

Faculty Assembly

October 23, 2014; KH A129 (the old cafeteria)

12:32 pm meeting called to order

Quorum reached

- I. Approval of the Agenda - **Approved**
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the September meeting - **Approved**
- III. Announcements – COO Geer; Provost Durgin

Announcements:

Dr. Heyboer thanked the nursing faculty for having organized the flu shot inoculations on campus.

There was a student member in attendance at Faculty Assembly at our invitation.

Chief Operating Officer Bob Geer – Faculty Governance:

Dr. Geer emphasized a need for a joint faculty governance structure that includes all the colleges and that allows for joint participation as soon as possible. This is needed in part because we will be admitting students to the merged campus in the Fall of 2015 and because Middle States will be looking at the merged structure as part of its ongoing review (more on this later).

He noted that the use of ad hoc solutions to issues at the SUNY Poly level was not a viable way forward.

Provost Bill Durgin - Announcements

1. SUNYwide student research day at SUNY Brockport April 10. Request for nominations from faculty of students doing research.
2. Ebola response team has been set up and the school will have a drill
3. Open House Saturday
4. Innovation Challenge – opportunities in the region.

Dr. Andrew Wolf – noted that TAC ABET representatives had been on campus as part of their review.

- IV. Announcement - Goldwater Scholarship – Bill Thistleton - \$7,500 Math and Natural Sciences for juniors and seniors with research goals and interest in PhD work. Applications by Nov. 17.
- V. Update – Angel to Blackboard migration – Carol Berger
 - a. Begin migration Dec 1, 2014
 - b. We will be switching to Blackboard in the summer of 2015
 - c. Dec. 2015 Angel will be disconnected
 - d. Blackboard Migration site available at www.sunyit.edu/apps/blogs/blackboard-migration/
 - e. Faculty encouraged to convert courses to Blackboard.
 - f. Noted that faculty must convert all courses before Dec. 2015 or lose them.
 - g. Noted that student work will not be transferred over to Blackboard when courses are converted – faculty are encouraged to save student work such as papers, discussions, test results, etc. for future reference, grade changes, grades that are contested, etc.
- VI. Update: Middle States; Bob Geer, Bill Durgin, and Joanne Joseph

- a. Middle States representative Tony Collins was on campus week of October 13th. He asked, as the representative of the Middle States review committee, to postpone the review of SUNY Poly for one year - from March 2015 to March 2016 – because of the substantial Administrative changes the Institute has gone through since the last decennial review and the changes the Institut is going through due to the merger of SUNY Institute of Technology and the College of Nano Science and Engineering (CNSE).
 - b. It was explained that the Middle States self study that has been submitted does not have to be changed, but that an addendum needs to be added as regards the merger, addressing issues such as governance and administrative structure and describing how the Institute will operate as a single institution.
 - c. CNSE is not required to complete its own self-study because it was reviewed recently when it was part of SUNY Albany.
- VII. New Business
- a. Start-Up New York campus plan – Maarten Heyboer – campus relationship to Start-Up New York activities and how benefit the campus.
 - i. Recommended an ad-hoc committee with representatives from each college to develop a campus plan for academic connections with Start Up New York.
 - ii. Motion from Linda Weber – **move that we ask the planning and budgeting committee to review the campus plan while ensuring departmental input – motion approved with a clear majority with two abstentions.**
- VIII. Committee Reports -
- a. Academic Affairs – No motions at this time
 - b. Academic Personnel – No motions at this time
 - c. Academic Quality – No motions at this time
 - d. Curriculum – Tues. Nov. 4 – get actions in by Oct. 31. Asked faculty to review catalog and submit any changes or new courses for the fall by Jan 27
 - e. Distance Learning – wish to change title from Online Learning Committee to Distance Learning Committee to reflect a wider focus – motion will be sent in Nov. for a change to the bylaws.
 - f. Evaluation of Academic Administrators – survey will go out later this semester
 - g. Grad Council – No motions at this time
 - h. Planning and Budgeting - No motions at this time
 - i. Technology – email concerns – difficulty getting information
 - i. **Motion from Dr. Jennifer Klimek Yingling** – The current SUNY Polytechnic Institute gmail system is currently the official mode of communication for university as stated in the 2014-2015 Student Handbook. The faculty assembly feels that the campus email system is essential to the academic and professional operations and success. A request for a motion to include the SUNY Polytechnic Institute Technology Committee to have an active role in the process of evaluation, drawing up specifications, change in email domain and the choice of the university email system. **Passed by a clear majority with no one voting in opposition.**
 - ii. **Motion for search for an online learning director – will be reintroduced.**
 - iii. **Motion from Dr. Jennifer Klimek Yingling** - That Distance Learning Committee be directly involved in the search for an online learning director. **Clear majority with no one voting in opposition.**
- IX. Update: Logo Working Group Amos Confer
- a. 18 member steering committee

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- b. 12 member advisory group
 - c. Drafts will be circulated by the end of the month for a 48-hour review and comment period.
- X. Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm