one abstention
 - II. **“International Baccalaureate Transfer Policy” (See Attachment #2)**

Framework to provide for the transfer of credits earned through the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (hereafter referred to as IB). The IB Diploma Programme is analogous to the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Program in that it provides advanced level study for high school students. A wide range of colleges and universities in the U.S. are now awarding

transfer credit to students taking the IB Diploma exams; one of the rationales for this proposed policy, therefore, is to enable SUNY Polytechnic Institute to compete in recruiting these students

III. Motion: The Committee recommends adopting the second model and awarding credit on a per-course basis. The rationale for adopting this policy is as follows:

Discussion (from attachment)

The course-by-course evaluation allows faculty in the discipline to evaluate the relevant IB courses and establish appropriate standards based upon their knowledge of the discipline.

The course-by-course evaluation follows similar procedures that SUNY Polytechnic Institute (Utica campus) already uses to award transfer credit for AP courses. It thus treats students earning AP credit and IB credits in relatively the same manner. 3. The fixed (e.g. 30-credit) model, while more holistic, is also more complicated to develop and implement. Given that we do not anticipate large numbers of students transferring IB credits, at least in the short-to-medium term, we do not see any major advantage to adopting the 30-credit model at this point in time.

Motion approved unanimously

IV. Academic Committees

- Academic Personnel
- Academic Quality
- Curriculum
- Technology – Submitted new policy for email changeover (get copy) from IT Director Andrew Bellinger (**Attachment 3**)

Motion: Changeover to take place between semesters and optimally in the email system to take place specifically after the spring of 2016. Unclear where SUNYIT email will go.

Motion approved unanimously, one abstention

- Distance Learning – Donna Silsbee, Chair
 - I. Motion on Google Apps (attached) removed
 - II. Distance Learning Director description sent to Provost
- Evaluation of Academic Administrators
- Graduate Council
- Planning and Budgeting Roger Cavallo, Chair
 - I. **Motion: “ The Utica location of SUNY Polytechnic Institute should be referred to as the Colleges of the Institute of Technology, SUNY Polytechnic Institute.”** This would be in contrast to the other site in Albany that refers to itself as the Colleges of Nanoscale Science and Engineering

II. **Motion to amend name to Colleges of Technology** – seconded.
Defeated

Original motion passes by a vote of 24 for and 8 opposed with three abstentions.

III. **Seeking input on GA decisions based on merit vs. International students.**

- University Faculty Senator Ron Sarner

V. **Update: Logo Working Group** – Seals approved but no seal for the entire institution.

VI. Update: Governance working group

VII. Other New Business

VIII. Announcements

IX. **Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm**